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**Congratulations to our
2023 Hats Off Nonprofit Awards Nominees!**
The complete list of all nominees can be found [HERE](#)

Seats are going fast. A few table packages are still available.
Purchase yours **HERE** today!



2023 HONA Honorary Chair Announced

Nonprofits First is proud to announce the first Honorary Chair for the 7th Annual Hats Off Nonprofit Awards is the Honorable Danielle Moore, Mayor of the Town of Palm Beach. Mayor Moore has been the President of Fortin Enterprises since 1986 and President of The Mary Alice Fortin Foundation since 1993. She has also served as a Director of The Fortin Foundation of Florida since 1986 and a Director of the Barker Welfare Foundation since 1996.

Mayor Moore serves on the boards of many charitable organizations including The Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, the Boys and Girls Club of Palm Beach County, Rosarian Academy, Town of Palm Beach United Way, the Garden Club of Palm Beach, Women's Southern Golf Association, Duke Engage National Advisory Board, and Duke Leadership Gifts Committee.

Rising Leaders Graduating Class

Did you know:

- Florida is home to 23,000 nonprofit organizations that hold \$255.3 billion in assets, making nonprofit organizations a significant factor in sustaining a strong Florida economy.
- The nonprofit sector enhances the quality of life for Floridians by supporting Health, Human Services, and Education among other initiatives.
- More than 25% of Florida nonprofits reside in the southeast tri-county area that includes Palm Beach County.
- Nonprofits First continues to invest in the future of Palm Beach County through our strong programs to build a pipeline of future leaders to serve the nonprofit sector.



We are proud to present the 2022-2023 graduating class of Nonprofits First Rising Leaders Program who marked the completion of an eight-month program to strengthen leadership skills and produce a service-learning project for a local nonprofit organization.

Nonprofits First appreciates the support of Wells Fargo Financial Services and the Children's Services Council for their support to help us invest in our future leaders. You'll find more about our programs and how to apply at [Rising Leaders - Nonprofits First](#) and [Advancing Leaders - Nonprofits First](#) our leadership program for those moving into senior-level management positions.

We accept service-learning projects for nonprofit organizations serving Palm Beach County

throughout the year. Go to [Rising Leaders Service Learning RFP - Nonprofits First](#) for more information.

Source for statistical data: Florida Nonprofit Alliance Impact Report – 2023

EDUCATION CORNER

For the past three years, Nonprofits First has offered an extensive library of open-enrollment, online courses offered by the leader in online education and professional development, MindEdge Learning. Recently, MindEdge has expanded their brand, adding Nonprofit Skills™, a new multi-certificate program designed to strengthen the skills of nonprofit executives and board members. The new Nonprofit Skills™ brand, powered by MindEdge, provides affordable and flexible online training in the skills that are most in-demand among today's nonprofit leaders.

MindEdge was founded by Harvard and MIT educators and offers top-shelf online courses and certificates to help upskill and enrich with easy-to-access courses in more than 30 learning categories, including over 20 courses and four certificate programs specific to the nonprofit environment.

Nonprofits First Members receive a 20% discount on all MindEdge courses! All you have to do is email education@nonprofitsfirst.org for the Online Learning discount code, and you will receive the course, Introduction to Online Learning, FREE when you register.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NONPROFIT MEMBERS WHO WERE REACCREDITED IN JULY

**Achievement Center for Children and
Families
Caridad Center
Center for Family Services
Connect to Greatness**

**Faulk Center for Counseling
Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies
United Way of Palm Beach County
Urban League of Palm Beach County**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NONPROFIT MEMBER WHO WAS NEWLY ACCREDITED IN JULY

Xcel Strategies, Inc.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS!

August Member Spotlight: Communities In Schools of Palm Beach County, Inc.

Communities In Schools of Palm Beach County, Inc. has served more than 400,000 students, giving them additional resources and support to help them succeed in school.

The nonprofit is now working to get students prepared for the coming school year.

We asked the agency's directors to explain their mission and tell us how Nonprofits First has helped them boost their organizational structure and their work in the community.

Tell us about your mission and cause.

Communities In Schools of Palm Beach County, Inc. surrounds students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. We have been in the community for over 35 years, serving over 400,00 students.

This year, the Palm Beach County School district has tasked us to increase the number of schools we serve and engage the thousands of students experiencing homelessness in middle and high school. Now more than ever, we are being called on to reimagine public education and find new pathways for learning. We amplify the power of each student's potential by connecting them to caring adults and community resources designed to help them succeed. We are by their side every day, supporting them in ways that go beyond the classroom.

By implementing the Communities In Schools (CIS) evidence-based model of Integrated Student Support, our Academic and Graduation Coaches bring resources and support directly inside the school to ensure every student has what they need to succeed. Our model breaks down barriers that can prevent students from unlocking their fullest potential. We connect our students to resources and opportunities to help them succeed in the classroom and beyond. We do "whatever it takes" to eliminate barriers to student success, such as food insecurity, chronic absenteeism, and more, to ensure every student has an opportunity to achieve in life. We work directly inside Palm Beach County schools to make a difference in our community's local students' lives.

How can the community get involved in helping you achieve your mission?

