

***Senior Prom: "Get Lucky in Vegas"***

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Mark Twain once wrote, "Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been."

This past Sunday, April 30th, 2006, a "Senior" Prom was held at the Mary Lee DePugh Nursing Center of Winter Park from 2:00-5:00 PM. The JUMP (Join Us in Making Progress) event served as a senior citizen outreach, in which students from the LEAD team collaborated in throwing the residents of the facility a "senior" prom.

Students volunteered their time by organizing the day's events and socializing with the residents. The Prom was themed: Get Lucky in Vegas, and it could not have been more successful. Students had the opportunity to interact with over 30 residents, who could not have been more thrilled to welcome the Rollins Community. Volunteers had the chance to hand out poker hats and necklaces, as well as play card games with all of the residents.

The event also allowed students to converse with the facilities' residents, while some chose to do their talking on the dance floor. It was an amazing opportunity to spend quality time with our elders, many of whom don't have anyone to talk to or share their lifetime of knowledge. It is unfortunate, that so often in life, we are so preoccupied with the "little things;" that we neglect to give back to those who have given so much to us. After spending only a short time with the individuals at the Depugh Nursing Center, we all gained a greater respect for the beauty of life.