

Elizabeth Sorrells: Giving to the Community

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Wealth management is a noble and worthy pursuit. The work we do creates jobs, funds dreams and generally increases clients' standard of living. But I am often inspired by those advisors for whom creating positive change through wealth management just isn't enough. Across the

country, 1st Global firms are involved in the lives of their community through churches, synagogues, charities and professional organizations.

One of those people who has decided to reach out and expand her positive influence beyond her clients is Elizabeth Sorrells. Elizabeth is an advisor with MST Wealth Management, the wealth management offering of Moore, Stephens, Tiller in Brunswick, Georgia, and Team Leader of the First Coast WIN Team.

Elizabeth is the Board of Directors President for the Glynn Community Crisis Center. This organization operates Amity House, a safe haven for women and children who are the victims of domestic violence. Through this organization, these women and children are able to avail themselves of the counseling, legal, case management, safety planning and relocation assistance needed to stabilize their lives.

"There is a definite need for help in this area," Elizabeth said "and it's exciting to be involved and make a difference in the lives of these women."

Like many of you, the skills and drive that have made her a successful wealth management advisor have helped her become a valuable contributor at Amity House.

In Elizabeth's first year as Board President, fundraising increased 40 percent, and last year money raised increased an additional 20 percent. The largest single fundraiser for Amity House is "Taste of Glynn,"

a gourmet tasting benefit and auction. The 2006 fundraiser included over 1000 participants, food from 30 restaurants, and auction items from over 100 local businesses.

It's no wonder that Elizabeth calls Taste of Glynn "one of the best times to be in the area and really get a sense of the community."

And certainly Elizabeth's involvement with Amity House is made all the more rewarding by the broader commitment of Moore, Stephens, Tiller to being a good neighbor. "We really encourage staff to 'find your spot' when it comes to contributing to our community," Elizabeth said.

A way to find your spot is to listen to the voices of those whose lives you are helping to change. One of the recipients of the project's resources and kindness wrote in *Elegant Island Living* magazine, "Early this year I signed my daughter and myself into Amity House... we had nothing except the clothes on our backs... I'll always remember how they fed us, clothed us, kept us clean and healthy... the most important part was counseling, both support group and one on one... six weeks later I left with, not one, but all three of my kids... my boys are now with me after living with a relative. Amity House was God sent... we thank and love you all."

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Elizabeth, thank you for representing our industry in this cause.

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