

executive lifestyles

Tired of the traditional poinsettias? Deck the halls instead with phalaenopsis and vandas, just a few of the orchids available from Homestead's R.F. Orchids (rforchids.com), one of the largest and most prestigious orchid nurseries in the U.S. Owner Robert Fuchs has spent a lifetime traveling the world in search of this delicate yet hearty flowering plant, which he says has dramatically risen in popularity now that people have found out they're not difficult to grow. R.F. Orchids' selection includes the Rose Stallone (\$49.95), a vanda orchid named after Sylvester Stallone's daughter, and the Adele Graham (\$59.95), named after the wife of former U.S. Sen. Bob Graham. Gift baskets start at \$69.95.



\$50+
Adele Graham
orchid
R.F. Orchids

\$15+
Golf balls
Nanodynamics



Be the first to hit the greens with a **Nanodynamics NDMX Nanotech golf ball**. The high-tech ball is designed to fly straight, have less tendency to break and prevent pops, jump and roll on the green. Introduced in October, it's available online at ndmxgolf.com. It's expected to reach store shelves next year. A sleeve of the high-performance breakthrough balls sells for \$24.95. The distance balls sell for \$14.95 a sleeve.

Add some pizzazz to the corporate uniform with a silk necktie from **South Beach Ties**, a year-old Miami venture started by four friends, Christian and Teresa Thornburg and Shawn and Evans Crews. Choose from 14 Florida-motif patterns from flip-flops to palm trees.



The group designed the ties, which are manufactured in Italy. The company recently added women's scarves and belts. The items sell for \$65 and are available online at southbeachties.com or at a dozen select retailers throughout Florida.

\$65
Silk ties
South Beach Ties



\$90
iPod carrying case
Ashford.com

Anything iPod works. Ashford.com, a division of Odimo in Sunrise, is offering an **iPod carrying case** in leather and sterling from Lunt Silversmiths, the exclusive manufacturer of silverware for all U.S. embassies and consulates worldwide. Available in pink or black, it retails for \$90.

CHARITABLE GIVING

Florida companies are digging deep to fund hurricane relief efforts. St. Petersburg-based Raymond James Financial has donated \$200,000; Tampa's Walter Industries recently presented the American Red Cross with a check for \$50,000 in employee contributions and corporate matching funds; and Jacksonville-based commercial developer Regency Centers has donated more than \$77,000. Early estimates from the American Red Cross put Florida donations at \$25.5 million. And there's more in

the pipeline yet to be counted.

One firm is extending a different sort of helping hand. Miami-based law firm Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson recently loaded up moving vans with office and conference room furniture and law library books from its Fort Lauderdale office destined for Louisiana and Mississippi. The donation will help furnish offices of attorneys who lost their workplaces to Hurricane Katrina. The effort is part of a multiple phase remodel Stearns Weaver is undertaking.

Furniture from the Miami office will also be donated once remodeling there is done.

On a smaller scale, Virtual Word Publishing, a home-based business in Margate run by Dianna Ennen, is helping displaced home office owners start their businesses back up with an "office-in-a-box" package that includes donated PCs and software and Office Depot gift certificates. Ennen has helped three families in the New Orleans area get back to work and is looking for others. □

