Mission: To provide residents with access to the telecommunications network. And, to ensure residents receive quality and timely service.

Do you know someone who can use an FTRI telephone?

If so, please give them this newsletter.

ne of the most effective marketing strategies is word of mouth. Satisfied consumers tend to tell others about good experiences. Sharing the news about FTRI telephones is no different. All across the state, people are telling their families, friends, co-workers, fellow church members, and social organizations about our amazing telephones and services. As a result, FTRI is experiencing a significant increase in the number of people getting a telephone at no charge.

## At No Charge

That's right, FTRI telephone equipment and services are provided to qualified Florida residents who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf/ Blind, or Speech Impaired, at no charge. The equipment and services are funded by a surcharge applied to each telephone subscriber who lives in Florida. These funds are used to provide equipment, training, and other related services, and Florida Relay.

## Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc.

FTRI, a private not-for-profit organization, has been distributing



specialized telephone equipment for the past 13 years in the state of Florida. Over 270,000 people now use FTRI telephone equipment and services every day. Although our headquarters are in Tallahassee, we contract with not-for-profit agencies throughout the state to assist you. See page 7 for a Regional Distribution Center (RDC) near you.

Visit one of the RDCs if you wish to receive equipment and be trained to use it, receive equipment maintenance, or exchange/return equipment. Or simply call FTRI

Customer Service at 1-800-222-3448 (Voice) or 1-888-447-5620 (TTY). We will gladly assist you. If you reside in or near the Tallahassee area, you may visit the FTRI office located at 1820 E. Park Avenue, Suite 101, Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You may also visit us on our Web site at www.ftri.org.

Spring/Summer 2004

So, be a friend and share this information today with someone you know who might need an FTRI telephone.

## About *The Florida Link*

The Florida Link is FTRI's newsletter—your source for news and information on your telephone equipment and resources. This newsletter is mailed to everyone who has FTRI equipment. Should you have a change of address or equipment needs, please call FTRI Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

FTRI Customer Service: 1-800-222-3448 (Voice) or 1-888-447-5620 (TTY)



**Florida Telecommunications** FTRI Relay, Inc.

1820 E. Park Ave., Suite 101 Tallahassee, FL 32301



# EQUIPMENT

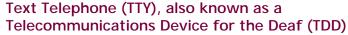
At No Charge for Qualifying Residents

You may receive one piece of equipment from each category.

## Category A Specialized Telephones -

Volume Control Phone for the Hearing Impaired (VCPH) 40 dB

- Makes incoming speech clearer.
- Includes a volume control adjustment.
- Ring volume up to 95 dB.



- Used to type a message to another TTY user or a person using a standard telephone through the relay service.
- Built-in ring flasher that lights up when the phone rings.



## Voice Carry-Over/Hearing Carry-Over/Text Telephone (VCO/HCO/TTY)

- Used as a standard telephone, VCO, HCO, or TTY.
- Allows you to listen to the caller and type a reply on the telephone keypad.



- Allows a person to receive a text message through a relay service and verbally reply to the caller with his or her own voice.
- Ring volume up to 85 dB.



## Volume Control Phone for the Speech Impaired (VCPS) 18 dB

- Provides more volume when speaking.
- Ring volume up to 75 dB.



## In-Line Amplifier (ILA)

- Connects to a standard telephone.
- Increases the volume and makes incoming speech clearer.
- Provides more amplification.



## Category B Ring Signaling Devices -

## **Audible Ring Signaler** (ARS) 95 dB

- Plugs into a jack away from the telephone.
- Or connects directly to the telephone.
- Rings when the telephone rings and allows you to adjust the tone and volume.



## Visual Ring Signaler (VRS)

- Connects to a lamp.
- Makes lamp flash on and off when the telephone rings.
- Has a remote receiver that allows lamp to flash in other rooms.



After completing the application on the next page, you have a choice as to how you can receive your equipment. You may visit one of FTRI's Regional Distribution Centers (RDCs) listed on page 7 or you can have your equipment application processed through FTRI by mail (address on back cover). If you have any questions about any of the application procedures, please contact the FTRI office at 1-800-222-3448 (Voice) or 1-888-447-5620 (TTY).





