

## ON THE STREET

At artist's reception for Friends of Boca Raton Public Library Gallery



**MICHELE FEDER**  
ARTIST

My Mexico trip came out in new works.



**CYNDI BLOOM**  
FRIENDS PRESIDENT

We sponsor this gallery at Spanish River Library.



**KRISTA MAKI**  
BOARD MEMBER

Feder's art will be on view through May 7.



**BARBARA O'CONNELL**  
CURATOR

Artists can apply at [bocalibraryfriends.org/gallery.htm](http://bocalibraryfriends.org/gallery.htm).

## ON THE SPOT

### ALICIA ZWEIG

Chairwoman, sixth annual "Every Sole Counts" for In Jacob's Shoes

You're chairwoman of this fundraiser at Boca West Country Club and you're also secretary of the Jacob S. Zweig Foundation in your brother's memory. What should people know?

As our website says, 'The mission of In Jacob's Shoes is to provide new and gently used shoes, school supplies and athletic shoes and equipment to economically disadvantaged youth...' Kids grow so fast, there's a great need for shoes as they grow. We give out 15,000 to 20,000 pair a year, especially in Belle Glade and Pahokee.

#### What do shoes say about poverty?

Shoes are the first sign of poverty. If they don't fit or are damaged, children are embarrassed. They get bullied. Some kids come in with the same pair of shoes we gave them last year or barefoot. Even in Palm Beach County, there are children who can't go to school or share shoes with a sibling or parent.

#### Who will your gala honor this year?

The cocktail reception starts at 5:30 p.m. April 14 at Boca West Country Club. We're honoring Parkland Mayor Michael Udine with the Community Leadership Award. He was a big supporter since the beginning. The honorees are Christie and Harvey Rudich, volunteers with their son Brandon from day one. He took photographs and they did shoe deliveries.

#### What else will happen at the gala?

We'll have a seated dinner, silent and live auctions and a raffle. Neil Saffer is our auctioneer. We'll have trips and jewelry in both auctions and about 75 silent auction items also including golf, hotel stays, beauty and salon services, restaurant gift certificates. Raggy Monster will play 1960s and '70s covers. For tickets at \$100 go to [in-jacobsshoes.org/](http://in-jacobsshoes.org/) or call 954-905-2505.

#### Who asks you for shoes, backpacks and the other things you provide for children?

Schools, shelters and social service workers and agencies. The shoes are donated by people in the community at our blue bins. The locations are on our website. Our volunteers clean and pre-treat used shoes at our warehouse in Margate. Over 25 percent are new shoes purchased from wholesalers. We give away sizes from newborn to size 17 adults. We buy 500 backpacks and fill them and partner with the Spirit of Giving Network for the Back to School Bash. We put shoes in the backpacks because sometimes children have to go to school the next day.

#### Where else will proceeds from the gala go?

We give grants to children and teens for camp, athletic, education, travel, after-school care and extracurricular programs.

#### What else do you want people to know about you?

I'm 29 and a commercial litigator for Slusher, Yellin and Rosenbaum in West Palm Beach. I've lived in Boca Raton for two years and I'm moving to West Boca. I graduated from Boston University and law school at Nova Southeastern University.

