

## Interview of Cory Held

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So who is that Liz Taylor look-alike up on stage before every Key West Pops concert? It's Pops Vice President and Fundraising Chair Cory Held who, in her spare time, doubles as the lead agent at Preferred Properties Realty on Southard Street. Cory hails from New York City, where she was in the clothing business in friendly competition with her childhood friend and fellow Pops Board member Jeffrey Grosky. "I was in high-end clothing and Jeffrey was in low-end," Cory recalls, "but he made big money and I was poor."

Jeffrey introduced Cory to Pops Artistic Director Vincent Zito about fifteen years ago. Then, in 1999, he persuaded Cory and her husband Paul to move to Key West. When the Zito family began the Pops as a fund-raising orchestra, Cory became an instant fan. "I was at concert number one and I loved it," she says. Cory was on a number of charitable boards in Manhattan, but she chose to serve on the Pops in Key West because it was the one she liked the best.

Cory is especially enthusiastic about the upcoming Pops season, which she believes is the most exciting and unusual program to date. She hopes everyone will join Vincent Zito and the Pops at all of the concerts and events we have planned.