## APPLICATION for FTRI Equipment Distribution Program

For Office Use Only						
Date Received						
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First Name   Middle   Last   FL   Address   City   State   Zip Code   County   Home Phone ()   Shipping   Address   Work Phone ()   State   Zip Code	<b>Section 1</b> —to be cor	npleted by applica	ant	PLEASE 1	TYPE OR PRI	NT CLEAR
First Name   Middle   Last   FL   Address   City   State   Zip Code   County   Home Phone ()	Social Security Number			Birthdate		
Address   City   State   Zip Code   County    Home Phone (	Name of Applicant:			E-mail		
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Work Phone (	Address	City			Zip Code	County
Certify that I am a Florida resident, who has a hearing and/or speech impairment; the information given is true. I authorize the certifier of this application to provide this information to FTRI in order that I can receive the designated specialized telecommunications equipment.    X	Home Phone ()			Character (Domination	no n)	
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## **Telecommunication Connection**

## Toll-free Access Numbers



## Dial 711 to use the Relay anywhere or continue using

1-800-955-8770 (Voice) • 1-800-955-8771 (TTY)

1-877-955-8260 (VCO) • 1-877-955-5334 (STS)

1-800-955-1339 (ASCII) • 1-877-955-8773 (Spanish)

1-877-955-8707 (French Creole) 8-2 a.m. daily

Relay Customer Service 1-800-676-3777 (English)

1-800-676-4290 (Spanish)

## **FTRI Outreach Team Gains Momentum**

The FTRI team has worked diligently throughout the state to promote both the Equipment Distribution Program and the Florida Relay.

## Fran Burns Joins Outreach Team

Fran Burns literally hit the road running when she became the new Outreach Specialist in September 2003. Prior to becoming an Outreach Specialist, Fran worked 12 years with FTRI in various positions.

During the past months, she's traveled extensively throughout the state and worked with the following groups:

- Florida Association of the Deaf (FAD) Road Tours;
- FAD affiliate chapters on the Equipment Distribution Program and Florida Relay workshops;
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of Pasco and Hernando Counties:
- Deaf and Hearing Connection for Tampa Bay at the Southern Deaf Showcase, Clearwater;
- Deaf Services Bureau of Miami and Sprint, recruiting local businesses to join the Business Partnership Program (BPP); and
- DeafNation Expo. In addition to FTRI exhibits, people at this Expo were introduced to Florida Relay, as well as other community services such as Precision Response Corporation, South



FTRI Outreach Specialists Jon Gray and Fran Burns

Florida Workforce, Humana Health Care, and Telemundo Network.

Other topics Fran has presented include

- TTY and Visual Ring Signaler Workshop
  - How to use all TTY features and the visual ringer
  - How to file a complaint about the equipment
- Florida Relay Workshop
  - ° How to make a proper relay call
  - ° How to prevent hang-ups
  - ° How to file a relay complaint
  - How to fill out a customer database profile
- BPP Workshop
  - ° How to educate businesses on relay
  - ° How to educate businesses on equipment

If you wish to have Fran perform a workshop on TTY features and Visual Ringers, Florida Relay, or BPP, please contact her at (850) 656-1655 (TTY) or e-mail her at fburns@ftri.org.

## Jon Gray Becomes an Outreach Specialist

Jon Gray has been with FTRI since January 2003. He has traveled extensively throughout the state talking with different groups about the FTRI equipment program as well as the Florida Relay. Additionally, he has met with numerous businesses to recruit them into the Florida Relay BPP.

During the past months, Jon has focused primarily with cultivating relationships by networking with organizations, associations, and state agencies located in Tallahassee. It is through these networking partners that FTRI envisions reaching out to more Floridians about our program and services.

Please see the list on page 5 and the back cover of our new Florida Relay Business Partners.



# OUTREACH Sartners in Action .

Statewide BPP Partners\*

- HEARX USA
- Compass Healthcare Services (10 branches)
- Worksource (8 branches)

## Regional BPP Partners\*

- Legal Services of North Florida (4 branches)
- South Florida Workforce (7 branches)
- \*Check your local area for the branch nearest you.

## Apopka

- Stampede
- Arcadia
- Arcadia Hearing Center

## Equitable Mortgage Assoc., Inc.

- Boca Raton
- A & M Hearing Services, Inc Design Sweet Design
- Home Greeting
- Home Helpers
- Raymond James & Assoc.
- Spanish River High School
- Vanessa Brooks, Inc.

