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Non-Profit Awards to Honor Broward County Agencies, Leaders



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Community Care Plan Non-Profit Awards at the Hollywood Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.



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More than 650 local community leaders, members of the non-profit sector and other notables will come together March 7 at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino to celebrate the inspiring work of Broward County's non-profit agencies, as well as to recognize the individual efforts of their executives and board leaders, at the 14th Annual Community Care Plan Non-Profit Awards presented by Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino and hosted by [211 Broward](#).

The annual event, sponsored by *City & Shore* magazine, is intended to honor the unsung heroes who often work behind the scenes to provide invaluable help and assistance to those who need it in Broward County. This year, it will once again include a red-carpet reception, plus there will be a Victoria Duke Celebrity Makeup Artist booth for glam touchups, photo ops on the red carpet with the Wild Felice & Partners live gold models, welcome drinks from Sip Channé and much more.

“Too often, the collective efforts of the non-profit sector go unrecognized,” says Sheila Smith, president and chief executive officer of 211 Broward, a free, anonymous, 24-hour helpline offering listening support, information, referral and crisis services to members of our community in Broward County. “This event is an opportunity to celebrate the positive impact that non-profits have on the lives of our residents and the health of our broader community.”

Smith says that by supporting the Non-Profit Awards, guests are actually benefitting many important local organizations. Proceeds from the event are shared with these non-profit organizations, and nearly \$350,000 has been donated to date, she says.

During the event luncheon, which will include a special performance by comedian Cindy-Ann Boisson, winners of each category will be announced and awarded \$1,000 for their non-profit organization. The finalists in each category will be awarded a \$500 grant for their organizations as well. Winners will be selected by a panel of impartial judges from the tri-county area based on the finalists’ dedication to Broward County and their effect on the community.

The categories and finalists this year 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](#)
Mikelange 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](#)

211 Broward Outstanding Impact Award (Selected by 211 Broward)

Alan B. Levan | [NSU Broward Center of Innovation](#)
[The Grant Cardone Foundation](#)
[The Our Fund Foundation](#)

JM Family Enterprises Community Choice Award

To be determined: Selected by the community via online voting

Greenspoon Marder Excellence Award (Selected by 211 Broward)

Kathleen Cannon, United Way of Broward County

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Lifetime Achievement Award (Selected by 211 Broward)

Susie Levan, posthumously

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The Non-Profit Awards event kicks off at 11 a.m. at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood. Tickets start at \$100. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit 211-broward.org.