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1. Nominated Honoree information:

Name of Nominated Honoree: Dr. William [Bill] Kent
Address: Le Club International 2845 NE 9th St., Apt 1501
City: Ft. Lauderdale
State: Florida
Zip Code: 33304
Phone: (954) 673-2058
Email Address: dbk@teamhorner.com

2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

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3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

Many point to Dr. Bill Kent's decision to transition Team Horner to employee ownership in 2016 as his

defining legacy. Yet, the true heart of his impact lies in the vibrant Team Culture he has cultivated for more than five decades—and continues to reinforce every day. It was this deeply rooted culture that convinced him that turning the company over entirely to its Team was the most thoughtful and sustainable path forward. Dr. Kent has long championed the idea that everyone should share in the company's achievements, a belief reflected in discretionary profit-sharing bonuses, 401(k) matching, and ongoing profit-sharing contributions. His philosophy of collaboration and collective success reaches far beyond the workplace and into the broader community. To expand this spirit of giving, he founded the Bill Kent Family Foundation, which has already supported more than 40 charitable organizations, including the Marian Center for special needs children—a cause that has been close to his heart for decades. The foundation has also matched donations to fund nearly 200 college scholarships for employees' children. Dr. Kent's legacy is fundamentally one of unity, generosity, and the desire to create meaningful change. His actions embody the very essence of Team Horner's mission: "Working Together...Growing Together...Winning Together."

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Bill Kent, a Cincinnati native, holds a degree in Physics, an M.B.A., and earned his Doctorate in Global Business in 2015. Throughout his long career, he has taken on numerous national and state leadership roles, including serving as National President of the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (1996), President of the Florida Swimming Pool Association (1975–1978), President of the National Swimming Pool Foundation (2003–2006), and Chairman of the Board for the International Swimming Hall of Fame (2017–2024). Under his guidance, Team Horner Group transitioned to a 100% employee-owned company, an achievement that helped earn the organization the American Psychological Association's 2016 national award for a "Psychologically Healthy Workplace." Bill's entrepreneurial drive continues to reflect one of his favorite mottos: "The best is yet to come." Dr. Kent's full curriculum vitae is attached for reference.

5. This nomination was submitted by:

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1. Nominated Honoree information:

Name of Nominated Honoree: Pastor Dr. Derrick J. Hughes
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2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

Pastor Hughes relocated to Fort Lauderdale in 2011 from Chicago and he was the Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church Piney Grove in Lauderdale Lakes for 14 years. He is a gifted Pastor, Preacher and Teacher. More than 3200 new members joined the church under his leadership. He soon learned of the dismal graduation rates of black males here in South Florida so he took on the challenge of starting the Piney Grove Boys Academy at the church. He consistently exhibits strong ethics and lives a life of devotion to his congregation and his family. He implemented initiatives such as the feeding program with the Salvation Army, Voter Registration Campaigns, Civil Rights activism, mentoring programs, and gun violence

awareness programs. He is also the reason First Baptist Church Piney Grove went from having a three million dollar mortgage to \$300,000 within a few years.

3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

Pastor Hughes is passionate about serving Humanity. He has a true heart to serve God and the People of God. He and his beautiful wife First Lady Deborah have adult children and a few years ago they adopted four young siblings. Two boys and two girls ages three, two, one and 10 months at the time. They were empty nesters but decided to open their hearts and home to four beautiful young children that needed them.

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Pastor Hughes has multiple degrees including a bachelor of science degree from Xavier University and a Doctor of Ministry from the United Theological Seminary. He's also a member of the Fraternity Omega Psi Phi Etu Nu Chapter in Pompano Beach. He's presently the Senior Pastor at the Unity Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Naples, Florida.

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1. Nominated Honoree information:

Name of Nominated Honoree: Kal Gajraj, PhD
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Zip Code: 33308
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Email Address: kgajraj@cancommunityhealth.org

2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

Kal Gajraj, PhD is a visionary marketing and community leader whose work has helped reshape how Fort Lauderdale shows up for public health and the arts. As Senior Vice President & Chief Marketing Officer at CAN Community Health, a national nonprofit public health organization with a major presence in Broward County, Kal has used his platform to bring world-class cultural experiences to our city while centering compassion, inclusion, and access to care.

Under Kal's leadership, CAN Community Health has deepened its footprint and visibility in Fort Lauderdale,

connecting residents to HIV testing, prevention (including PrEP and PEP), primary care, and wraparound services regardless of ability to pay. He has championed “Empowering Wellness” as more than a tagline, it is a promise that everyone in our community deserves dignified, affirming healthcare. Kal is known for building partnerships across clinics, nonprofits, government agencies, and tourism organizations to ensure that public health and economic vitality move hand-in-hand.

Kal’s volunteerism also extends into service on boards and advisory roles, where he offers his expertise in marketing, storytelling, and community engagement to strengthen mission-driven organizations. His leadership style is hands-on: he is as likely to be found strategizing with executives as he is welcoming guests at the door, thanking volunteers, or standing backstage making sure each performer feels valued.

Kal frequently collaborates with local coalitions, HIV planning bodies, and nonprofit partners to align messaging, reduce stigma, and ensure that those most impacted by HIV know where to turn for care. He has helped position CAN Community Health as a trusted partner at community events, health fairs, and pride celebrations across Greater Fort Lauderdale.

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One of Kal’s most significant contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale is the inaugural World AIDS Day Concert, presented by CAN Community Health and ViiV Healthcare, which he conceived and produced. Recognizing that Broward County has one of the highest rates of HIV in the nation, Kal set out to create an event that was not just a memorial, but a rallying point for hope, visibility, and action.

Attendees and community leaders consistently described the evening as “transformative,” “deeply moving,” and a turning point in how Broward shows up for World AIDS Day. When national leaders signaled retreat on World AIDS Day recognition, Kal’s response was to bring the community together more boldly, putting Fort Lauderdale on the map as a place where public health, the arts, and social justice intersect on a grand stage.

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Kal Gajraj is a nationally recognized marketing executive, community advocate, and arts champion who serves as Senior Vice President & Chief Marketing Officer at CAN Community Health, one of the nation’s largest nonprofit providers of HIV care, prevention, and LGBTQ+ health services. A strategist known for blending creativity with mission-driven impact, Kal leads the organization’s national brand, communications, digital strategy, community engagement, and philanthropic marketing initiatives across multiple states.

Guided by CAN’s promise of Empowering Wellness, Kal has transformed how the organization connects with communities—elevating visibility, expanding partnerships, and positioning CAN as a leader in compassionate, culturally affirming care. His work has strengthened patient engagement, fueled growth across clinic networks, and brought renewed attention to the value of equitable, community-centered public health.

Kal is also the producer behind several high-impact cultural initiatives, most notably CAN’s inaugural World AIDS Day Concert in Fort Lauderdale featuring original RENT stars Adam Pascal and Anthony Rapp. This groundbreaking event brought national attention to Broward County’s HIV response, united local service organizations, and affirmed the power of the arts to drive awareness, healing, and advocacy. His leadership

in this space reflects his deep belief that storytelling, visibility, and shared experiences are essential to ending the HIV epidemic.

A scholar-practitioner, Kal is completing his PhD in Ethical Leadership at St. Thomas University, where his research focuses on diversity, equity, inclusion, and generational leadership in organizational culture. He also serves on advisory boards, mentors emerging leaders, and teaches marketing as an adjunct professor, sharing his expertise at the intersection of ethics, communication, and community impact.

Kal's work has earned recognition from South Florida Business & Wealth, the Communicator Awards, the Stevie Awards, and the Telly Awards. Known for his collaborative leadership, strategic vision, and unwavering commitment to community, he exemplifies what it means to lead with purpose, compassion, and creativity.

5. This nomination was submitted by:

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1. Nominated Honoree information:

Name of Nominated Honoree: Jaime Sturgis
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2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

Born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Native Realty CEO Jaime Sturgis has spent his life and career championing the city that shaped him. His dedication to Fort Lauderdale is not merely professional, it is deeply personal. Now raising his own family in the same community that inspired his early passion for real estate, Jaime has made it his mission to help Fort Lauderdale realize its full potential and ensure that future generations inherit a city thriving with opportunity, creativity and civic pride.

From a young age, Jaime was captivated by the inner workings of real estate. He grew up in Fort Lauderdale watching his father manage and lease retail shopping centers and was fascinated by the craft of attracting

the right tenants, negotiating leases and curating a harmonious mix of businesses. This early immersion instilled in him a deep appreciation for how thoughtful development could elevate a neighborhood and enhance community life.

Jaime carried this passion into higher education, graduating cum laude from Florida State University with a triple major in Real Estate, Entrepreneurship and Professional Sales. His professional journey began in the emerging neighborhoods of Miami during the challenging post-recession years. These areas - Wynwood among them - were still unproven and often gritty. In an environment where gunshots occasionally interrupted property tours, Jaime learned to adapt, innovate and trust his instincts. Those experiences forged his resilience and sharpened the skill set that would later transform Fort Lauderdale's urban core. After establishing himself in Miami's most dynamic transitioning districts, Jaime returned home to Fort Lauderdale with a clear purpose: to help his native city grow into the dynamic, world-class community he knew it could be. In 2017, he made a bold decision to leave a successful position at a major brokerage and launch his own firm, Native Realty, in his twenties. Building the brokerage from scratch, Jaime became not only its CEO but also its lead producer, guiding its ethical standards while simultaneously acting as broker, developer, contractor, property manager and community advocate.

Jaime quickly recognized the underappreciated potential of Flagler Village, then a collection of aging warehouses and neglected properties. Drawing from his experience in Miami's emerging neighborhoods, he envisioned a district alive with creative offices, retail, destination restaurants, art galleries and performance spaces. Through tireless grassroots work and visionary placemaking, he completed more than 2 million square feet of transactions in Flagler Village within five years, helping catalyze an extraordinary transformation.

A milestone moment came in 2019, when Jaime brokered the record-setting \$13.25 million sale of Flagler Uptown and The Hive - two properties he had personally reimaged through extensive renovation, experiential tenant curation and the addition of striking murals by acclaimed artist Herbert Galarza. These transactions not only set price records but also solidified Flagler Village as a creative and cultural hub, drawing institutional investment and contributing to Fort Lauderdale's reputation as a vibrant urban destination.

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The success of Flagler Village was just the beginning. Jaime and his team at Native Realty have since applied their proven model to other Fort Lauderdale neighborhoods, including the historic Sistrunk corridor and the evolving Studio City district. Operating with a pioneering, boots-on-the-ground approach, Native Realty has redefined what it means to be a commercial brokerage, focusing not on isolated transactions but on comprehensive neighborhood revitalization. This approach has created lasting economic impact, fostered local entrepreneurship and helped build community identity across Greater Fort Lauderdale.

In 2025, Native Realty surpassed \$1 billion in total transactional volume, closing out a record year that reflects Jaime's unwavering commitment to elevating his hometown. His placemaking contributions have become cornerstone elements of Fort Lauderdale's continued growth and attractiveness to residents, businesses, investors and visitors alike.

Beyond his achievements in real estate, Jaime is deeply committed to civic service and community betterment. When Fort Lauderdale's homeless crisis reached statewide and national attention, he stepped forward to serve on the City of Fort Lauderdale's Homeless Advisory Committee, where he became a constructive force in developing actionable solutions. He also holds leadership roles with key organizations shaping the city's future, including the Urban Land Institute, Downtown Coalition FTL, Flagler Village Civic Association, and the M.A.S.S. District (Music and Arts South of Sunrise). Alongside his wife Lauren, Native Realty's Chief of Staff, he is a longtime volunteer with Abandoned Pet Rescue, a beloved no-kill animal shelter in Fort Lauderdale.

