

2022

Community Spirit Awards



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For Health & Human Services

For CEOs, By CEOs

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration and Silent Auction 11:30 am

Welcome and Opening Remarks
Ruth Mageria, Chamber Preseident 12:00 pm

Invocation
Greg Hazle, Boca Helping Hands

The Power Of and Value Of Nonprofits
James Green, Director of PBC Human Services Dept . . 12:05 pm

LUNCH

John Foley Legal Scholarships Presentation
Ruth Mageria and Robert Bertisch,
executive directors of the Legal Aid Society of PBC . . 12:30 pm

Video 12:40 pm

Presentation of Community Spirit Award
Ruth Mageria 12:45 pm

Announcement of Auction Winners 1:00 pm

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continued belief in the Chamber and for their support.*



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



James Green PhD.

Director of Palm Beach County's Department of Human Services

James Green, PhD, is currently director of the Palm Beach County Community Services Department where he leads the county's efforts in an array of programs to assist homeless youth and families, domestic violence victims, senior citizens, veterans, individuals with special needs and the farmworker population. He recently engaged leaders across various sectors to begin developing a comprehensive plan to end homelessness and reduce child poverty in Palm Beach County.

In February of 2017 and 2019, James worked with community leaders to host a racial equity conference to address racial disparities within the county's healthcare, criminal justice, education and employment systems. He continues to work with the Birth to 22 Racial Equity Core Team to help leaders operationalize racial equity within their respective organizations.

James received his B.A. degree from Auburn University and his M.S. and doctorate degrees from Palm Beach Atlantic University.

ANNE CAROLINE VALTIN

Executive Director Great Charity Challenge

2022 Community Spirit Award Recipient

For our eighth year, the Nonprofit Chamber of Palm Beach County is pleased to honor an individual who has contributed above and beyond to the nonprofit community in Palm Beach County. This year's recipient is Anne Caroline Valtin, Executive Director of the Great Charity Challenge. Under her leadership, hundreds of nonprofits have been awarded a total of more than \$12 million through the annual event that teams nonprofits with world-class equestrians.

But, her involvement with nonprofits goes way beyond the Great Charity Challenge. Anne Caroline believes that social change is accomplished through hard work by all members of the community and she puts her philosophy to work through her involvement with many important causes and lends her expertise to others in the community. Through the Great Charity Challenge, she has brought new awareness of the critical role nonprofits play in our community to the international equestrian community and to businesses and they have rallied to invest in nonprofits through the Great Charity Challenge.

The nonprofit community is forever grateful to Anne Caroline and we want to recognize how much we value her.



COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD PAST WINNERS

2013

John Foley, Esq. – Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County

2014

Wendy Tippet – Palm Beach County Human Services

2015

Pamela Rue – Lost Tree Charitable Foundation

2016

Eric Kelly – President/CEO Quantum Foundation

2017

Tina Philips – CEO Palm Beach Habilitation Center

2018

Michael Gauger, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Chief Deputy

2019

Bertram "Bud" Tamarkin, Community Activist

THE JOHN A. FOLEY, ESQ. LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP

For more than 20 years, John Foley was the legal voice of many in the nonprofit community. Working at the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, he established the Nonprofit Legal Assistance Project to make legal needs affordable to many of us.

He did so with passion and compassion and all who knew him considered him a cherished friend. We all have stories to tell about our work and conversations with him that bring smiles to our faces. We loved him for his professionalism, his humility, his humor and his zest for life.

Sadly for all of us who knew him, loved him, benefitted from his legal assistance and from his friendship, John died in 2021 at the age of 60.

To deal with our collective grief and honor his memory, the Nonprofit Chamber, in partnership with the Legal Aid Society, created a scholarship for legal students in Florida who are working to practice Public Interest Law as John did.



Three law students were selected from dozens of applications:

Alison Andrea Andrade, St. Thomas University: Alison can count how many times, as a child, she saw her father hit her mother – 56 to be exact. She vowed, even then, to break the family cycle and help other children in similar circumstances. She hopes, through her advocacy work with the Guardian ad Litem program, to give a voice to children – a voice she never had.



Albany Rojas Carrero, Nova Southeastern University: After an eight-year law career in Venezuela, Albany had to flee her country and start over in the U.S. She arrived with a child and nothing else, supporting them by cleaning houses, babysitting, waitressing and even dressing as Minnie Mouse at children's parties. Through determination, she entered law school here and is currently a domestic violence paralegal at the Legal Aid Society. She wants to pay it forward, to help other immigrants – victims of domestic violence.



Christopher Kloth, Barry University: While working as a teacher, one incident gave Christopher a final push to enter law school – a troubled teenage student who appeared to finally be heading in the right direction with outstanding grades got arrested. Christopher tracked her down and called her in the juvenile detention center. His was the only call she had received – her parents had turned their backs on her. She was terrified and expressed that all she wanted was to continue school and do better. While he was helpless in her case, he vowed to help troubled kids whose needs in the educational and criminal justice systems were not being met.

LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We hope to keep John Foley's good work alive for years to come through the John Foley Legal Scholarship Fund for law students focusing on Public Interest Law as he did.

To contribute, go to

<https://legalaidpbc.org/john-foley-scholarship-fund/>

or send a check to:

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ABOUT THE NONPROFIT CHAMBER

For CEOs, By CEOs

What is the Nonprofit Chamber of Palm Beach County?

Chief Executive Officers of a broad cross section of Palm Beach County's most respected health and human services organizations of all sizes and budgets have come together to collaborate, learn, network, collectively advocate, and stay ahead of the curve in rapidly changing times. We focus on improving the "business" of nonprofit work and changing the way the community views non-profit organizations.

The Chamber was the brainchild of nonprofit leaders more than a decade ago when they recognized they and their peers had no forum to meet, learn about and from each other and form collaborations and alliances.

The Chamber provides the only professional organization just for health and human services nonprofit leaders in Palm Beach County. It is unique in the state.

Benefits

The Chamber membership have found funding collaborators through this organization; many have discovered the benefits of sharing resources, and others have learned strategies for grant-writing, succession planning, human resource development and many other valuable tools for enhancing their own missions. We are also well-respected by our legislators because we can present to them priority issues developed through consensus.

Why We Do It

We have come together to collaborate, learn, network, collectively advocate, and stay ahead of the curve in rapidly changing times.

Guiding Principles

Provide a unified voice for nonprofit organizations providing health and human services in Palm Beach County.

Coordinate a collective message to the public and private sectors about needs for health and human services in Palm Beach County.

Advocate at the grassroots level regarding gaps and needs in health and human services in Palm Beach County.

Provide opportunities for information sharing toward greater efficiencies.

Work in collaboration without duplicating other existing resources.

Membership is representative of large and small agencies providing health and human services in Palm Beach County.

The organization achieves credibility as a collective voice for nonprofit organizations providing health and human services in Palm Beach County.

Members value information delivered and ideas exchanged in their efforts to obtain efficiencies.

Scholarships

Thanks to the support of several local funders, the Chamber is offering scholarships for the first year's membership dues to small, minority-led health and human services nonprofits in Palm Beach County.

To apply, go to our website www.nonprofitchamberpbc.org

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