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Finalists Announced for 14th Annual Community Care Plan Nonprofit Awards

The event is hosted by 211 Broward and held at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

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211Broward revealed the finalists for the 14th Annual Community Care Plan Non-Profit Awards during a VIP announcement livestream and reception held at ArtServe in Fort Lauderdale on Tuesday, January 28. The 14th Annual Community Care Plan Nonprofit Awards, presented by Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, will occur on Friday, March 7. This event will honor the accomplishments of non-profit organizations, executives, and board leaders in Broward County. Co-chaired by Leon Mink, Chief Information Officer at Community Care Plan, and Milin Espino, MBA, Senior Director of Community Relations at Memorial Healthcare System, the awards will highlight excellence in eight categories.

Additionally, all nominees will have the chance to compete for the JM Family Enterprises Community Choice Award.

“It is so important for us to support 211 Broward, and those whose efforts continue to inspire and make a positive impact throughout Broward County,” says Jessica Lerner, President & CEO of Community Care Plan. “This Awards Event is something we very much look forward to year after year, and we can’t wait to celebrate the accomplishments of the county’s non-profit organizations during the event on March 7.”

The event celebrates outstanding achievement, innovation, and excellence within the nonprofit sector. Awards will be distributed across eight categories, and all other nominees will have the chance to compete for the JM Family Enterprises Community Choice Award. The late Susie Levan will be honored posthumously with the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Lifetime Achievement Award. Additionally, Kathleen Cannon, the President/CEO of United Way of Broward County, will receive the prestigious Greenspoon Marder Excellence Award. Winners will be awarded a \$1,000 grant for their organizations, while finalists will earn \$500.

The 14th Annual Community Care Plan Non-Profit Awards categories and finalists include:

Non-Profit Organization of the Year – Collaboration

- Jewish Community Centers of South Broward, Inc. D/b/a David Posnack Jewish Community Center (DPJCC)
- The Early Learning Coalition of Broward County
- Voices for Children of Broward County

Calvin, Giordano & Associates Non-Profit Organization of the Year – Rising Star

- Floatarama
- The Greater Fort Lauderdale Diaper Bank
- Wondherful, Inc.

Organization of the Year (Arts)

- ArtServe, Inc.
- Florida Singing Sons
- What’s Your Elephant

Amazon Services.com Non- Profit Organization of the Year – Innovation

- FLITE Center
- Mobile School Pantry
- Sweet Dream Makers

Children's Services Council of Broward County Collective Impact for Youth

- Serving with Grace, Inc.
- The Journey Institute, Inc
- United Way of Broward County

FPL Non- Profit Staff Leader of the Year

- Amanda Frey, Take Stock in Children of Broward County, Inc.
- Renee Jaffe, The Early Learning Coalition of Broward County
- Mikelage Olbel, Community Based Connections, Inc.

Memorial Healthcare System Outstanding Non- Profit Organization of the Year

- Broward Healthy Start Coalition
- Habitat for Humanity of Broward
- Second Chance Society

211Broward Outstanding Community Impact Award

- Alan B. Levan | NSU Broward Center of Innovation
- The Grant Cardone Foundation
- The Our Fund Foundation

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JM Family Enterprises Community Choice Award

- (Members of the community will select the winner by voting online for their favorite organization)
- Link to vote here: [JM Family Enterprises Community Choice Award Nominees \(2025\) – Poll](#)

Greenspoon Marder Excellence Award

- Kathleen Cannon, United Way of Broward County

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Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Lifetime Achievement Award

- Susie Levan, posthumously

Community Care Plan serves as the Title Sponsor, while Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino takes on the role of Presenting Sponsor. Broward Health is the Presenting Sponsor for the finalists' VIP Announcement streaming event, and JM Family Enterprises is sponsoring the Community Choice Award. Additional sponsors include Victoria Duke Celebrity Makeup Artist for the Red Carpet Booth, Sip Channe providing Welcome Drinks, Rock With You as the Rock Star Partner, and WFP Law as the Live Golden Statue Partner. Other supportive sponsors are Children's Services Council of Broward County, Memorial Healthcare System, Lis Castella Design, Greenspoon Marder, Amazon, Wizard Creations, Gray Robinson Attorneys at Law, Centennial Bank, and Berkowitz Pollack Brant Advisors + CPAs. The media partners include Kip Hunter Marketing and Eye on South Florida, while ArtServe is supporting the VIP Announcement Show.

Tickets to the 14th Annual Community Care Plan Nonprofit Awards are \$150 per person for general admission, \$125 for CLUB 2-1-1 members, and \$100 per person for non-profit staff/government representatives. For more information, please visit <https://211-broward.org/non-profit-awards>.

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