Through his professional innovation, civic leadership, and personal devotion to the place he has always called home, Jaime Sturgis has played an indispensable role in shaping Fort Lauderdale's modern identity. His work continues to influence the city's economic vitality, cultural richness, and community cohesion.

For his transformative impact, steadfast commitment and lifelong service to Fort Lauderdale, Jaime Sturgis is an exemplary candidate for induction into the 2026 Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame.

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Jaime Sturgis is the Founder and CEO of Native Realty, a Fort Lauderdale-based team of talented and aggressive real estate professionals who are disrupting the industry. A pioneering broker with over a decade of leasing and investment sales experience, Sturgis has become a household name in the real estate industry through his role curating emerging urban neighborhoods. His placemaking efforts began in Miami's Wynwood and continued in Fort Lauderdale's Flagler Village, where he has completed several million square feet in transactions over the last few years and set property sale pricing records. Sturgis is now expanding into new cutting-edge neighborhoods throughout South Florida. On Sturgis' watch, Native recently surpassed \$1 billion in overall transaction volume.

A real estate and business thought leader, Sturgis has authored published pieces for National Real Estate Investor (now known as Wealth Management Real Estate) and the Daily Business Review and has been featured in Forbes, Wall Street Journal, GlobeSt, Newsweek and many other publications. He is often invited to share his expertise as a featured speaker during major real estate and business conferences. His many awards and recognitions include Urban Land Institute's Young Leader of the Year Award and South Florida Business Journal's Dealmaker of the Year, Power Leaders in Real Estate, 40 Under 40 and Terry Stiles Deal of the Year awards.

A Florida State University alumnus, Sturgis graduated cum laude with a triple major in Real Estate, Professional Sales and Entrepreneurship. He and Native were honored in the 2023 Seminole 100, which recognizes the fastest-growing companies owned or led by FSU alumni.

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1. Nominated Honoree information:

Name of Nominated Honoree: JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER
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State: Florida
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Phone: (954) 568-7000
Email Address: J.Seiler@sszrlaw.com

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Mayor, City of Fort Lauderdale 2009 – 2018 (retirement due to term limits)

· State of Florida House of Representatives 2000-2008 (retirement due to term limits)

· Chair of the Broward Legislative Delegation 2007-2008

· Vice Chair of the Broward Legislative Delegation 2006-2007

· City of Wilton Manors, Mayor 1998-2000, Vice Mayor 1996-1998, Council Member 1993-1996

Current Public Service

· Chair, 2026 College Football Playoff National Championship Game Host Committee

· Board of Directors, Orange Bowl Committee (1999-present)

· Member, Orange Bowl Committee (1994-present) (various chairmanships)

· Board of Directors, Notre Dame Club of Fort Lauderdale

· Broward County Courthouse Task Force Advisory Committee

· Fort Lauderdale Federal Courthouse Committee

· Bench & Bar Committee of the Broward County Bar Association

· Broward County Chapter of the Federal Bar Association Fort Lauderdale Federal Courthouse Committee

· Co-Chair, Broward College Village Square

· Board of Directors and Officer, Brian Piccolo Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, Inc.

· Board of Directors, St. Thomas More Society

· Board of Directors, Emerald Society

· Board of Directors, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale

· Board of Directors, The Fort Lauderdale Forum

· Advisory Board, Winterfest, Inc.

· Advisory Board, Broward Navy Days, Inc.

· Vice Chair, USS Fort Lauderdale Commissioning Committee

· Board of Directors, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce

· Board of Directors, Broward Workshop

· Chair, Public Safety Chaplaincy, Inc.

· Chair, City of Fort Lauderdale Citizens Committee of Recognition
Founder, Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Parade and Festival Committee

· Chair, Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine (NSU MD) Executive Leadership Council

- Appointing Authority for Broward County Independent Transportation Surtax Oversight Board
- Inspector General Selection-Oversight Committee (SOC)
- Lector / Usher, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Former Public Service

- President / Chair (2021 – 2022), Orange Bowl Committee
- Broward Chair, 2021 College Football Playoff National Championship Game Host Committee
- United States District Court, Southern District of Florida Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel
- USS Paul Ignatius Commissioning Committee
- Board of Directors, Florida League of Cities
- Board of Directors, Florida League of Mayors
- Chair and Board of Directors, Florida Urban Partnership
- Chair, Board of Trustees, Florida Municipal Investment Trust
- Broward County Tourist Development Council
- Broward County Planning Council
- Chair, CareerSource Broward Council of Elected Officials
- Chair, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce
- Chair and Board of Directors, South Florida Business Council
- Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Broward County, Executive Committee and Board of Directors
- Chair, City of Wilton Manors Board of Adjustments and Appeals
- Chair, Orange Bowl Foundation
- South Florida Super Bowl Host Committee(s)
- Florida Atlantic University Athletics Steering Committee
- Co-Chair, Cardinal Gibbons High School “Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future” Campaign
- Director, PACE Center for Girls
- Board of Trustees, Fort Lauderdale Museum of Discovery & Science

- Kids in Distress Broward Advisory Council
- Ambassador, The Pantry of Broward
- Downtown Council Steering Committee (Area Council of Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce)
- Broward County Resource Recovery Board
- General Counsel, Promenade in the Park / Beaux Arts of the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art, Inc.
- Fort Lauderdale High School Public Affairs Cluster Advisory Board (Government and Legal)
- President, Brian Piccolo Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, Inc. (also former Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer)
- Director and Advisor, Providence Place Shelter for Homeless Women and Children
- Guardian Ad Litem [numerous cases in the Circuit Court of the Seventeenth (17th) Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida]
- National Urban Fellows Annual Leadership Conference Host Committee
- Chair, Lawyer Referral Committee, Broward County Bar Association
- Professionalism / Professional Responsibility Committee, Broward County Bar Association
- Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee of the Broward County Bar Association
- United Way Committee of the Broward County Bar Association
- Waiver Review Committee of the School Board of Broward County, Florida
- Wilton Manors Visioning Committee and Stakeholders Forum (various subcommittees)
- Chair and President, Island City Foundation, Inc. (also former Vice Chair and Vice President)
- Director, Wilton Manors Business Association
- Wilton Manors Elementary PTA
- Sponsor of "Teacher of the Month", Wilton Manors Element school
Youth Baseball Coach, Fort Lauderdale
- Youth Football Coach, Fort Lauderdale
- Youth Girls' Soccer Coach, Fort Lauderdale
- Girls' Softball Coach, City of Fort Lauderdale and City of Wilton Manors
- Little League Baseball and Tee Ball Coach, Wilton Manors Little League

- Youth Basketball Coach, City of Oakland Park
- Co-Founder, City of Fort Lauderdale Annual (in 2024 now 11th) Track & Field City Championships and Mayor's Cup
- Democratic Club(s) in Fort Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, North Broward, Tri-Cities, Pine Island Ridge, and Greater Fort Lauderdale
- Marine Industries of South Florida Manatee Public Awareness Team (2001-2002)
Awards and Recognitions
- Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale Honorary Member 2025
- University of Miami Law Alumni Association 2024 Legal Honoree
- Broward County Bar Association 2023 Committee Chair of the Year
- 2023 Patriot of the Year from Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) – Fleet Week
- 2023 Power Leaders 250 – South Florida Business Journal
- Broward County Bar Association 2021 Walter G. "Skip" Campbell, Jr. Lawyer – Public Servant Award
- St. Thomas University "Bobcat Community Award" for leadership, service, and commitment to the South Florida community, 2021
- Executive Leadership Committee Recognition as Chair, Advocacy and Community Outreach Committee, Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine (NSU MD), 2020
- Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association (Broward County Chapter) 2019 Champion of Hospitality
- Terry Stiles South Florida Leadership Award, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, 2018
- CareerSource Broward Recognition for Outstanding Commitment and Devotion to Workforce System of Broward County as Member of the CareerSource Broward Council of Elected Officials, 2009-2018
- Broward County Bar Association "Friend of the Bar" Award, 2018
- FXE (Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport) Award of Appreciation, 2018
- Fort Lauderdale Knights of Columbus (3080) inaugural Monsignor O'Looney Award, 2018
- PBA Reality Check Community Champion Award, 2017
- Jack Lokeinsky 2017 Presidential Award, Fort Lauderdale Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #31
- Florida League of Cities "Home Rule Hero" Award, 2017 (and numerous prior years)
- PACE Center for Girls Community Champion Recognition, 2017

- Rotary Club of Boca Raton Sunset Recognition of Service Award, 2017
- Keiser University of Fort Lauderdale Constitution Week Celebration Award, 2016
- Marine Industry Cares Foundation Chairman's Gala Honoree, 2016
- Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale / Cypress Creek, FL, USA Appreciation Award, 2016
- USA National Association of Letters Carriers (NALC Region 9) Award, 2015
- Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale / Rotary Foundation of Rotary International Paul Harris Fellowship, 2015
- Broward County Crime Commission "Superior Public Service" Award, 2014
- Saint Anthony Foundation for Education (SAFE) Gentlemen's Dinner Honoree, 2014
- Emerald Society of Fort Lauderdale Irish Person of the Year, 2013
- Boys and Girls Club of Broward County Florida Youth of the Year Celebration Award, 2013
- Second Chance Society Recognition Award, 2013
- Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale Celebrating 75 Years of Service Award, 2012
- Riverwalk Trust Tribute Honoree, 2012
- Downtowner of the Year, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, 2011
- Alumni Achievement Award, University of Miami School of Law, 2011
- Juvenile Drug Court Recognition, 2011
- Broward Days Appreciation, 2011
- Leadership Fort Lauderdale Recognition, 2011
- First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale Recognition, 2011
- Big Bike Riders Children's Foundation 4th Annual Celebration of Smiles Charity Ride Recognition, 2011
- Honorary Member, Broward County Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, 2010
- USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109), Honorary Plankowner, 2010
- Judge, Winterfest Boat Parade, 2009
- Broward Young Democrats, Trailblazer of the Year Award, 2009
- United Way of Broward County - Commission on Substance Abuse, Exemplary Leadership Award towards a Healthy and Drug-Free Florida - Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - 2009

- Notre Dame Club of Greater Fort Lauderdale, Father of the Year, 2009
- Realtors Commercial Alliance of Greater Fort Lauderdale Appreciation, 2009
- United Negro College Fund, Governors Eighth Annual Luncheon Recognition, 2009
- Broward Legislative Delegation Recognition, 2008
- Cardinal Gibbons High School, Distinguished Alumni Award, 2008
- 160th Infantry Korean War Veterans, in recognition of obligation to Mankind, Our Nation, and incalculable force in the promotion of The United States Military Forces and their Veterans, 2008
- The Florida League of Cities, Defender of Home Rule Award, 2008
- Broward County Council of Professional Firefighters, Trailblazer of the Year Award, 2008
- The Florida Association of Counties, William "Doc" Myers Lifetime County Advocate Award, 2008
- The Florida Bar Legislative Award, 2008
- The Rosemary Barkett Award for Outstanding Demonstrated Commitment to Equal Justice Under the Law, Florida Justice Association, 2008
- North Broward Democratic Club for Years of Service in the Florida Legislature, 2008
- Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida, University of Miami, Distinguished Alumni Award, 2008
- PACE Center for Girls Broward, Community Partnership Award, 2008
- Wilton Manors Historical Society Meritorious Service Award, 2008
- American Jewish Congress South East Region Distinguished Civic Achievement award 2007.
The Trial Court Budget Commission Award, in recognition and appreciation of leadership and professionalism in addressing issues facing The Florida Judicial Branch during the 2007 Legislative Session.
- Keiser University, Appreciation for the Commencement Address to the Class of 2007
- Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Proclamation designating Friday, November 16th, 2007, as Florida State Representative John P. "Jack" Seiler Appreciation Day in Broward County
- Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Legislative Champion of Justice Award, 2007
- Broward Days 2008, Appreciation for Participation as Speaker for the Kick-Off Reception
- Broward Community College Award, Appreciation for Efforts on Their Behalf, 2006
- The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, Outstanding Representative Award, 2006
- Legal Aid Service of Broward County, "For the Public Good" Legislative Award, 2006