## Boynton Beach

- Essential Health Systems, LLC
- Homewood Residence at Boynton Beach
- Mature Resources
- Odds and Errands
- Palm Beach Auto Exchange, Inc. www.MatureResources.net

## Bradenton

- · Devon Self-Storage Brandon
- Hillsboro Memorial Funeral Home
- Integrity Mortgage Loans Signature Cleaners

University of Florida, IFAS, Levy County Extension

## Brooksville

- The Enrichment Centers, Inc. Cantonment
- · Thornton Process Service
- Casselberry
   Capriott's Sandwich Shop

- Charlotte Harbor
- Visually Impaired Persons of Charlotte County
- Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. WLOH Radio 940 AM

## Clearwater

- Kelly Home Care Services, Inc.
- Pinellas County Tax Collector St. Petersburg College—Office of Service for Students with Disabilities Clermont

South Lake Hospital

## Cocoa

- American Precision Metalworks, Inc. Asbury Arms Apartments, Inc.
- Cocoa Beach
- Armstrong Chiropractic
- Joline's Travel Bureau, Inc.
- Coconut Creek
- Homewood Residence at Boynton Beach Coconut Grove
- Coconut Grove Chamber of Commerce
- Universal Protection Assurance Agency Cooper City
- City of Cooper City
- Florida Speech & Language Center
- Larry's Private Car & Limo Schott Communities for Deaf & Disabled
- Coral Gables
- The Alfano Center Met Life
- Coral Springs
- 3 D Learner Foundation
  Advanced Safety Products, Inc.
- Cruise One
- Home Instead Senior Care Lawrence of Florida
- Eden Springs Nursing & Rehab Center
- Wakulla County Senior Citizen's Council, Inc.

### Davie

- Dr. Sheri Feldman & Associates
- Enviro-Tech Pest Control Michael W. Sussman
- Nova Southeastern University Hearing & Balance Clinic
- Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc.
- Visiting Homemaker Service Daytona Beach
- Center for the Visually Impaired, Inc. Deerfield Beach
- Comfort Zone Medical Equipment Home Aide for You
- Horizon Club
- Northeast Focal Point Senior Center
- Plaza of Deer Creek
- Purr-Fection Gourmet Gift Baskets South Florida Business Journal

## Delray Beach

- Canada's Best Priced Discount Drugs, Inc.
- Easy Living Lifeline Program
  Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce
- Kenny Associates South Florida Medical Supply

## Doral

Miami Dade Fire Rescue

## Dunedin

Food With Care, Inc.

- Englewood
   Sarasota County Library System Eustis
- Russell J. Reinhart Lawn & Tree Service Floral City
- Ralph's Automotive

- Ft. Lauderdale

  Bella A. Pachelo, MD
- **Broward County Aviation Department**
- Broward County Children's Services Broward County Elderly & Veterans Services
- Division of Blind Services
- Florida Hypnosis Institute
- Florida Real-Time Reporting & Captioning
- Fort Lauderdale Marina Marriott
- Goodwill Industries of Broward County Greater Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Greater Ft. Lauderdale Lodging & Hospitality
- Association Healthy Mothers-Healthy Babies Coalition
- Holiday Inn Express Convention Center Holy Cross Hospital
- Janney Montgomery Scott Jungle Queen Riverboat Cruises
- Keny Home Care Law Office of Chris Narducci
- Medivan Project Missionary Resource Network
- Ocucare Systems, Inc. Oscar I. Garcia, A.I.A. Architect
- RX for Healthy Living
- SCORE Chapter 17 Sexual Assault Treatment Center
- Sheraton Yankee Clipper
- Sheraton Yankee Trader
- St. Marks Episcopal Church Waterfront Inns Resorts
- Zoo Two
- Zoo Two 4 Shoes
- Pierce
- Aycock Funeral Homes
  Ft. Walton Beach

## Reltone

- Gainesville
- Tower Hill Insurance Group

### VA Medical Center Groveland

Mid Florida Community Services

## Hallandale

- Hallandale Beach/Pembroke Park Chamber of
- Commerce
- Home Care Depot L & M Directory

Flamingo Center/EOFHC Humana Health Care

### Telemundo Network Hobe Sound

Friends of the Family, Inc

### Hollywood

- Broward Schools—Quest Center
- Covenant Keepers Development
- Florida Initiative for Suicide Prevention
- Fred Hunter's Funeral Home
- Hollywood Active Day Mortgage Bankers
- Next Level Lawn Service
- Northpark—A Classic Residence by Hyatt Post Haste Pharmacy
- Seminole Tribe of Florida
- Southeast Focal Point
- SSi-Singular Sensation, Inc.
- US/Canadian Discount Drugs, Inc.

