

# Hydraulic lift a hit at condo

## SONS DONATE DEVICE TO HELP THEIR MOTHER

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A Delray Beach woman recently got a big lift — a hydraulically powered lift.

In an effort to make life easier for their 85-year-old mother, a pair of brothers donated the device to a retirement community in Delray Beach.

The lift, which cost \$19,700, was obtained by Howard M. Rosengarten, a Long Island, N.Y.-based attorney, and Gerald Jay Rosengarten, who has real estate and construction interests in Manhattan.

Because of her sons' efforts, Marion Rosengarten, who has arthritis in her knees, will no longer have to walk up to her second-floor home in Kings Point's Monaco-H Condominium.

"I think what they did is a marvelous thing," she said.

The lift is available to everyone who lives upstairs.

A dedication ceremony was held Sunday.

Gerald Jay Rosengarten said he hopes the device will help his mother avoid the knee problems that have plagued her.

"I'm happy we were able to cut whatever red tape there was to accomplish this," he said.

Rosengarten proposed the idea about 10 months ago.

Estelle Hoffman, one of the directors of the Monaco-H Condominium and secretary of Kings



Point Community Association, said the efforts of Dick Garlen, who manages KPCA for Boca Raton's Prime Management Group Inc., were instrumental in getting the project going.

Garlen said he handled the project's contractual and technical aspects.

"I worked with the association attorney to create the nec-

essary paperwork and amendments that were required to allow for the installation," he said.

Once it was approved, the lift took less than four days to install and was already in use a week before the dedication. Marion Rosengarten said neighbors seem thrilled with her sons' donation. Eight or nine of the 24 households on Monaco-H's second floor have already signed up to use the lift, Hoffman said.

Each of those households will



At left, Dick Garlen, who manages the Kings Point Community Association, takes a ride in the lift. Above, residents of the Monaco-H Condominium gather outside the lift during Sunday's dedication. Staff photos/HILDA M. PEREZ

pay a maintenance fee of about \$7 per month.

"After this, there are quite a few other condos in Kings Point that are going to have this installed," Hoffman said.

Kings Point has more than 10,000 residents.

Garlen, who wants more of the lifts put in, said 133 of the community's 167 buildings are two stories high.

He said some of the buildings have enough capital in their operating accounts to pay for the lifts, while the rest could finance the expense through a loan.