- Florida Association of Counties, Counties' Champion Award, 2005
- The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, Outstanding Representative Award, 2005
- Coastal Conservation Association of Florida, Legislative Conservation Award, 2005
- Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida, 2005
- Areawide Council on Aging Legislative Leadership Award, 2005
- Realtor Association of Greater Fort Lauderdale Political Appreciation Award, 2005
- Legislator of the Year Award, Broward Sheriff's Office, 2005
- Broward House Award in appreciation for assistance in creating the "Wilton Manors Client Service Center, 2005
- Broward Days Award for Leadership and Outstanding Service to Broward Days, 2005
- Florida Ocean Sciences Institute, 'KIDS FIRST', Captain for "KIDS" Award, 2004-2005
- PACE Legislative Leadership Award, 2004
- The Trial Court Budget Commission, 2004
- Supreme Court of Florida Resolution for significant efforts on Article V, Revision 7 infrastructure and budget, 2004
- The Florida Bar President's Legislative Award, 2004
- Florida Associations of Counties, County Champion Award, 2004
- The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, Outstanding Representative Award, 2004
- The Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association, House Leadership Award, 2004
- Peter Weitzel Friend of the First Amendment Award presented to the House Democratic Caucus with special recognition to Representative Jack Seiler, 2004
- Judicial Assistants' Legislative Award, 2004
- The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Appreciation Certificate for Participation of Flag Day Celebration, 2004
- Pine Island Ridge Democratic Club Distinguished Service Award, 2004
- The Florida Bar Business Law Section Distinguished Service Award, 2004
- Broward Young Democrats Legislator of the Year Award, 2004

- American Heart Association, 2003
- Broward Community College, 2003
- PACE Legislative Leadership Award, 2003
- International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals, 2003
- Miami-Dade County League of Cities Award, 2003
- The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers Special Legislative Contributions Award, 2002
- The Florida Bar President's Legislative Award, 2001 Session
- American Cancer Society, 2001 Legislative Award
- The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers Outstanding Freshman Award, 2001
- The Trust for Public Land 2001 Legislative Leadership Award (Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever)
- Broward Community College Award in appreciation for support of BCC Competitive Edge Program 2001-2002
- Florida Banker's Association for service to Florida Banking Industry
- Dolphin Democratic Club, 2001 for commitment to South Florida Gay & Lesbian Community
- University of Florida, Legislative Award for 2001

3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

Firs of all I would like to say hi and thank all of you for volunteering to be on the committee all of you have been so committed and supportive of our community. Thank you for all your years of making a difference. As everyone can see on this application, I have never seen a person so involved in the community. You talk about the life of service.

I would like to focus on my first-hand experience with Jack the person. Nothing to do with his positions in politics and government.

I have known Jack for over 25 years and he is so down to earth. He is a pleasure to be around. He cares about the community and doesn't have a problem getting his hands dirty. I have so many examples of him getting involved and making a difference and positive impact, but I would be here for a week. Here are a few examples.

Volunteer coaching for multiple youth sports, for years everyone wanted to be on his team.

Emerald Society Scholarships for high school children in the community with over 25 years and over 150 scholarships.

Orange Bowl Field Carter Park. This place in Sponsors decades of sporting events for free to the community Runs, Walks. Track Meets etc.

Food Drives, Toy Giveaways, School Supplies, Water distribution, singing at events you get the message for decades.

Jack is comfortable in all surroundings loading cars setting up tents, working church carnivals, in the Inter City and on the Beach.

He has been a positive voice and an example of what is good in Fort Lauderdale, He is a big part of taking a

sleepy beach town into a world class destination.

Parks, Schools, Arenas, Stadiums built. Leading to World Class Competitions Special Events, Parades. and Concerts. The economic impact is immeasurable. It truly is a town you don't want to leave. He does so much work for the community behind the scenes. Time and money out of his own pocket.

He is one of those iconic individuals whose first name is all you need Elvis, Dolly, Wayne and Jack. Everyone knows him and a friend to all.

When I was a kid in Chicago my first Boss had sign on his desk

Never above you

Never Below You

Always with you.

That's

Jack Seiler.

4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

Biographical Information

· City of Residence: Fort Lauderdale

· Occupation: Attorney - Law Offices of Seiler, Sautter, Zaden, Rimes & Wahlbrink

· Education: University of Notre Dame, B.B.A., 1985; University of Miami, J.D., 1988; Nova Southeastern University, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters 2024

· Born: May 27, 1963, Fort Collins, Colorado

· Florida resident since 1964

John P. "Jack" Seiler is a principal of Seiler, Zaden, Rimes & Wahlbrink and a Martindale-Hubbell AV rated preeminent lawyer practicing in all areas of civil litigation. During his thirty six (36) years as a trial lawyer in South Florida, Mr. Seiler has extensive jury trial and non-jury trial experience throughout Florida's State and Federal Courts. Mr. Seiler has successfully represented a wide range of interests, including individuals, families, privately held corporations and related entities, publicly held corporations and related entities, partnerships, governmental entities, estates, trusts, guardianships, financial institutions, developers, contractors, subcontractors, professionals, etc. In addition, Mr. Seiler has been Court appointed numerous times to serve as a Receiver, Personal Representative, Curator, Trustee, Guardian, Guardian Ad Litem, Conservator, Conservator Ad Litem, Administrator Ad Litem, and Attorney Ad Litem. Mr. Seiler has also served as an expert witness attorney in numerous cases, actions and proceedings throughout South Florida.

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1. Nominated Honoree information:

Name of Nominated Honoree: Chuck Sperry
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2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

Chuck Sperry moved to Fort Lauderdale as a teenager and attended and graduated from Northeast High School in 1980. During this time, he experimented and honed his style. While at Northeast, he received his first art commission and sold his first painting to a fan in Coral Ridge. I believe his international acclaim in the art community would make him a fine addition to the Walk of Fame.

South Florida's vibrant visual art scene first inspired Chuck Sperry to enter into a visual art career. As a teenager, Chuck Sperry visited and was deeply inspired by many of the cultural sites and events South

Florida has to offer: Flagler Village, Miami Art Week, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, and often visited art galleries from Miami to Palm Beach.

3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

Chuck's artwork has been exhibited at leading art institutions including the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, and Fort Wayne Museum of Art; his prints have been archived in the permanent collections of SFMOMA, the Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts, The Oakland Museum of California, The Fort Wayne Museum of Art, San Francisco Public Library (Main Branch), the United States Library of Congress, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

He has brought his rock artistry to projects for Goldenvoice, Live Nation, Virgin Megastore, Guitar Center, Random House, Harper Collins, Harvard University Press, Nylon, and Wired.

He has been featured in The New York Times, New York Post, San Francisco Chronicle, The Independent, The Guardian, Herald Tribune, Le Parisien, Libération, Corriere della Sera, La Repubblica, l'Espresso, La Nación, The Huffington Post, Architectural Digest, Print, Fast Company, Ms. Magazine, Purple, Rolling Stone, Billboard, Vice, NME, Spin, Relix, Beaux Arts, Hi-Fructose, Juxtapoz, Beautiful Bizarre, Widewalls, We Heart, 7x7, KQED Arts, AV Club, Slash Film, Boing Boing, SF Bay Guardian, 48 Hills and many more.

Released in early 2009, the documentary film "American Artifact" prominently features Chuck Sperry. He has been featured in documentaries for film and television in the US, Europe and Australia.

One can find his art featured in many books, most notably Color x Color: The Sperry Archive 1980-2020, High Volume: The Art of Chuck Sperry, Helikon: The Muses of Chuck Sperry, Chthoneon: The Art of Chuck Sperry, Idyllion: The Art of Chuck Sperry, The Art of Modern Rock, Peace Signs: The Anti-War Movement Illustrated, and Street Art San Francisco: Mission Muralismo.

Chuck Sperry has honed the craft of designing and hand screen printing for over 20 years to become recognized throughout the world as one of the foremost rock poster artists and printmakers. Elevating the craft to fine art, Sperry creates socio-political artwork beyond rock. He adheres to the ideal that beauty strengthens his message.

4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

Chuck Sperry is an American artist best known for his screen prints on paper and oak panel, his limited-edition rock posters for bands, and his political protest art.

Sperry contributed 25 posters to the New Fillmore poster series for Bill Graham Presents starting there in 1994. Soon Virgin Megastore commissioned Sperry to create a series of posters for record releases including Fleetwood Mac, The Rolling Stones, Pearl Jam, Smashing Pumpkins, The Beastie Boys, U2 and The Beatles.

Sperry was art director for a series of posters for Goldenvoice, SF producing hundreds of posters for The Warfield and Regency Ballroom from 2008 to 2014.

Beginning in 2010, many of Sperry's prints have featured images of muses from Greek mythology. His involvement in the ERA movement as an ally has helped to amplify the message of equal rights for women, creating posters for Artists 4 ERA, Vote Equality, and the Center For Common Ground, and created three posters for the Women's March movement in 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Sperry, always broadening his artistic practices, works in paint and tapestry, installation, and publishing along with his screen printing. He has produced three editions of his career spanning book Color x Color: The Sperry Poster Archive 1980-2020.

For the past two decades, Chuck has created hundreds of iconic images in his signature psychedelic style. His exhibits regularly across the globe and it has been said that Chuck has propelled the American Rock poster genre to a new level of fine art status.

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1. Nominated Honoree information:

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2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

Dr. Danita A. Crawford's accomplishments reflect sustained excellence, civic responsibility, and transformative impact across public service, education, and community leadership. With more than two decades of service in government and nonprofit sectors, Dr. Crawford has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to strengthening institutions while centering equity, accountability, and human dignity. Her career includes senior leadership roles within Broward County Public Schools and Broward County Government, where she led high-impact initiatives in operations, communications, budgeting, and service delivery that directly improved outcomes for diverse communities.

Notably, Dr. Crawford played a critical leadership and support role in the aftermath of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy. During one of the most painful moments in Broward County's history, she contributed to coordinated response efforts focused on crisis communications, organizational stability, and community trust. Her work supported students, families, educators, and staff navigating trauma, grief, and recovery, while helping to reinforce transparency, accountability, and compassionate leadership within a highly scrutinized public system. This work required exceptional professionalism, emotional intelligence, and an unwavering commitment to public service under extraordinary circumstances.

As a Senior Officer with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Dr. Crawford continues to uphold due process and humanitarian protections, ensuring fairness and dignity for vulnerable populations. Her role reflects the highest standards of public trust and ethical responsibility. In addition, she serves as an adjunct faculty member at Broward College, where she educates and mentors future leaders, emphasizing civic engagement, ethical leadership, and service-oriented careers.

Dr. Crawford is the founder of The DS Collective, an organization dedicated to leadership development, organizational culture, and community capacity-building. Through this platform, she has developed and delivered workshops and trainings for public agencies, nonprofits, educational institutions, and law enforcement organizations, with a focus on leadership effectiveness, mental wellness, trust-building, and inclusive practices. She is the co-author of *Leading with a Growth Mindset: Unlocking Your Potential*, a work that has informed leadership development initiatives and professional training programs across sectors.