- Hudson
- Beil and Hay, PA Cuttler Audiology, Inc.
- Ike's Repair, Inc.
- Triple 7 Enterprise Indian Harbor Beach

## Miss B's Beauty Parlor

- Indiantown Deaf Communication Specialists, Inc.
- Inverness Aaron's Sales & Lease

### Inverness Police Department Professional Hearing Centers

- Juno Beach Florida Power & Light Group

Village of Key Biscayne

### Key Biscayne Key Biscayne Travel Service, Inc.

- Key Largo Keys Advocacy Center
- Kissimmee Association Management Specialists, LLC
- The Home Team @ Watson Realty Corp.

### Renaissance Worldgate Lake Worth Avalon

- Evecare Professionals Optometrists & Optical
- The Jackson Realty Group Sherr Investment Services, Inc.

## Southern Home Care

- Lakeland
- Allen & Company of Florida
- Beltone Hearing Aid Center Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine Thomas Delivery & Installation

## Precious Angel Cleaning

Largo Anderson McQueen Funeral Homes—

## Crematory/Cemetary First Link Medical

- Southern Financial Corp Lauderdale Lakes
  • Susan B. Anthony Recovery Program
- Lauderhill
- 9 Muses Art Center
- B & D Towing First Choice Management & Consulting
- Lauderhill Senior Center Mental Health Association of Broward County

## Silver Impact Center

- Lecanto FDS Disposal, Inc.
- Leesburg

   Art Alley
- CITE Dean's Pest Control, Inc.
- Menacho Realty, Inc. Paradise Orchids, Inc
- Pringle Development Xtreme Fitness Centers Lighthouse Point

## First Choice Professional Carpet Care Longwood

- Watson Realty Corp. Loxahatchee
- KOA Campgrounds @ Lion Country Safari Lion Country Safari, Inc.—FL

Margate
• Coral Plaza Retirement Residence

Northwest Focal Point Senior Center SHHH

- All Brevard Chiropractic Center

- Brevard Rolling Screens, Inc
- Browning's Pharmacy & Health Care Goodwill Job Center
- Health Matters Therapeutic Massage National Weather Service—South Regional Headquarters
- The Salvation Army of South Brevard
- Space Coast Massage Therapy
- Vic Osman Lincoln Mercury, Inc.

- NHC Homecare
- Sanity Savers

## Sound Hearing Centers Space Coast Association of Realtors

- Employment
- Alliance for Aging American Prime Finance Services
- America's Senior Financial Services
- Chamber South
- Charles R. Drew Elementary
- Disabled Drummers Association
- Island Queen Sightseeing James E. Scott/EOFHC
- Jessie Trice Center for Community Living/
- FOFHC. Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.
- Miami Dade County Home Care Program
- Program
- Norland Triplex Schools
- TCM Computer Training and Support
- Services Miami Beach
- South Beach Animal Hospital Vulcan Logic Information Technology

### Miami Lakes Bon Appetit Services

- Realty Executive
- Miramar . On Demand Dryer Vent Cleaning
- Naples · Collier County Public Library
- Navarre Lifestyle Solutions for the Deaf and Hard of

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http://www.ftri.org

### Melbourne

- Ascension Manor Atlantic Shores Nursing & Rehab Center
- Pixel Perfection
- Senior Care Management Services
- State Farm Insurance Agency—Melbourne Field Office
- Merritt Island
- Best of the Best Professional Cleaning Service Bridgestone/Firestone Tires & Service
- Miami
   AARP/Senior Community Service
- C.O.P.E. Center North
  Catholic Charities Services for the Elderly
- Charleemax Realtors
- Clean Deal Services
- Golden Care Foundation
- Jefferson Reaves House Women's Residential
- Lillie C. Evans Elementary Masada Home Care Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce

