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## Shopping event benefits Treasure Coast center to help youth transition from foster care

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**STUART** — Rag Street Consignment in Stuart will host an exclusive shopping event on Aug. 6, from 5-8 p.m., to benefit Children's Home Society of Florida, Treasure Coast Division Youth Transition Center.

Shopping divas can shop while giving back, enjoy a complimentary glass of wine, hors d'oeuvres, lively music, fun door prizes and a 20 percent storewide discount on high-end consigned clothing, new designer handbags and fashion accessories, furniture and home décor items, organizers said.

The Youth Transition Center will operate in Vero Beach and be a place where youths who age out of foster care can live and learn to adapt to adult life. The center, which will be managed by the Treasure Coast branch of the Children's Home Society, will have job and life skill training and tenants will pay for rent and utilities.

It will handle youths from the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee County.

A portion of all August 6 sales will be donated to Children's Home Society Youth Transition Center. Ticket holders may shop in advance of the event that day and receive the 20 percent discount.

Fun door prizes for shopping divas will be announced throughout the evening and exciting raffle prizes include a designer handbag and two pieces of jewelry by Roberta. Raffle tickets, \$10 for one and \$20 for three, are only available at Rag Street Consignment.

Admission is \$10 in advance and \$12 as capacity allows. Tickets can be purchased at Rag Street Consignment, 2321 SE Federal Highway or online until August 4 at [www.divashoppingytc.com](http://www.divashoppingytc.com).

Event sponsors include Rag Street Consignment, Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers, FPL, Bonefish Grill and Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza

Designing Divas Committee includes Amy Brunjes, FPL; Loretta De Santis-Fribourg, Rag Street Consignment; Robin Delgado, Law Offices of Philip DeBerard; Susan McVeigh, Smith Barney; Beverly Sargent, Florida Atlantic University.

Children's Home Society of Florida -- Treasure Coast Division Youth Transition Center is currently under construction. The center will provide eight independent living apartments for 20 youth that age out of Florida's foster care system at age 18. The center will also provide assistance for another 40 youth (ages 18-23) to earn a higher education, learn life skills, and find stable jobs and safe housing through the Children's Home Society Transitional Living Program.

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