Her civic involvement includes active leadership and volunteer service with professional organizations such as the National Forum for Black Public Administrators and Blacks in Government, where she provides mentorship and strategic guidance to emerging and established public servants. Dr. Crawford's contributions have been recognized through multiple honors, including Jacqueline C. Whitman Distinguished Service Award and Most Prominent & Influential Black Women in Business and Industry, reflecting both professional excellence and community impact.

Through her leadership during times of crisis, sustained public service, educational contributions, volunteer engagement, and commitment to community empowerment, Dr. Danita A. Crawford exemplifies the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Her career represents a lasting legacy of service, resilience, ethical leadership, and meaningful impact on the community she serves.

3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

Dr. Danita A. Crawford is deserving of this award because her career embodies sustained excellence, selfless service, and measurable impact on the community, particularly during moments that demanded principled and compassionate leadership. For more than two decades, she has dedicated her professional life to public service, education, and community advancement, consistently placing the well-being of others and the integrity of public institutions at the center of her work.

Her leadership during the aftermath of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy stands as a defining example of her character and commitment. At a time of profound grief, public scrutiny, and organizational strain, Dr. Crawford contributed to stabilizing systems, supporting traumatized students, families, and educators, and reinforcing transparency and trust within the community. Her ability to lead with empathy, professionalism, and accountability during a historic crisis reflects the very essence of civic responsibility and public stewardship.

Beyond crisis leadership, Dr. Crawford has made lasting contributions through her work in government,

education, and nonprofit leadership. As a Senior Officer with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, she upholds humanitarian principles and due process for vulnerable populations, demonstrating ethical leadership at the national level. As an adjunct faculty member, she invests in the next generation by educating and mentoring students toward service-driven careers. Through The DS Collective and her published work on growth mindset and leadership, she has extended her impact by equipping organizations and individuals with the tools to lead effectively, ethically, and inclusively.

Dr. Crawford's volunteer service and leadership in professional organizations further underscore her commitment to community uplift and mentorship. Her numerous recognitions and honors reflect not only professional achievement but also the trust and respect she has earned through consistent service and integrity.

This award is fitting because Dr. Crawford's contributions are not episodic or symbolic; they are sustained, courageous, and transformative. Her legacy is one of leadership in moments of calm and crisis alike, making her a model of the values and impact this honor is intended to recognize.

4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

Dr. Danita A. Crawford is a nationally respected public servant, educator, author, and leadership development professional with more than 20 years of experience across government, education, and nonprofit sectors. She holds a Ph.D. in General Psychology with a specialization in Organizational Leadership and has built a career centered on ethical leadership, organizational effectiveness, equity, and community impact.

Dr. Crawford currently serves as a Senior Officer with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, where she is entrusted with upholding due process and humanitarian protections for vulnerable populations. Her federal service reflects a deep commitment to public trust, fairness, and accountability. In addition, she is an adjunct faculty member at Broward College, where she teaches and mentors students pursuing careers in public service, leadership, and related fields.

Her professional background includes senior leadership roles with Broward County Public Schools, Broward County Government, and nationally recognized human services organizations. In these roles, she led initiatives in communications, operations, budgeting, and organizational development, and played a key role in supporting institutional response and recovery efforts following the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy.

Dr. Crawford is the founder of The DS Collective, a leadership development and organizational consulting firm focused on building strong cultures, effective leaders, and resilient teams. She is the co-author of *Leading with a Growth Mindset: Unlocking Your Potential*, which informs her work in leadership training, executive coaching, and professional development across public, nonprofit, and educational organizations.

She is an equity and diversity certified trainer and an active leader in professional organizations, including the National Forum for Black Public Administrators and Blacks in Government, where she contributes through mentorship, training, and service. Her work has earned multiple honors, including South Florida's Top Educator and the Director's Pinnacle Award.

Dr. Crawford resides in Weston, Florida, and is widely recognized for her integrity, compassion, and sustained commitment to community service and leadership excellence.

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2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

Stephen Fallon is the Founding Executive Director of Latinos Salud, a nonprofit established in 2008 that has served Fort Lauderdale and South Florida for over 17 years under his leadership. Latinos Salud operates four full-time locations and provides free, culturally competent health services including HIV and STD rapid testing, PrEP initiation and navigation, vaccinations, Ryan White case management, linkage to medical care, and other preventive services to uninsured and underinsured residents. Annually, the organization conducts over 23,000 HIV tests, 34,000 STD screenings, treats more than 3,000 STD cases, initiates about 2,000 people on PrEP and maintains another 2,000 on PrEP, vaccinates over 1,000 community members,

and stages more than 100 health-and-culture community events that bring residents together for social connection and wellness education. These services directly contribute to improving health outcomes, reducing disease spread, and offering practical support for youth, LGBTQ+, and underserved populations in Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

Under Stephen's direction, Latinos Salud also hosts free community events—such as kayak outings, cultural gatherings, and educational workshops—that foster social support and inclusion, helping young people and adults alike build community networks and resilience. Through fundraising activities, participation in regional efforts like the Fort Lauderdale AIDS Walk, and effective grant stewardship, Stephen has secured the organizational capacity to sustain and grow these services. By making healthcare accessible and welcoming to all identities and backgrounds, his work has enhanced Fort Lauderdale's quality of life and strengthened community cohesion.

3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

Stephen Fallon deserves this award because his leadership has produced measurable impact on public health and community well-being over nearly two decades. His vision turned a small outreach project into a multimillion-dollar organization with an operating budget in the tens of millions that serves thousands each year with essential health services and community programming. He has built sustainable programs that reach beyond clinic walls—integrating health care with cultural connection, education, and social support. Stephen's work demonstrates civic responsibility through consistent public service, strategic fundraising, and accountability in grant management.

In addition, Stephen supports other local nonprofits by helping them prepare and submit competitive grant proposals, sharing expertise in nonprofit compliance, program design, and outcomes measurement to strengthen the broader ecosystem of community-based organizations addressing health and social needs. His collaborative efforts help smaller groups secure funding and amplify their impact, reflecting a community-minded approach that goes beyond his own organization.

4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

Stephen Fallon, PhD, is a nonprofit leader and public health advocate who co-founded Latinos Salud in 2008 and has served as its Executive Director since inception. Dr. Fallon has previously directed HRSA's national hub for technical assistance to the Ryan White community (the TARGET Center). Through his consultancy, Skills4, he has trained staff, developed boards, written grants, evaluated programs, and facilitated community health forums in 42 states, consulting for the Centers for Disease Control, the U.S. Office of Minority Health, the National Minority AIDS Council, and several states' Departments of Health. Dr Fallon's research has appeared in The Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes, AIDS and Behavior, The Journal of Urban Health, and in community publications such as Positively Aware magazine.

Stephen's career reflects a deep commitment to equity and community health. He has led initiatives that address both clinical needs (such as PrEP access and STD treatment) and social determinants of health (through community events and youth services). His leadership has strengthened Fort Lauderdale's reputation as a city that values inclusive care, civic engagement, and opportunities for all residents to live, work, and thrive.

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[Latinos Salud Brings HIV Treatment and Prevention to Latinx Communities in South Florida.pdf](#)

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2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

The accomplishments of the nominee is that Angela Posillico is the CEO for the Ms. International World Pageant, a 100 Successful Women in Business Honoree, and a Lifetime Presidential Achievement Award Honoree.

This year, the Ms. International World Pageant was hosted by the City of Fort Lauderdale. Women from around the world competed for several titles. Our crown has been the "Key to Success" for so many woman around the world.

Ms. International World is more than a celebration. It is a testament to empowerment, purpose, and the unyielding strength of women who are creating positive change around the world.

The Ms. International World Organization is honored to make Fort Lauderdale the home of future Ms. International World Pageants. Because of our efforts, we were also awarded a Proclamation from the City of Fort Lauderdale.

3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

The nominee is deserving of this award, because she will continue to empower all women through education and business.

4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

In addition to being the CEO for the Ms. International World Organization, Angela is no stranger to the Talent, Model and Entertainment Industry. Having studied music from Age 5, Angela is an accomplished Singer and Dancer. She studied with some of the finest teachers in the industry. She also graduated from the prestigious Julliard Academy of Music in New York, with a Master's Degree in Operatic studies. In regards to her dance instructions, she had the distinct pleasure of studying with Maksim Chmerkovsky, from "Dancing with the Stars" and owner of Dance with Me studios.

Angela's greatest accomplishment was performing in "Phantom of the Opera, where she played the part of Christine Daae.

Angela's pageant titles include: Mrs. New Jersey Globe 1996 and Ms. New Jersey US of A in 1997.

5. This nomination was submitted by:

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2) Describe Linda Carter's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular attention to the criteria with examples.

Linda B. Carter's career represents one of the most consequential and sustained civic contributions in Fort Lauderdale's history. A Broward County native born at Broward General Hospital and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Linda devoted more than four decades to building permanent institutions that strengthen youth, families, nonprofits, and the overall quality of life in the city and region.

Her early career set the foundation for this impact. Over 15 years at what was then the Discovery Center later transformed into the Museum of Discovery and Science Linda rose to Executive Vice President and played a pivotal role in growing the institution into a regional landmark that educates, inspires, and attracts families and visitors to Fort Lauderdale. She raised the funds to move the Museum into its current state-of-the-art facility. This work directly enhanced the city as a place to **live, work, play, and visit**, and established her reputation as an exceptional institution builder.

Linda's most far-reaching contributions came during her 23-year tenure as President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Broward (CFB). When she assumed leadership in 1997, the Foundation held \$20 million in assets and distributed approximately \$1 million annually in grants. Under her stewardship, assets grew to more than \$220 million, and grantmaking expanded to \$1 million per month funding initiatives that profoundly improved outcomes for youth, families, and vulnerable populations across Fort Lauderdale and Broward County.

In providing a **positive outlook for youth**, Linda championed education reform through long-term investments in middle school success, contributing to district-wide improvements that raised graduation rates from 77% to 86%. She also led **foster care** reform by shining a spotlight on youth aging out of care an issue previously lacking advocates and building a coordinated public-private safety net connecting more than eight hundred youth annually to housing, education, employment, transportation, and life coaching.

Linda made equally transformative contributions to **public health and quality of life**, leading the Community Foundation to become the first private funder in Broward to address HIV/AIDS prevention. Over two decades, this work dramatically increased testing and awareness, helped reduce infection rates among newborns, and attracted \$3.7 million for localized prevention solutions. She also originated **Broward Cares** focused on recovery and rebuilding efforts during a crisis. This first of its kind collaboration with United Way of Broward and the Jewish Federation of Broward County. This unique disaster recovery collaborative was later replicated in other parts of Florida.

By fostering collaboration among nonprofits, public agencies, and funders, Linda consistently **strengthened the spirit of the community**. Her leadership development programs enhanced the productivity of more than 11,000 nonprofit staff and board leaders, while her advocacy helped reauthorize the Children's Services Council producing \$60 million annually to address children's issues critical to Fort Lauderdale's future.

Nationally, Linda brought **positive recognition to Fort Lauderdale**, making the Community Foundation of Broward the first in Florida accredited under the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations and securing its position among the Top 100 community foundations nationwide. Her courageous leadership also established one of Florida's first LGBT Funds, advancing inclusion and diversity and positioning the region as a compassionate, forward-thinking community. Investments of \$8 million enhanced major LGBT serving agencies with infrastructure capacity growth and program development. During her tenure, CFB was among the top 5 LGBT community Funders in the nation.

