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**Lake Worth Playhouse Hosts 70s-Themed Benefit to Raise Funds
for Hospitalized Box Office Manager**

LAKE WORTH, Florida (October 13, 2010) The Lake Worth Playhouse presents ***Voices for Judith***, a benefit and silent auction to raise funds for box office manager, Judith Johnson, who has been hospitalized for several weeks after a car accident on I-95 left her seriously injured. The event, which has a 1970s theme, will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at the Lake Worth Playhouse in downtown Lake Worth. The silent auction opens at 7:30 p.m. and the main event begins at 8:00 p.m.

Johnson, a Boynton Beach resident, has served as the Playhouse box office and group sales manager since February 2005. She is a longtime member of the Playhouse community and a familiar face to hundreds of patrons, community volunteers and local business owners. She is best known as manager and friend to the Playhouse volunteer usher staff and as a well-loved figure among local children's camps and school groups who participate in youth performances at the Playhouse.

"We at the Playhouse have been profoundly impacted by Judith's absence," said Playhouse Executive Director and General Manager Stephanie Smith, "not only because she is an integral part of our operations, but, more importantly, because we care so deeply for her as our friend. Her recovery will be long and difficult and will come at a very steep financial cost. We want to do all we can to help her."

For the November 6th ***Voices for Judith*** event, Playhouse talent will raise their voices in song and raise their talents to the stage with the goal of raising funds for Judith Johnson's recovery. Performances will include vocalists, dancers and comedians as well as a sneak preview of the upcoming Playhouse production of *Steel Magnolias*. Guests are encouraged to wear 1970s attire and take part in 70s-themed activities, including retro prom photos and festive interaction with 1970s pop culture characters.

An array of items and services will be up for bid in the ***Voices for Judith Silent Auction***, which will remain open throughout the evening. Community members are invited to make donations to the auction or contribute monetary donations to the ***Voices for Judith Fund*** by contacting the box office

at 561-586-6410 or stopping by in person at 713 Lake Avenue in downtown Lake Worth. The Playhouse is located on the south side of the street between J and K Streets.

TICKETS

Tickets to the ***Voices for Judith*** event are \$25 per person and can be purchased through the Lake Worth Playhouse Box Office at **561-586-6410** or online at **lakeworthplayhouse.org**.

ABOUT LAKE WORTH PLAYHOUSE

Lake Worth Playhouse is a non-profit community theatre with a diverse array of offerings, including award-winning dramas, comedies, musicals, area premieres, Broadway favorites, children's shows, ballets and operas on film, live concerts, improv comedy and alternative programming. In addition to its main stage theatrical fare, the Playhouse presents year-round independent and foreign films in the Stonzek Theatre, an intimate black-box style theatre equipped with a large viewing screen and high-definition projection. The Playhouse is proud to offer a variety of educational programs for adults and children, as well as community outreach initiatives that bring cultural programs into the neighborhoods of underserved youth and also make theatre available free of charge for disadvantaged citizens in the community.

The Lake Worth Playhouse 58th season continues with **Guys and Dolls** (through October 24, 2010), **Steel Magnolias** (November 19 – December 5, 2010), **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** (January 21 – February 6, 2011), **Biloxi Blues** (March 4-20, 2011) and **Annie** (April 15 – May 1).

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