

# COMMUNITY CENTRAL

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## Students' work included in plan

Students at the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee recently participated in a service learning course designed to promote engagement in community issues.

The students conducted outside research and volunteered at least 18 hours in the community this summer working to understand and find solutions for homelessness in Sarasota and Manatee counties.

At the end of the semester, students presented their research findings, which will be included in the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Sarasota County.

Research topics included the growing number of homeless children in the community, government programs designed to help people stay in their homes, discharge planning and the impor-

**dall**, director, Mark Wandall Foundation.

The cost is \$20 for Manatee Chamber of Commerce members and Manatee Young Professionals and \$35 for others. Reservations are due Aug. 16 to **Lisa Reeder** at 748-4842, Ext. 123.

### Businesses honored for work with children

Local businesses will be recognized for making the commitment to work together to enhance the education of students in Manatee County.

The 21st annual Business and Education Partnership Awards Breakfast will be from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Tuesday at Freedom Village, 6501 17th Ave. W., Bradenton.

More than 200 businesses and organizations that are partnered with local schools provided vol-



At the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee, from left: back row, students Patrick Walker and Miranda Richardson; Richard Martin, executive director, Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness; and students Hinning Bolanos and Diane Fiorez; and front, Sarah Shumaker, project administrator for the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Sarasota County; Bonnie Greenball Silvestri, instructor; and students Diana Hartig and Shawna Machado. *COURTESY PHOTO*



### BEST BETS TODAY

**CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS.** 9 a.m. to noon at All Children's Specialty Care at Lakewood Ranch, 8340 Lakewood Ranch Blvd., Bradenton. Have a child's car seat checked by a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration-certified technician. *Appointments: 925-6311.*

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM.** 3 p.m. at the South Manatee Branch Library, 6081 26th St. W., Bradenton. Live reptile show by John Storms. *755-3892 or www.nymanatee.org/library.*

**DINING TO DONATE.** 4 to 9 p.m. at Applebee's locations at 4301 Cortez Road, 4638 State Road 64 E. and 7175 State Road 70 East in Bradenton; 3255 University Parkway, Sarasota; and 5908 18th St. E., Palmetto. Ten percent of the bill will be donated to Majical Miniatures Animal Sanctuary when diners present a coupon found at [www.majicalminiatures.org](http://www.majicalminiatures.org).

**ARTS AND CRAFTS.** 5:30 p.m. at Renaissance on 9th, 1816 Ninth St. W., Bradenton. \$7. *749-0100.*

**GULF COAST LATIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUINCEANERA CELEBRATION.** 6 p.m. at the Girl Scout Event and Conference Center, 4780 Cattlemen Road, Sarasota. A celebration of girls celebrating their 15th