Other remarkable accomplishments under Linda Carter's CFB leadership for **providing a positive outlook for the future of our youth**:

- Seventy-five percent of D and F middle school students, enrolled in Foundation supported programs, increased their math and reading scores due to long-term commitment to move the needle in education. The School District embraced middle school strategies as a critical fork in the road to drive graduation rate to 90% target.

Other remarkable accomplishments under Linda Carter's CFB **leadership for contributing to the quality of life for our citizens**:

- Stimulated 10,000 hours of cutting-edge volunteerism to capitalize on the talent of newly retired baby boomers. This four-year initiative, "*Re-engage for Good*" produced new strategies that are now embedded in organizations to engage this talent in new ways.

- More than \$6 million in pandemic response were provided – pivoting to provide support for residents’ emergency needs and also investing in long-term solutions for the far-reaching effects of the crisis.
- The Community Foundation’s “*Silver Tsunami*” report on the plight of vulnerable seniors has become a “go to” reference for leaders. State legislators, judges, senior service providers continue to cite this report as their call to action for change and it caused the creation of the first of its kind, Aging Funders Collaborative.
- **Leadership** programs enhanced the productivity of more than 11,000 nonprofit staff and board leaders over 20 years - Increased productivity of 11,000 nonprofit staff and Board leaders producing high-performing organizations. This Leadership program was the first of its kind in Broward and the state and was one of CFB’s signature programs for 20 years.
- Linda Carter has empowered local philanthropists to create personalized charitable funds at the Community Foundation that have distributed more than \$120 million and produced game-changing impact on the issues that matter in our community. Her laser-like focus on building an endowment, means that this support will ALWAYS be there for our community, in perpetuity, for generations to come.

Other remarkable accomplishments under Linda Carter’s CFB leadership in **bringing positive recognition to the City, locally or nationally:**

- CFB has been ranked in top one hundred community foundations in the nation due to growth of size and impact and have remained there for the past 6 years
- CFB is the largest private, local funder of cancer clinical trials in Broward. This work has allowed local hospitals to receive NCI designation as a world class research institution.
- As a result of her work, the Community Foundation became one of the top 5 LGBT community foundation Funders in the nation. The Foundation awarded more than \$8.4 million to support over five hundred programs benefitting LGBT neighbors

Other remarkable accomplishments under Linda Carter’s CFB leadership in **making Fort Lauderdale a place to live, work, or play:**

- Launched the BE BOLD Leadership Campaign, which raised more than \$415 million to grow an endowment able to keep pace with fast-growing community needs.
- For 2024, Community Foundation of Broward managed over \$300M in total assets representing 571 charitable funds and has produced 1,275 individual grants totaling \$20M.
- Linda oversaw the growth of the CFB’s Legacy Society and Community Builders (\$1M+ donors/fund holders), achieving signed promises/confirmed commitments of \$463 million in total planned/estate gifts to the Foundation, this is prodigious because these represent a pipeline of gifts that will be realized over time – and will become endowed funds that will enable the Foundation to invest an additional \$23 million in the community EVERY YEAR....forever.

Through these achievements, Linda Carter has helped make Fort Lauderdale a thriving destination, one known for strong institutions, inclusive values, civic leadership, and long-term investment in people and place.

3) – Why is Linda deserving of this award?

Linda B. Carter deserves the Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame because her life’s work exemplifies visionary leadership, measurable impact, and lifelong dedication to her hometown.

Unlike many leaders whose contributions are programmatic or short-term, Linda built **permanent civic infrastructure** endowments, institutions, and collaborative systems designed to serve Fort Lauderdale “today and forever.” She transformed organizations that were once little known into indispensable cornerstones of the community, ensuring they would endure through economic cycles and leadership transitions.

Her leadership consistently filled advocacy gaps, addressing complex and sometimes unpopular issues foster care reform, HIV/AIDS prevention, LGBTQ inclusion, education equity, and aging long before they gained broad public attention. These efforts improved lives, influenced public policy, and elevated Fort Lauderdale’s reputation locally and nationally.

Linda’s impact is also deeply personal and place based. Born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, she invested her professional life in strengthening the very community that shaped her. Upon her retirement, the City of Fort Lauderdale proclaimed September 15 as “Linda Carter Day,” recognizing her extraordinary service. Her continued leadership on local, state, and national boards underscores that her commitment to Fort Lauderdale did not end with retirement.

For her courage, vision, institutional legacy, and unwavering dedication to making Fort Lauderdale a better place to live, work, and visit, Linda Carter is a singularly worthy Walk of Fame honoree.

4) – Provide a brief biography, resume, or other background information about Linda.

Linda B. Carter is a transformative civic and philanthropic leader and a native of Fort Lauderdale. She earned her degree in advertising from the University of Florida and returned home to begin a distinguished nonprofit career spanning more than 40 years.

Linda spent 15 years with the Museum of Discovery and Science, rising to Executive Vice President and helping grow the institution from the Discovery Center into one of South Florida’s most important cultural and educational attractions.

From 1997 to 2020, she served as President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Broward, where she led its evolution from a \$20 million organization into a nationally recognized

foundation with more than \$220 million in assets and a powerful record of community impact. Under her leadership, the Foundation became the first in Florida to achieve National Standards accreditation and earned consistent placement among the Top 100 community foundations in the United States.

Following her retirement, Linda has held numerous leadership roles, including Vice-Chairman of the Board of Florida House on Capitol Hill; Chair of the Philanthropy Committee and member of the Strategic Planning Committee for Holy Cross Health; and Board Member and former Secretary of Funding Arts Broward. Her past service includes boards such as the Urban League of Broward County, Broward Workshop, Jack and Jill Children's Center, Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale, and national philanthropic associations. She continues to lead by example as both a Fundholder and a Legacy Society member at the Community Foundation. This ensures that her own endowed charitable fund will continue to support the needs of Broward County forever.

Here are other national and field-level professional leadership roles that Linda Carter has been active in:

- Council on Foundations – National Standards Reviewer
 - This is a national peer-review function that evaluates whether community foundations meet the Council's National Standards, effectively putting her on a national compliance/quality panel for the field.
- Community Foundation Service Corporation – Board Member
 - A national vehicle tied to services for community foundations, indicating engagement beyond Broward in steering field infrastructure.
- Community Foundations of Florida – Board Member and Former Chair
 - This statewide affinity group connects all Florida community foundations; serving as Chair puts her at the center of statewide policy and practice discussions in philanthropy.
- The Donors Forum – Board Member
 - A regional/statewide donor and foundation network (Florida Philanthropic Network roots); her board role again signals peer-recognized leadership.
- Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Broward – Founding Board Member and Former Chair
 - Founding the local AFP chapter and later chairing it positions her as one of the architects of Broward's professional fundraising community.
- Planned Giving Council of Broward – Founding Board Member and Former Chair
 - This ties her to the professional advisor community (attorneys, CPAs, wealth managers) and to technical leadership in charitable planning.

She has received many honors, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals and a City of Fort Lauderdale proclamation recognizing "Linda Carter Day, September 15, 2020." Linda resides in Fort Lauderdale with her husband, Michael. She and Michael are philanthropists with an endowed Charitable Fund at CFB to use to support

causes they care about in Fort Lauderdale. Linda remains actively engaged in civic leadership in the community she has served her entire life.

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6) Additional Material – Video and Endorsements

The Best is Yet to Come: 3 CFB CEOs Speak about the past present and future (our podcast): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avu0vBrlegg>

Endorsements for Linda Carter’s Recognition Nomination

Testimonies in Support of Linda Carter’s Outstanding Contributions

Introduction

The following document contains endorsements from various individuals celebrating Linda Carter’s nomination for the 2026 Walk of Fame . Each testimony highlights Linda’s exemplary dedication, impact, and service to the community. These endorsements collectively demonstrate why Linda Carter is a deserving candidate for this honor.

Endorsement from Jennifer O’Flannery Anderson, President/CEO Community Foundation of Broward, past VP Nova SE University, past CEO of United Way Broward

It is with deep admiration and heartfelt gratitude that I offer my strongest support for the nomination of Linda B. Carter to the City of Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame. Linda’s legacy is not only remarkable but also woven into the very fabric of this community.

A proud Fort Lauderdale native, Linda devoted 23 years of unwavering service to the city she called home. Her work wasn’t just professional; it was deeply personal. She believed that true philanthropy demands bold action, not acceptance of the status quo. Her leadership was driven by a

vision of a stronger, more equitable Fort Lauderdale, and she dedicated her career to making that vision a reality.

When Linda became President/CEO of the Community Foundation of Broward in 1997, she inherited a modest organization. Through her relentless drive and strategic insight, she transformed it into one of the region's most impactful civic institutions. Under her guidance, the Foundation's assets grew from \$20 million to over \$200 million, and grantmaking expanded from \$1 million annually, to \$1 million every month.

But Linda's impact can't be measured in dollars alone. She directed those resources into transformative initiatives, supporting foster care reform, public health, economic empowerment, the arts, education, and more. These are not abstract achievements; they have touched real lives, changed futures, and strengthened the heart of Fort Lauderdale.

The reason the Community Foundation of Broward continues to deliver record-breaking grantmaking today, is because of the rock-solid foundation Linda built. Her emphasis on endowed giving ensures that our community will always have permanent resources to tackle its biggest challenges, long after her retirement.

Linda's legacy is not simply one of leadership, it is one of lasting community change. The people of Fort Lauderdale benefit every day from her vision, her values, and her voice. Honoring her on the City's Walk of Fame is not just a recognition of past accomplishments, it is a celebration of the future she made possible for all of us.

Endorsement from Frank Brogan, FL Bar Board Certified Estate Planning

"I have often said that the best thing I did during my term as Chairman of the Community Foundation of Broward was to hire Linda as our CEO. At the time she was doing an outstanding job in development with the Museum of Discovery, but she felt and the CFB agreed that she was ready to move up to a leadership role. She came into the CFB and just took over and propelled us to outstanding growth in assets and community contributions during her long term. The CFB became a nationally recognized which brought positive recognition to Fort Lauderdale. Many of the organizations that the CFB support involve inspiring youth in our community and also foster a community spirit and

unity. The growth of the CFB under her leadership directly impacted our city and contributed to the overall lifestyle in Fort Lauderdale. .”

Endorsement from Mary Riedel, Past CEO of Women in Distress, Past President of Funding Arts Broward

“Linda Carter is a connector -- connecting people to one another and to causes that make our community a better place for all. She also is a great listener -- always seeking input on the issues and solutions.

She is a master of bringing community issues to the forefront and building collaborations to affect change. Linda is a master at both the art and science of fundraising. Whether at United Way early in her career, helping a new Museum of Science (MODS) become a reality and then taking a leadership role at the Community Foundation of Broward.

I always recall Linda saying about building support: you have to "listen for the gift."

She has done that well and helped lift up so many segments of our Broward community.

In her more than two decades as the President and CEO at the Community Foundation of Broward, she brought the Community Foundation to the new level to become among the top 100 community foundations in the nation and shaped the Foundation to be a key connector among the public and private sectors.

She helped to unlock the power of philanthropy to move Broward County forward.

Linda is a planner and a strategic thinker and brings a deft, personal touch to her community building work. Laughter and a great sense of humor are her secret weapons.

Education was a special area of interest -- working to improve the opportunities for all children. Healthcare, the arts, preserving our environment and our Florida history -- all received the Linda Carter touch.”

