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## Piper's Landing 'Giving Tree' donations awarded to SafeSpace

Organization provides only state-certified domestic violence center serving Treasure Coast



The Piper's Landing Ladies Golf Association (PLWGA) does more than get together for fun on the golf course. Every year since 2009, the group has organized a "Giving Tree" during the holiday season.

This past year was no exception. They set up a tree in the dining room area where Piper's residents would be sure to see it and fill out a tag with whatever amount they'd like to donate to a worthy nonprofit in Martin County.



Leslie Robinson, Piper's Landing Ladies Golf Association President Diane McCabe, Michelle Bragg, Lolly Brooks, Rosemary Burns and SafeSpace CEO Dr. Teresa Albuzu. Infermation for article provided by Joan Amerling. Photo previded by SafeSpace

"The Giving Tree gives us a chance to give back to the community we all love so dearly," said Diana McCabe, chair of PLWGA's executive committee. "It is difficult to choose the recipient of the donations," she added, "as there are so many worthy causes in Martin County, But for me, the important criteria was that the cause helps local women. So, SafeSpace seemed the right choice."

This is the second year that SafeSpace was chosen. On February 1, the Executive Committee of PLWGA presented a check for \$2,530 to Dr. Teresa Albizu, CE● of

Prior to the pandemic, Diana said, "Several of us were given the opportunity to tour the SafeSpace facility, to learn its history and find out about all the work SafeSpace does to help victims of domestic violence. I was both touched and impressed by the brave and strong women we met and by the work SafeSpace does."

SafeSpace is the only state-certified domestic violence center serving Indian River, Martin and St. Lucie counties. It not only offers a 24/1 hotline and an emergency shelter, it also provides services including legal assistance, mental health counseling, financial literacy training and prevention strategies to help victims of domestic violence become safe and stable members of the community.

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