Miami Dade Retired & Senior Volunteer

- Miami Sundown Rotary
- North Shore Women's Center/EOFHC
- Planning Logics Poinciana Park Elementary Project Good Help
- Radio Reading Service Seymour Gelber, ADC
- University of Miami Ear Institute Wendy March—Insurance South Miami Hospital—Rehabilitation

Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce

- Solutions
- Miami Springs
   Silent Communications, Inc.
- Sunset Lakes Senior Center Mt Dora · Advanced Hearing Centers of Florida
- Hearing



## **Equipment Distribution Program NEWS**



## New— TeliTalk Telephone

TeliTalk is
designed for people
with a laryngectomy—
just another way FTRI
is making certain
Florida residents truly
have communication
freedom.

## The TeliTalk Speech Aid Telephone

FTRI is now distributing a new telephone designed for people with a laryngectomy. This special telephone allows a person to talk on the telephone using three different ways: the handset, the speaker phone, or the headset. The most popular way is to use the headset, which allows the person to talk on the phone hands-free. Normally, a person with a laryngectomy utilizes a speech aid and is required to use both hands while talking on the phone. With the headset, a person can now hold the speech aid in one hand and use his or her free hand to write.

For more information about this telephone, please call FTRI at (800) 222-3448 or visit the Web site at **www.ftri.org** and click on Equipment.

## Don't Forget Our Regional Distribution Centers

As a reminder, FTRI has 17 Regional Distribution Centers (RDCs) located throughout the state to serve your needs. RDCs supply equipment and training at **no charge** to FTRI clients. See the next page for the location of an RDC in your area.

If you are unable to travel to an RDC and are in need of replacement or additional equipment, please contact FTRI at (800) 222-3448 (Voice) or (888) 447-5620 (TTY). We will arrange to have UPS retrieve the broken equipment at **no charge** to you. Replacement or additional equipment will also be shipped via UPS to your home at **no charge**.

## For Your Information

## Troubleshooting

If you are experiencing problems with your FTRI telephone equipment, first disconnect the equipment from all power sources and remove all batteries. Then, plug in the electrical (AC) adapter and reinstall the backup batteries. If the telephone continues to malfunction, contact your local RDC, FTRI, or the equipment manufacturer for additional assistance.

Ameriphone-Walker (Clarity) (800) 874-3005 (Voice) (800) 772-2889 (TTY)

Sonic Alert (800) 566-3210 (Voice/TTY)

Ultratec (800) 482-2424 (Voice/TTY)

## FTRI Telephone and Other Equipment Boxes and Manuals

FTRI requests that you retain all telephone boxes and instruction manuals. Retaining this material will benefit you in the future if the equipment breaks and you need to return it, or if you need to refer back to the manual for additional information.

## Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC)

The FPSC regulates Florida's utilities and is responsible for overseeing TASA. If you have a problem or question, you can call or write the FPSC for assistance.

TO CALL THE FPSC, dial 1-800-342-3552 (Voice) menu only. TTY users must call through Florida Relay using the same number. Once the menu starts, ask the relay operator (OPR) to press the number 2. Then wait for a person to answer your call to start your conversation.

IF WRITING, mail to FPSC 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399 Fax: 1-800-511-0809 FPSC home page: http://www.psc.state.fl.us

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## From the Office

## **Message from the Executive Director**



During fiscal year 2002/2003, FTRI served over 26,000 new clients, the total number of services exceeded 55,000, and we distributed more

than 60,000 units of new equipment. We've also begun distribution of the new TeliTalk telephone with more than 100 individuals receiving this specialized equipment. We project that an additional 600 TeliTalk units will be distributed during the next fiscal year.

Since the inception of the FTRI program, over 270,000 Floridians have received some type of FTRI specialized telephone. Maintenance remains a vital part of the overall services provided by FTRI.

Outreach continues to play a major role in creating awareness throughout the state. A professional consumer survey was conducted during the month of April with significant increases in awareness over the initial survey. In one specific subcategory, a 31% increase in awareness was realized.