Endorsement from Arlene Pecora, CFB Fund Holder, Broward Philanthropist

“Linda Carter, distinguished leader, community champion, and cherished friend to many. A great visionary, the intrepid Linda

Carter charted the course from a grassroots organization to the formidable Community Foundation of Broward, until she passed the torch. Linda's decades long marathon of community service and impact, fostered a better and more purposeful life for so many in Broward County. Her sustained commitment elevated opportunity for endless citizens and empowered them to thrive in our community."

Endorsement from Albert and Beatriz Maniaci, CFB Community Builder, Broward Philanthropists

"Through my years on the Community Foundation Board, I had the privilege of working with Linda very closely. She was instrumental in bringing a great group of community leaders on the board to establish Community Foundation of Broward. Linda was the engine that propelled the growth that was created through her leadership. She had a tremendous role, not only in the CFB, but also with all the organizations that are supported by the CFB. Especially, the Foster Care programs, that through her stewardship, we're able to extend their benefits from 18 to 21 years old, and I had the privilege to chair that committee. Through her direction, and the professionalism that she projected to the board, it helped many of us move onto other boards, and serve the community as more productive, efficient, and effective board members.

The way she led with kindness and gentleness, brought the best out of people.

She was a good role model for all of us. She was a good listener, and she was also able to place board members who were rolling off CFB and place them on other boards that needed their assistance. In my case I went onto FLITE as a founding board member.

It is a program for kids aging out with OK foster care."

Endorsement from Rita Case, Rick Case Enterprises, Inc., Broward Philanthropist

RITA CASE | PRESIDENT & CEO

Re: Nomination in support of Linda Carter for the 2026 Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame.

I met Linda when she started as the CEO of the Community Foundation and I was on the Board for my 7-year term. Over the 25 years, we have built a mutually respected and productive relationship to support Broward County's most important organizations to build a better life for all. Linda dedicated her professional career to leading many efforts to build a safe, educated, and healthy community for all those that needed a hand-up.

I strongly support Linda's nomination for this honor for her-sustained, positive impacts on our community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rita Case". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rita Case

Endorsement from James and Cathy Donnelly, past CEO of The Castle Group Management, Past CFB Chair, Community Builders, Broward Philanthropists

“I am writing this note in support of Linda Carter’s nomination for the 2026 Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame.

Cathy and I are very grateful for the commitment, time, and impact Linda has given to the Fort Lauderdale community.

Linda is best known for her decades of leadership at the Community Foundation of Broward. She grew the Community Foundation from a start-up to one of the top ranked community foundations in the state. It was an honor for me to serve as her Board Chair and see firsthand the impact she had on our City.

Linda also worked very hard to work closely with most of the non-profits in Fort Lauderdale to make this great city a vibrant place to live, work, and play.

There is no question in my mind that Linda’s years of effort has been an inspiration for others and has enhanced the quality of life in our city.

She was the best at connecting people that care about issues that matter to Fort Lauderdale.

It will give us great pride to see Linda’s name on the Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame.”

Thank you,

Cathy and James Donnelly

Endorsement from Louise Dill, past Senior Exec Northern Trust, CFB Board, Bonnet House Board, CFB Fund Holder, Broward Philanthropist

“As a former Community Foundation of Broward Board member, I had the privilege of witnessing Linda Carter's leadership and executive skills. Her strategic vision and drive took the Foundation's assets from \$65 million in the late 1990's to more than \$250 million by 2020. This growth allowed the organization to fund numerous initiatives across Broward County and coincided with the County's growing population and related needs. Linda reached out to form partnerships with other organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, the Broward County School District, and the Jewish Federation of Broward County setting an example that working together is not only necessary in a diverse and growing region but essential to meet the needs of the community.”

Endorsement from Carolyn Lee, past Senior Exec Northern Trust, CFB Board, Founding Arts Broward Board past Board president, Henderson Health past Board president, Broward Philanthropist

Linda grew up in Fort Lauderdale and built her career in the nonprofit world, making her mark at the Museum of Discovery and Science and as the CEO of the Community Foundation of Broward. When asked to quote Linda; she would simply ask, “Why.” Challenges assumptions and outdated thinking. She would rather make a choice based on reality rather than tradition. This approach has helped her to strengthen and shape other local organizations. Linda continues to add value to several boards to include Florida House and the Holy Cross Health Board of Directors. Linda has given her support to numerous causes. I want to mention two for which we both share a passion: Elevating the need for mental health services in our community and support for the arts. She has championed both professionally and personally. She and Michael, her husband, can regularly be seen attending local theater and musical performances, art exhibits, and festivals. Linda’s commitment to our community and participation in its success makes her the perfect recipient for this recognition.

Endorsement from Margarita Castellon, AT&T Senior Mgr., past CFB Board member, Lighthouse of Broward Board Member

For her positive, extensive, and lasting impact on Ft. Lauderdale and for her substantial contributions to the quality of life of its citizens, Linda Carter is uniquely deserving of the Ft. Lauderdale 2026 Walk of Fame award.

Linda has devoted her career to serving Ft. Lauderdale’s and Broward’s citizens, guiding and inspiring others to turn their philanthropic gifts to lasting change—“for good, forever” to the many causes that matter and using those funds to transform the lives of those most in need. With her bold leadership and community building skills, she has strengthened the confidence and ability of non-profit organizations to deliver life-changing services, resulting in many gains in economic sufficiency, educational

success, and positive health outcomes. The impact of her work has made Ft. Lauderdale a more giving, vibrant, and resilient community.

Linda's work has infused Ft. Lauderdale with a spirit of giving, vibrancy, and resilience, making it stronger and more connected than ever before. Honoring Linda Carter with the 2026 Ft. Lauderdale Walk of Fame award, along with a commemorative paver, would be a truly deserving tribute to her outstanding achievements and her inspiring legacy.

Endorsement from Carol Dorko, CFO Community Foundation of Broward

For more than a decade, I had the privilege of working closely with our former CEO, Linda Carter, whose leadership, vision, and unshakable commitment to community transformed the trajectory of the Community Foundation of Broward, and the lives of countless individuals across Broward County. Her tenure was defined by bold action and meaningful impact.

Under her direction, the Foundation secured the pivotal Kresge Challenge, a landmark accomplishment that strengthened and expanded our endowment, ensuring long-term stability for our mission.

She also championed the creation of the Flight Center, a groundbreaking resource for youth aging out of foster care. Her belief that every young person deserves support, guidance, and hope became a cornerstone of the Foundation's work.

At a time when AIDS carried significant stigma, she led courageous fundraising efforts to address the needs of those affected. Her willingness to take on issues that others shied away from reflects her exceptional character and unwavering moral clarity.

She also led the organization to become the first community foundation in Florida to earn accreditation through the National Standards for U.S.

Community Foundations, setting a statewide standard for excellence and accountability.

Her leadership philosophy was as thoughtful as it was inspiring. One of her most memorable guiding principles, “writing is clarity in thought,” helped shape our organizational culture and our approach to communication. Even as she approached retirement, she ensured the Foundation was positioned for continued growth by launching the Be Bold Campaign, empowering us to become proactive fundraisers of endowment and champions for the future.

Her legacy is one of innovation, compassion, and fearless advocacy. She did far more than lead a nonprofit, she elevated a community.

Endorsement from Joan Crain, Retired BNY Mellon Financial Sr Director, past Trust Banker of the Year, Past CFB Chair

As CEO, Linda transformed the Community Foundation of Broward from one of several good nonprofits into the region's leading philanthropic force, improving the quality of life across neighborhoods and generations. She combined heart, intelligence, and tenacity to improve the lives of residents through her ability to bring people together - youth, community leaders, philanthropists, and everyday residents - to tackle real problems with optimism and creativity. As a past board chair and longtime member of the Foundation's investment and professional advisors' committees, I've experienced firsthand Linda's gift of inspiring people of all ages to believe they can make a difference in Broward County - a legacy that fully merits recognition on the Walk of Fame.

Endorsement from Dev Montwani, a prominent real estate developer and investor in Fort Lauderdale, President & CEO of Merrimac Ventures, CFB Community Builder, Broward Philanthropist

“Linda was instrumental in transforming the Community Foundation of Broward from an aspirational vision into a thriving, impactful institution.

Through decades of hard work, dedication, and integrity, she led the organization as a trusted steward of donor resources and a valued partner to Broward's nonprofit community. Her leadership built a strong, sustainable foundation that will serve our community for generations to come.

[Endorsement from Gary Bitner, Founder and President of Bitner Group, past CFB Board member](#)

After taking the reins of the Community Foundation of Broward from its founder, Libby Deinhardt, Linda Carter was responsible for its explosive growth, both in terms of adding hundreds of new major donors, as well as upping the number and amount of donations made to a long list of community organizations. In the process, she focused on strategic needs and opportunities in our community and developed innovative approaches to solving community problems. She is highly deserving of recognition as part of the 2026 Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame inductees.

[Endorsement from Joe Cox, President & CEO at Museum of Discovery and Science](#)

Linda Carter's legacy glows throughout the Museum of Discovery and Science. As our Founding Development Director, who oversaw the \$35million Capital Campaign to create MODS, she didn't just help build a museum; she helped build a sense of possibility in a city hungry for it. Since opening in 1992, over 15million visitors have connected with inspiring science at this immersive science museum. MODS' 15million visitors aren't just a statistic, they're a constellation of young minds she helped set into orbit. The City of Fort Lauderdale is full of adults who once walked through the museum as children and left believing their own curiosity mattered.

Linda is a person who has the ability to see Fort Lauderdale not just as it was, but as it could be. A community foundation CEO by title, but a community weaver in practice, Linda is skilled in connecting the passions of individuals to community needs and strengthening non-profits throughout the City.

Endorsement from Juliet Roulhac, Director for Corporate External Affairs FPL, Past CFB Board President, Past President of Broward Workshop, Past Chair of Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce

Linda Carter, is a visionary civic champion whose leadership measurably as former CEO OF the Community Foundation of Broward, strengthened Broward's quality of life and knit our community closer together. Under her guidance, the Foundation catalyzed philanthropic partnerships that expanded access to education, arts and culture, and essential services for seniors, veterans, and families—ensuring resources reached neighborhoods where they could do the most good. She convened public, private, and nonprofit leaders to tackle shared challenges, building trust and a common purpose that fostered unity across diverse communities. Linda's steadfast commitment to inclusive collaboration, strategic investment, and accountability transformed generosity into lasting impact, leaving a legacy of compassion, connection, and opportunity.

Endorsement from Mimi Bauer, Philanthropist, Artist, and Exhibitor

Yes, I'd like to add my name in support of Linda Carters nomination

Endorsement from William Synder, Managing Partner of Snyder & Snyder, CFB Board Member and Past Chair

To Whom It May Concern:

I had the pleasure of working with Linda Carter during the six years I served on the Board of the Community Foundation of Broward. Without hesitation, I recommend that Linda be recognized on the Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame.

A few of the programs developed during Linda's tenure include the Issues That Matter Program which brought community leaders together to identify and tackle the most pressing issues facing Broward County. Another program

developed during her tenure sought to provide support to disadvantaged children in the community, especially pre-high school children. Linda's work in Broward County is well known, and I could highlight dozens of other programs which were developed during her tenure.

Needless to say, if anyone deserves this honor in Broward County, it is Linda. Thank you for considering my recommendation.

Very truly yours,

SNYDER & SNYDER, P.A.

William A. Snyder

[Endorsement from Ray Leightman, Past Regional Director Northern Trust, Board of Governors NSU Art Museum, Trustee Kresge Foundation, Board for Broward Center for the Performing Arts](#)

"I Can't think of a better candidate for the Walk of Fame.