Right here in Palm Beach County, our staff is preparing to welcome students to a new year of learning. The first weeks of school are critical to a successful school year: students who miss early days are more likely to become chronically absent and struggle in their classrooms. We must be ready: to bring resources and support directly inside the school to ensure every student has what they need to make this school year their best. We break down the barriers that prevent students from accessing the resources and opportunities that help unlock their fullest potential. We are so excited to have students back in school to see what the incredible youth in our community can accomplish this year. Communities In Schools of Palm Beach County is ready to go all in to ensure students have what they need to succeed in life. We count on neighbors and community members to donate to support our work in Palm Beach

County.

We can give students no more extraordinary gift than the support, love, and encouragement they need to believe in themselves. The community can be those caring adults that help Palm Beach County Students overcome the challenges of poverty, homelessness, and lack of resources. The community's trust and partnership make our work possible.

Here are three ways to help:

1. Click [here](#) to donate now
2. [Become a Communities In School Supporting Member](#)

How has membership in Nonprofits First benefited your organization?

Being a member of Nonprofits First benefits our organization by showcasing our mission and providing our credibility within the community. Nonprofits First simultaneously encourages constant communication and collaboration on what matters most in Palm Beach County. We benefit by being socially recognized for the positive efforts made by our work in the community. Nonprofits First helps to build stronger relationships, as well as boosts organizational success through training.

Tell us what being accredited through Nonprofits First has meant for Communities in Schools.

Possessing Accredited status means the community can expect Communities In Schools of Palm Beach to live up to its promises. It means that the community can have confidence that our credentials have value. Accreditation also signals that the community can believe in the worth of our programming. It also gives us a chance to take a good look at our program and operations to ensure we are accomplishing our mission. We are also accredited through our National Office. We appreciate Accreditation!



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August Member Spotlight: Milagro Center

The Milagro Center helps underserved and academically at-risk children and youth through cultural arts education and other programs.

The Delray Beach nonprofit also places youth involved in the juvenile justice system in individual or group mentoring matches.

We asked President and CEO Barbara J. Stark to explain how our community can get involved with the center.

Tell us about your mission and cause.

Barbara J. Stark: Our mission is to ensure the social and academic success of underserved and academically at-risk children and youth through cultural arts education, Living Values and Life Skills, academic support, and mentoring, benefiting not only the children and youth served but their families and the community as well. Milagro Center carries out its mission by providing afterschool, summer camp, and ARTreach programs to disadvantaged and academically-at risk children and teens in grades K-12.

How can the community get involved in helping you achieve your mission?

If you would like to help us achieve our mission, we are always looking for mentors and volunteers. Milagro Center has two robust mentoring programs for which to choose from. The Mentoring Miracles Program serves the children and teens in our afterschool programs. Our Level Up Program serves as a hub for southern Palm Beach County and places youth involved in the juvenile justice system in individual or group mentoring matches.

How has membership in Nonprofits First benefited your organization?

Membership in Nonprofits First has empowered us to achieve our mission. The Accreditation process helps us increase our eligibility for grant funding, and all of our staff benefits from Nonprofits First Trainings and Support Services. Being a Nonprofits First member is also a tremendous vehicle for networking.

Tell us what being accredited through Nonprofits First has meant for Milagro Center.

Being accredited through Nonprofits First has helped position Milagro Center for success. Our organization first became accredited back in 2006 when our operating budget was less than \$500,000 annually. Since that time, we have continued to maintain our certification for “Excellence In Nonprofit Management” and our annual budget has grown to over three times that amount. Milagro Center has plans for expansion in the near future, and our affiliation with Nonprofits First will certainly be a positive factor toward this goal.



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NONPROFITS FIRST RESOURCE CENTER



EXECUTIVE VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Nonprofits First is looking for professionals with a passion for helping the nonprofit community and the expertise to truly make a difference.

Contact **Trudy Crowetz**, Director of Accreditation for more information.

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BUILD YOUR CAUSE TOOLKIT

The 501cPro Toolkit is a comprehensive online self-assessment resource loaded with crucial information to ensure your organization meets legal requirements and implements best practices that are important to staff, clients, and donors.

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FOUNDATION DIRECTORY

Make an appointment to use the Foundation Directory, a platform providing our members access to Foundation Center resources and fundraising research guidance as well as professional staff to assist visitors. Contact **Tracy Amara**, Membership Director, for more information.

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New Nonprofit Members

Florida Association of Recovery Residences
Loxahatchee River Historical Society
Our Sister's Place, Inc.
Room to Rise Foundation, Inc.
The Fund for West Palm Beach Police
The Learning Center
The Women's Circle

Renewing Nonprofit Members

Clinics Can Help
Compass LGBTQ Community Center
CROS Ministries
Cultural Council for Palm Beach County
Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce
Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews
Pine Ridge Holistic Living Center
Restoration Bridge International
Rico's Scholarship Foundation
Scholar Career Coaching
West Palm Beach Library Foundation
YWCA of Palm Beach County

New Affiliate Members

Cultura HR
Nomad Creative

Renewing Affiliate Members

ARK Nonprofit Consulting, LLC
Marketing Matters



Jessica



Tracy



Marilyn



Trudy



Marie



Susan



Johan



Nathan



Peter

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