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## A First Step into the future

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Patty Moffitt, with the assistance of honorary chairs Phil Mancini and Michael Klauber, helped First Step of Sarasota celebrate 40 years of success the other night at Michael's. Looking forward, the organization has enlisted Carl Abbott Architects/Planners to design the "Building the Possibilities" project -- modern in style, no doubt. **Kudos to Halfacre Construction for donating most of the services.**

Bringing a personal story to the event, guest speaker Charisse Strawberry, president of the Tampa Bay chapter of National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, shared the struggles of her drug-addicted ex-husband and former baseball great, Darryl Strawberry. The first step is always the hardest.

### Calendar girls

Oh, those fab femmes behind the Designing Women Boutique are always up to something -- this time it's a community calendar that will be given out during the upcoming fashion week.

Conceptualized by Margaret Wise and spearheaded by Jackie Rogers, "The Jewels of Sarasota" features a dozen of our town's charitable organizations and reps from same. Look for the calendar's debut at the cabaret/style show at the Asolo Dec. 15. It'll be given to every guest free, but tickets to the party are \$125.

To reserve, phone Janet Hunter at 371-6798.

### New York, New York

A slice of the Big Apple could be found downtown when Roy and Martha Lee McNaught co-chaired New York! New York! for the Sarasota Opera Guild. The



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS / JACKIE MASSEY FIRST STEP Honorary chairman Phil Mancini, event chairwoman Patty Moffitt and honorary chairman Michael Klauber.

couple transformed the Peterson Room at the Sarasota Opera House into a NY supper club.

In true supper club form, Hope Byrnes, Joy McIntyre, Rose Marie Molinari and Bert Schweigaard-Olsen entertained with big voices and Broadway music with accompaniment by Lee Dougherty Ross on piano.

Dinner, catered by Mattison's, delivered a taste of Little Italy and Chinatown, and a hot dog cart was rolled in with all the trimmings. For dessert, a pastry shop with cannoli, of course! The only things missing were the honking cabs and "Liza with a Z" ...

Marjorie North is on vacation, Heather Dunhill is filling in.

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