Linda has been a model for community advocacy. She was instrumental in focusing on board development for hundreds of Broward nonprofit organizations. Her discipline for managing the portfolio has established CFB as the place that ensures continuity for future generations. She established a solid leadership both internally and throughout the community.

Broward County is a better place due the Linda's contribution and was glad to be a CFB Chair under her leadership"

Endorsement from Christy Lambertus, Attorney, CFB Professional Advisors Council, Inspiring Philanthropy Award, former CFB Board Chair, CFB Fundholder and Broward Philanthropist.

“I would say that Linda had an out-of-the-box way of looking at a problem or situation and bringing together people who might help to solve that problem. That is what I always admired about her.”

Endorsement from Jarett Levan, Pres/CEO BBX Capital , CEO Sweet Holdings, CFB Community Builder and Past Board member, Broward Philanthropist

“As a CFB board member for seven years and a Community Builder, I have worked very closely with Linda Carter. Linda recognized early on that we had more needs in our community, to serve and support our Broward County residents, than we had endowed funds. Linda recommended and oversaw a significant Be Bold campaign, which will have a lasting impact on families in Broward for generations. Under Linda’s leadership, the Community Foundation of Broward, secured over \$400M in funding from donors and fundholders. However, the most inspiring and relevant impact of Linda’s time at CFB, was when the community needed it most - during hurricanes, flooding, and other times of crisis, when she partnered with other organizations, like United Way, or Jewish Federation, or Children’s Services Council, to immediately solve a problem with time or dollars.”

Endorsement from Jim Labate, Bonnet House Board President, Broward Performing Arts Foundation Board, past Chair for Broward College Foundation and CFB Fund Holder, Broward Philanthropist

When I re-engaged with the CFB 15 years plus after Lynn and I started a fund, one of the primary goals in our plan was to increase the graduation rates in Broward County. 5-10 years later these rates are significantly higher, much of this credit goes to Linda and her leadership at the CFB.

Linda took over the CFB when it was still small and helped transform into the juggernaut it is today. From this small fund the CFB grew into the top one hundred in the U.S. even though we were formed half a century later than many of those.

The Mary Porter gift (\$43M) which came under her watch was transformative, it gave the CFB new resources with which to enhance our community. Linda worked with that gift and opened new programs within the Foundation to serve our community in ways that still resonate today.

Having had the opportunity to work closely with Linda as Chair some years ago, I observed how Linda's calm and thoughtful demeanor combined with a tenacity to get problems solved and helped our community together to identify areas of need, strategize how to attack these needs, fund the plan and initiatives to solve, and carry it through. She's a great believer in best practices and this shines throughout the Community Foundation today, which in turn has made Broward County into a much better place than it was before and more importantly gave us all the awareness, resources, and know how to tackle big issues in our community.

Endorsement from Lamar Fisher, Broward County Commissioner District 4

“Linda’s tireless efforts and dedication to Broward County throughout the years have generated a lasting, positive impact to the community. I am confident that she would be a truly deserving recipient of the 2026 Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame.

Endorsement from Nan Rich, Broward County Commissioner

To the City of Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame Committee,

For 23 years, Linda Carter led the Community Foundation of Broward, one of the indispensables, non-governmental funders of human service programs in Broward County. Her leadership set the bar, and it is a testament to her success that the Foundation continues to thrive since her retirement in 2020. She is fully deserving of a place on the 2026 Fort Lauderdale's Walk of Fame, having enhanced the quality of life for all in Broward County.

Warm Regards, Senator Nan Rich, Broward County Commissioner

Conclusion

These endorsements reflect Linda Carter's unwavering commitment to the Fort Lauderdale and its residents. Her actions have positively shaped our community, and we strongly support her nomination for city recognition.



2026 WALK OF FAME HONOREE NOMINATION FORM

The City established the Walk of Fame in 2010 at the inaugural Great American Beach Party to pay tribute to the legendary Connie Francis on the 50th Anniversary of “Where the Boys Are,” the 1960 film which made Fort Lauderdale an overnight sensation and a “must see” destination for visitors.

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The deadline for the 2026 Walk of Fame nominations is Monday, December 15, 2025.

Nominated Honoree information:

Name of nominated honoree: Stacy Ritter

Address: 2427 Sea Island Drive

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Home Phone: _____ Office: _____ Cell: 954-684-9255

Email: russ@rkna.net

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1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

Stacy Ritter after serving eight years in the Florida House of Representatives, 10 years on the Broward County commission, Mayor, Broward County, and for the past nine years president and CEO of Visit Lauderdale. Her accomplishments have been too many to mention, but three of those that contributed dramatically to the sustainability and growth of the city of Fort Lauderdale and the region, are the construction and financing of the new Broward County courthouse and finally after 15 years of litigation, Stacy was able to secure the necessary votes to build the south runway at Fort Lauderdale International Airport. And finally, the construction, completion and opening of the expansion of the Broward County convention center, and the construction of the 801 Room Convention Center, Omni hotel which propels Fort Lauderdale into an elite class of convention destinations in the United States.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

Submitted by: Russ Klenet

Phone number: 954-684-9255 Email: russ@rkna.net

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Mail your submission to:

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100 North Andrews Avenue
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JCarden@fortlauderdale.gov

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Dr. Elizabeth King is an accomplished psychotherapist, educator, author, speaker, business leader, and the Founder and Chief Inspiration Officer of the Suits, Stilettos and Lipstick (SSL) Foundation. For more than thirty years, she has exemplified civic responsibility, visionary leadership, and extraordinary compassion, dedicating her life to strengthening communities and uplifting women, children, and families throughout the greater Fort Lauderdale area. Her sustained commitment to service, coupled with her far-reaching impact, aligns closely with the Walk of Fame selection criteria and makes her an exceptional nominee for this honor.

Dr. King's contributions to the community are both profound and enduring. She and her late husband co-founded the John and Elizabeth's Toy Drive, which began as a grassroots effort in their home and has grown—under Dr. King's care and the support of the SSL Foundation—into one of the largest and most cherished holiday distribution programs in South Florida. Now in its twenty-fourth year, the Toy Drive has delivered toys to more than 85,000 low-income children in Fort Lauderdale, offering joy, dignity, and hope to families who need it most. This longstanding initiative reflects her unwavering dedication to serving others and addressing community needs in meaningful, heartfelt ways.

Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

As Founder of the SSL Foundation, Dr. King has empowered thousands of women through programs designed to support education, leadership, and personal growth. Her signature initiatives—including her women's empowerment and leadership conferences, the Heidi Dennis Scholarship, and the LIFT Mentorship Program—provide valuable opportunities for women and girls to build confidence, advance their education, and pursue their goals. Through these programs, she has created a legacy of leadership and personal development that continues to uplift individuals and strengthen the wider community.

Dr. King's civic engagement extends deeply into neighborhood advocacy and the betterment of the Fort Lauderdale beach area. For nearly twenty years, she has been an active member of the Central Beach Alliance (CBA), and for the last five years, she has served on its board. In this role, she collaborates with the Mayor, City Commissioners, City staff, developers, and business leaders to support responsible development, protect community interests, and enhance the quality of life for beach residents.

Her philanthropic and volunteer contributions span decades of service on nonprofit boards, community partnerships, and thousands of hours dedicated to helping others. Under her

leadership, the SSL Foundation received the Key to Broward County and formal proclamations from both Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale—testaments to the organization's substantial community impact. Dr. King's personal accolades, including the President's Lifetime Achievement Award, Hispanic Women of Distinction, and the Prestigious Women's Award, further underscore her influential work and distinguished record of service.

Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee.

Dr. Elizabeth King, Ed.D., LCSW, CHt, is a retired psychotherapist, educator, author, speaker, business leader, and the Founder and Chief Inspiration Officer of the Suits, Stilettos and Lipstick (SSL) Foundation. For over thirty years, she has dedicated herself to strengthening communities, uplifting families, and advancing the well being of women and children throughout the greater Fort Lauderdale area.

Dr. King is widely respected as a compassionate, innovative, and inspiring thought leader whose vision has touched countless lives. Her life's work demonstrates not only excellence in professional achievement but also a profound dedication to humanity. For her decades of service, transformative community leadership, and lasting contributions to Fort Lauderdale, Dr. Elizabeth King is deeply deserving of recognition on the Walk of Fame.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Dr. Elizabeth King, Ed.D., LCSW, CHt
Founder and Chief Inspiration Officer
Suits, Stilettos & Lipstick Foundation (SSL)
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Website: www.sslwomen.org

Suits, Stilettos & Lipstick Foundation Partners with the Fort Lauderdale Black Police Officers Association to Distribute Nearly 5,000 Toys to Local Schools

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., December 14, 2025 — Suits, Stilettos & Lipstick Foundation (SSL), in partnership with the Fort Lauderdale Black Police Officers Association (FLBPOA), will bring the spirit of the season directly to children in Fort Lauderdale as part of its 24th Annual John and Elizabeth's Toy Drive. This year, the community wide initiative is distributing nearly 5,000 toys to children at seven schools and three community programs throughout Broward County.

Toy Distribution Schedule:

Monday, December 15 | 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Westwood Heights Elementary School
2861 SW 9th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Tuesday, December 16 | 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

North Fork Elementary School
101 NW 15th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

"For 24 years, the John and Elizabeth's Toy Drive has been about far more than gifts," said Dr. Elizabeth King, Ed.D., LCSW, CHt, educator and mental health expert, and Founder and Chief Inspiration Officer of SSL. "My late husband, John Weaver, and I started this Toy Drive in our home with the simple belief that every child deserves to feel remembered. Today, I am honored to continue John's legacy by ensuring children receive toys that support learning, cognitive development, emotional growth, and a sense of dignity and belonging."

Up to date, the John and Elizabeth's Toy Drive has delivered more than 85,000 toys, and with this year's distribution, the program will have provided nearly 90,000 toys to children across South Florida over the past 24 years.

Founded and led by SSL, the John and Elizabeth's Toy Drive has served the community for 24 years and is carried out in close partnership with FLBPOA, which has supported the program for the past four years. Volunteers from both organizations work side by side to shop for, wrap, and distribute the toys directly to children at local schools and programs.

Additional organizations, including the Central Beach Alliance, Toys for Tots, Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, Rainbow Sports League, Weatherby Healthcare, Jazwares, Galleria International Realty at Compass, Compass, local beach condominium buildings, and generous private donors, supported the Toy Drive by collecting toys, raising funds, and mobilizing their networks to help reach children in need in Broward County.

More than a distribution, the John and Elizabeth's Toy Drive is one of the largest community based toy drives in South Florida and reflects Fort Lauderdale's deep commitment to compassion, civic engagement, and collective care for its youngest residents.

About Suits, Stilettos & Lipstick Foundation (SSL)

The Suits, Stilettos & Lipstick Foundation is a Fort Lauderdale based nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering women and children through education, mentorship, and community outreach. SSLwomen.org

About the Fort Lauderdale Black Police Officers Association (FLBPOA)

The Fort Lauderdale Black Police Officers Association is comprised of police officers and civilians dedicated to promoting justice, fairness, and effectiveness in law enforcement, with a strong emphasis on the impact of law enforcement issues on the community. flbpoa.org



Central Beach Alliance

Your Beach. Your Voice. Your Vote.

December 14, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the entire Central Beach Alliance Board of Directors I am writing with heartfelt support for Dr. Elizabeth King for the 2026 City of Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame. As the founder of the Suits, Stilettos, and Lipstick Foundation her personal beliefs, work and philanthropy rests with the ideal that empowering women and children will contribute to a more positive community and future.

