

SILHOUETTE ART MURAL COMPLETED

Students give facelift to Dania Beach school

ition and program fees while at the same time providing growth and learning opportunities. Additionally, trainings

and development seminars based on the Health Realization Model wellness concept are offered to professionals, and the

general public for a fee. For more information visit www.familyofhumanity-inc.org or call 954-964-8347.



DANIA BEACH – Thirteen 4th and 5th grade students at Collins Elementary in Dania Beach, who participate in the after school program, Human Understanding and Growth (H.U.G.), under the umbrella of Family of Humanity, Inc. completed an eight week silhouette art mural project in May 2008. The project not only gave the school an artistic face lift, but the students learned a myriad of skills using art as an educational tool.

The objective of the project was for the students to grow in character and develop social skills like team work, communication, patience and commitment as well as recognize their own talents and strengths. "I wanted the group to participate in an art project that would be permanent so they could return to view and reflect on their accomplishments when they graduate from school. A project like this would instill a sense of pride for the students as

they receive recognition from the school, their peers and the community at large," said CEO and Co-Founder Lorelta Brunelli.

The mural has been affectionately called "The Collins H.U.G. Silhouettes." The inspiration came from Collins Elementary teacher Nancy Hemmingway who supervised the project for the two months. The idea was for the students to pair with each other to trace life size silhouettes of their bodies. Located on the wall outside the art classroom of the school, the life size silhouettes done by the student's ages 8 through 12 years old will be a constant reminder of their achievements and lessons learned while completing the art project. There will be an unveiling in the fall, 2008.

Family of Humanity, Inc. has partnered with Collins Elementary for two years in bringing the after school H.U.G program to these students free of

cost.

Family of Humanity, Inc. is a growing tax-exempt nonprofit community-based organization with a passion for individuals living in low income communities. The organization operates programs in various communities located in Broward County to promote positive change in youth and families of the community by providing after-school enrichment programs for low income youth and teenagers which include includes art, social competence and pro-social behavior development skills, self-esteem improvement, reading literacy, nutrition and physical exercise. In addition, the parent education program provides low income parents with the tools to increase their knowledge of child development, and to develop positive parenting strategies and parenting skills. The three programs offered to adults, teenagers and youth are provided at no cost to families eliminating the need to pay tu-