

## **THE PALACE GARDENS AND SOUTH RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL COLLABORATE FOR TRAINING PROGRAMS**

**HOMESTEAD, Fla.**—The Palace Gardens, an assisted living community in Homestead, has been selected by South Ridge High School as an on-site job training location for community-based instruction.

The program, under the direction of lead teacher Tobe Marmorstein, is geared to provide special needs students the opportunity to learn job skills and receive practical training and responsibilities.

Each week, 10-15 students visit The Palace Gardens for approximately two hours to learn various job responsibilities and are mentored by the community's staff. Students work in the kitchen, laundry and assist with housekeeping tasks.

“They are enthusiastic and very helpful,” said Zack Shaham, The Palace Gardens' general manager. “Our staff enjoys their assistance and it gives real meaning to helping others.”

The Palace Gardens activity calendar offers many opportunities for the students to join residents in activities. They participate in board and card games, bowling, shuffleboard and bingo as well as helping the residents.

“Resident interaction is a win-win for both the community and students,” said Frank Christ, the classroom teacher who accompanies the students and monitors them while they are on-site.

“Our residents delight from the children's warmth and personality,” added Shaham. “Their companionship is very meaningful for residents who may not have regular visitors so they look forward to these weekly programs.”

In addition to the group who visit The Palace Gardens, students also participate in work projects at Monkey Jungle and at a local farm.

### About The Palace Gardens

Located at 1351 N. Krome Ave. in Homestead, The Palace Gardens is a two-story residential community and offers assisted living and extended care in a casual, tropical

landscaped setting. Amenities and services include spacious gardens, swimming pool, theatre, activity areas, 24-hour nursing supervision, home healthcare services and medication management. For more information about The Palace Gardens, call (305) 247-0446 or visit [www.thepalace.org](http://www.thepalace.org).