

## *Press Release*

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### *Wealth Management Firm, Carl Domino, Inc., To Teach Financial Literacy Course at Gratitude*

For women who are chemically dependent, the stark reality of coping in the ‘real world’ is compounded by their unprecedented levels of personal debt and limited knowledge of financial literacy. At Gratitude House, seasoned counselors work with women in treatment for chemical dependency, with hopes of returning them to society as self sufficient, productive citizens. In June 2006, skilled professionals from the wealth management firm of Carl Domino, Inc, in Palm Beach, will begin an 8 week financial literacy lecture series for clients of Gratitude House.

Carl Domino, Inc. has partnered with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA) to increase the awareness of the importance of financial literacy education. “We are committed to improving the lives of individuals, with a focus on educating women about sound financial practices that apply to their particular stage of life,” Michael Dixon, Chief Operating Officer of Carl Domino, Inc. Special thanks also to The Palm Beach Rotary for their support of this program.

Spearheaded by Michael Dixon and Margo Kohlhoff, financial professionals from the wealth management firm of Carl Domino, Inc., with varying degrees of knowledge and experience, will visit Gratitude House to conduct workshops in basic financial management to help the clients make more informed financial decisions for their present and future needs. Topics will include: managing credit cards and debt; saving money, creating a budget and managing and balancing a checkbook.

“At Gratitude House, we work to meet all the basic needs of the women who come through our doors. Early recovery is a very tenuous time for women and the smallest bump in the road can lead them back to using drugs and alcohol. Often times, financial matters create stress and might trigger someone to relapse. Along with our many other services, we believe this course will provide women with the tools to take care of themselves financially. We are very grateful for the time, energy and expertise that the staff of Carl Domino are providing to Gratitude House,” Gail Dempsey, Executive Director of Gratitude House.

Financial illiteracy is a huge problem in the United States. Two out of three American households will probably fail to recognize one or more of their major life goals because they’ve failed to develop a comprehensive financial plan. “It is our goal to provide the women of Gratitude House the ability to effectively evaluate their finances in order to make prudent decisions towards reaching life goals,” stated Michael Dixon.

Carl Domino, Inc. was founded to provide the highest level of customized, independent, and objective wealth management solutions for high net-worth individuals, business owners, professionals, Fortune 500 executives, pension funds, educational institutions, and labor unions.

Founded in 1968, Gratitude House's mission is to offer rehabilitation and support services with dignity and respect to the chemically-dependent female in a nurturing, safe and caring environment. We provide top quality, individualized programs to women in a loving, wholesome atmosphere. Our primary purpose is to return such women to society as self sufficient, productive citizens.