Florida businesses continue to sign up as partners of the Florida Relay Business Partnership Program (BPP) outreach campaign with over 1,500 businesses signed up. A primary goal for the FTRI outreach team during the next fiscal year will be to continue implementation of the BPP and recruit more businesses to become relay friendly.

I personally thank you for sharing our program services with others.

James Forstall

## **Board of Directors**

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James Forstall Executive Director

## Jacksonville Office Open Again

In May, the FTRI distribution center in Jacksonville reopened for services. To find out more, please contact Independent Living Resource Center of Northeast Florida at (904) 399-8484 (Voice) or (904) 398-6322 (TTY). The office is located at 2709 Art Museum Drive.

## Leesburg's Deaf Service Center of Lake and Sumter Counties, Inc., Is Now a Regional Distribution Center

And open to serve you! Residents in Lake and Sumter Counties now have a place to go to receive FTRI equipment and services. The Deaf Service Center is located at 420 West Main Street. Telephone numbers are (352) 323-0757 (Voice) or (352) 323-9106 (TTY).

The staff is ready to provide you with equipment distribution, maintenance, training, and outreach presentations, as well as instruction on how to use Florida Relay at **no charge.** 

## **Regional Distribution Centers (RDC)**

- Bradenton\*
   (941) 758-2539 (Voice/TTY)
- Cocoa Beach (321) 784-2010 (Voice) (321) 784-8777 (TTY)
- Crystal River\*

   (800) 801-0416 (Voice)
   (352) 795-7243 (TTY)
- Daytona Beach\*
   (386) 257-1700 (Voice)
   (386) 257-3600 (TTY)
- Ft. Myers\*

   (239) 461-0334 (Voice)
   (239) 461-0438 (TTY)
- Jacksonville

   (904) 399-8484 (Voice)
   (904) 398-6322 (TTY)

- Lakeland\*
   (863) 686-3189 (Voice/TTY)
- Leesburg
   (352) 323-0757 (Voice)
   (352) 323-9106 (TTY)
- Miami\*
   (305) 560-2866 (Voice/TTY)
- Oakland Park\*
   (954) 731-7200 (Voice)
   (954) 731-7208 (TTY)
- Pensacola\*
   (850) 433-7128 (Voice/TTY)
- Port Charlotte\*
   (888) 878-8477 (Voice)
   (941) 743-9286 (TTY)

- Port Richey\*

   (727) 816-1314 (Voice)
   (727) 816-1868 (TTY)
- Port St. Lucie\*
   (772) 335-5546 (Voice)
   (772) 335-9966 (TTY)
- Tampa\*
   (727) 399-9983 (Voice)
   (727) 399-9422 (TTY)
- Tallahassee
   (800) 222-3448 (Voice)
   (888) 447-5620 (TTY)
- West Palm Beach\* (561) 802-3353 (Voice/TTY)
- Winter Park

   (407) 623-1070 (Voice)
   (407) 623-1185 (TTY)

If you have questions or need equipment, you can contact the RDC nearest you. If you live in an area not serviced by an RDC, call FTRI Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

\*Check for satellite offices.

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- Senior Living Guide

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North Miami

- · Breedlove's Culinary Artistry
- · In-Focus Optical
- Jewish Community Services

- North Miami Beach

  A. Bel Audiology Associates

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Oakland Park

- City of Oakland Park
- Florida Wellness Group, Inc.
- Telcom Solutions Group, Inc.

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- Devon Self-Storage
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- Quiet Oaks Rhodes Auto Body
- · Trinity Villas, Inc.
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Orlando

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- Barbara Ann Hunt's Cleaning Service Camden Properties
- The Center for Drug-Free Living, Inc.
- Lehigh Safety ShoesSkip's Western Outfitters

- Palm Bay
  Frank P. Filiberto
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Palm Harbor · Palm Harbor Senior Activity Center

- Waddell and Reed
- Panama City

Bay County Health Department

- Catholic Charities of Panama City
- Complete Air Conditioning & Refrigeration,
- Epilepsy Association
- Pembroke Pines

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- Audiology Hearing Aid Center
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- Marcus Pointe Baptist Church Merritt Glass Company, Inc.
- TLC Caregivers

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- Plantation
- Covenant Village
- Faster Seals
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- Legal Aid Service of Broward Park Row Printing

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