We have seen firsthand the lasting impact that Dr. King has had on the Broward County community. Her ability to spearhead events and other successful initiatives to support the growth and well-being of women and children speaks volumes about her dedication and effectiveness in serving the needs of those in need.

Dr. King's ability to inspire others to give back and act is truly remarkable. Being a catalyst for change and motivating others to be proactive in the community is an incredible skill that she possesses. Her commitment to serving others and particularly ensuring that underprivileged children lead a happy life are evidenced in her annual toy drive; John and Elizabeth's Toy Drive, which has benefited thousands of children for the past 24 years, has provided them with a brighter holiday season that has lasted long into their lives.

In recognition of Dr. Elizabeth King's outstanding contributions, I am honored to express our heartfelt appreciation for her dedication to building a stronger, more compassionate community. Her dedication to making a difference embodies the spirit of our city and deserves to be celebrated and immortalized on Fort Lauderdale Beach.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information or insights regarding Dr. King. I am more than willing to provide additional details regarding her selfless and outstanding contributions

Sincerely,

William W. Brown

William W. Brown
President

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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
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Dean of the Education Pathway
Central Campus Academic Dean's Office
Office: 954.201.2231

December 15, 2025

Dr. Elizabeth Molina
3501 Davie Road
Davie, FL 33314

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to offer my wholehearted support for Dr. Elizabeth King's nomination to the 2024 City of Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame. At the core of Dr. King's personal values, professional endeavors, and philanthropic work is a steadfast belief that empowering women and children fosters stronger communities and a more promising future. I have witnessed firsthand the profound and lasting impact Dr. King has made within the Broward County community.

Dr. King has demonstrated exceptional leadership in spearheading initiatives and events that promote the growth, well-being, and advancement of women and children. Her dedication and effectiveness in addressing the needs of underserved populations are evident through the success and sustainability of her efforts.

I met Dr. King nearly five years ago in my role as Academic Dean at Broward College, when the nonprofit organization she leads—Suits, Stilettos and Lipstick (SSL)—sought to expand scholarship and mentorship opportunities for underprivileged women pursuing higher education. From our initial meeting, it was immediately clear that Dr. King is deeply committed to creating meaningful opportunities that enable individuals to reach their full potential and lead productive, fulfilling lives.

Dr. King's ability to inspire others to give back and take action is truly remarkable. She serves as a powerful catalyst for positive change, motivating individuals and organizations to engage proactively in their communities. Her longstanding commitment to children is exemplified through the annual John and Elizabeth's Toy Drive, which for the past 22 years has benefited thousands of children and brought joy to countless families.

The world is undoubtedly better because of individuals like Dr. King. She works tirelessly to advance the mission of SSL, creating transformative and enduring change that will resonate for generations. Over the past two years alone, her advocacy and leadership have enabled 28 college women to receive scholarships and mentorship support. Of these recipients, 26 have already earned their bachelor's degrees. These women will go on to contribute meaningfully to the workforce and provide for their families—an impact that extends far beyond what can be quantified.

On a personal level, Dr. King continues to inspire me to perpetuate the ripple effect of service and empowerment she has so passionately led for decades. Those who know her would agree that her drive, optimism, and kindness are unparalleled. Her unwavering commitment to others challenges and inspires those around her, myself included, to strive for excellence and greater service.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information or insight regarding Dr. King's exceptional qualifications and contributions. I would be pleased to provide further details in support of her nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Molina". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Elizabeth Molina, Ph.D.

Dean Education Pathway & Central Campus Academic Affairs Broward College



To Whom It May Concern,

I am honored to offer my wholehearted support for **Dr. Elizabeth King**, Co-Founder of the **Suits, Stilettos & Lipstick Foundation**, for her nomination to **Fort Lauderdale's Walk of Fame**.

As the Executive Director of the Suits, Stilettos & Lipstick Foundation, I have had the privilege of working closely with Dr. King and witnessing firsthand the depth of her vision, unwavering dedication, and exceptional leadership. Her lifelong commitment to service is perhaps most powerfully reflected in the Annual John and Elizabeth Toy Drive, which—under her care and direct involvement has grown into one of the largest and most cherished holiday toy distribution programs in South Florida. Now in its twenty-fourth year, the Toy Drive has delivered toys to more than 85,000 low-income children in Fort Lauderdale, offering joy, dignity, and hope to families who need it most.

Equally impactful is Dr. King's enduring dedication to the empowerment of women. Through transformative initiatives—including women's empowerment and leadership conferences, the Heidi Dennis Wonder Woman Scholarship, and the LIFT Mentorship Program - she has created meaningful pathways for women to build confidence, advance their education, and pursue their life goals. Many of the scholarship and mentorship recipients have gone on to become educators, contributing directly to the Broward County school system and strengthening the fabric of our local community.

Under Dr. King's leadership, the Suits, Stilettos & Lipstick Foundation has also become a vibrant platform for women's sisterhood and community volunteerism—bringing together passionate individuals who bond through service and shared purpose. The Foundation further provides meaningful opportunities for local organizations and businesses to collaborate, shine, and actively support its initiatives, fostering a stronger, more connected Broward County while recognizing leaders and organizations deeply committed to giving back.

My connection to Dr. King is also deeply personal. I met Dr. King in 2014, by chance, after being invited to a community businesswomen's networking gathering. From the moment we began speaking, we formed an immediate and lasting bond—one that grew into a relationship of friendship, collaboration, and sisterhood. Over the years, we have worked side by side on conferences and retreats, supported one another through personal losses, organizational transitions, moments of triumph, and periods of uncertainty. Through it all, Dr. King has remained steadfast—kind, authentic, and humble in the most genuine and beautiful way. She consistently shows up for those around her and offers unwavering support to everyone fortunate

enough to know her. I have long looked up to Dr. King as a role model, a mentor, and a trusted friend.

Recognizing Dr. Elizabeth King on Fort Lauderdale's Walk of Fame would honor not only her extraordinary achievements, but also the enduring values of kindness, compassion, service, collaboration, and legacy that she has embodied for decades. Her work has shaped lives, united communities, and left a lasting imprint on South Florida.

With deep respect and gratitude,

Elena Hershey

Executive Director

Suits, Stilettos & Lipstick Foundation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elena Hershey', written in a cursive style.



December 15, 2025

Dear Walk of Fame Committee members,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Dr Elizabeth King for inclusion in the 2026 City of Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame. I was first introduced to Elizabeth approximately 10 years ago by another community leader, Andy Mitchell. She is the founder of Suits, Stilettos and Lipstick (SSL) Foundation. SSL Foundation is a charitable organization promoting the empowerment of women and children.

I have attended her SSL conferences and participated with Elizabeth in numerous events that promote the good of the City of Ft Lauderdale and Broward County. The SSL Foundation has had a tremendous positive impact on the lives of others. From hosting leadership conferences, and mentoring programs, to founding the Heidi Dennis Wonder Woman Scholarship, to continuing the legacy of her late husband John Weaver through the annual Toy Drive, Elizabeth has worked passionately to serve others. The Toy Drive ensures children in underserved areas receive a gift during the holidays. The event served over 70,000 children. In honor of her community efforts, both the City of Ft Lauderdale and Broward County have named August 25th as "SSL Day".

Dr King served our public school system from 1989 to 2007, as a teacher, social worker, family counselor and as an administrator overseeing over 30 dropout prevention programs. In 2007, she left the school system to begin her private counseling practice and in 2012, she founded SSL Foundation.

As the former President and CEO of American National Bank (ANB), I saw the difference SSL Foundation and the annual Toy Drive was making in the community. The bank gladly supported Dr Kings' efforts through various sponsorships, hosting events and volunteering. In 2025, ANB merged with United Community Bank, and I am now the Chairperson for the Ft Lauderdale region. I wholeheartedly nominate and recommend Dr Elizabeth King for the 2026 City of Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame.

Sincerely,

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Ginger Martin
Chairperson Ft Lauderdale

December 15, 2025

Walk of Fame Award Selection Committee

To Whom This May Concern:

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I nominate Dr. Elizabeth King for the Walk of Fame Award. Dr. King's lifelong dedication to serving women, children and families has had a profound and lasting impact on our community, particularly in Broward County.

For more than two decades, Dr. King has spearheaded the John and Elizabeth Toy Drive, bringing hope and joy to over 85,000 children, many of whom may not otherwise have experienced the joy of receiving a gift during the holidays. This remarkable effort reflects Dr. King's unwavering commitment to uplifting children and strengthening families.

In addition to her work with children, she has demonstrated exceptional dedication to empowering women through education. She founded a scholarship program - The Heidi Dennis Scholarship - that provides recipients with both financial support and meaningful mentorship in undergraduate and postgraduate studies. By pairing scholarships with mentorship, Dr. King ensures that recipients are not only supported academically but are also guided personally and professionally toward long term success.

Throughout her life and career, Dr. King has consistently shown compassion, leadership and a genuine concern for the well being of others. Her work creates opportunities, inspires confidence and helps women and families thrive.

For these reasons, I can think of no one more deserving of the Walk of Fame Award than Dr. Elizabeth King. Her contributions have enriched our community and inspire positive change for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,



Margarita Suazo
Board Member, Treasurer
Suits, Stilettos and Lipstick Foundation
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FORT LAUDERDALE BLACK POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION

Post Office Box 65
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33302

December 15, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great honor and sincere appreciation that we recognize Dr. Elizabeth King for her exemplary service and unwavering dedication to the Fort Lauderdale community. Dr. King's lifelong commitment to philanthropy, leadership, and community empowerment has made a profound and lasting impact on countless lives.

Through her visionary leadership as the founder of the Suits, Stilettos, and Lipstick Foundation, Dr. King has been instrumental in uplifting underserved populations while empowering women to achieve personal and professional growth. Her work extends far beyond charitable giving—she has fostered unity, resilience, and hope throughout the community through purposeful action and compassionate service.

One of Dr. King's most notable contributions is her dedication to organizing the John and Elizabeth Annual Toy Drive, an initiative that has brought joy and holiday cheer to thousands of underprivileged children for more than 24 years. This longstanding commitment exemplifies her selflessness and her genuine desire to ensure that families in need experience dignity, warmth, and support during the holiday season.

Dr. King's philanthropic efforts embody the true spirit of service and reflect the highest standards of civic responsibility. Her compassion, leadership, and generosity continue to strengthen our community and inspire others to serve with purpose and integrity.

In recognition of her outstanding contributions, we extend our deepest gratitude to Dr. Elizabeth King for her remarkable service and dedication. Her legacy of giving and empowerment truly deserves recognition and celebration, as it reflects the heart and soul of our city.

Tanisha Stevens

President, FLBPOA



December 6, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of John Weaver and Dr. Elizabeth King for inclusion on the City of Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame on Fort Lauderdale Beach.

When John was president of the Central Beach Alliance for many years, he steered this important neighborhood group to work for the betterment of Fort Lauderdale Beach and worked closely with the business community to build consensus. He led with dignity and tireless effort.

Both John Weaver and Dr. King contributed resources and leadership to many less fortunate people in our community. Their annual toy drive brought thousands of toys to disadvantaged children so they could enjoy the holidays.

Dr. King also created Suits, Stilettos and Lipstick and brought this important conference to Fort Lauderdale Beach for many years. It has grown into an impactful charitable organization designed to empower women.

Both of their efforts individually and combined have made a significant difference in our community.

Sincerely,

Ina Lee
Owner & President



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Nominated Honoree information:

Name of nominated honoree: Jorg “George” Hruschka

Address: City of Fort Lauderdale / City Manager’s Office / Neighbor Volunteer Office

City, State, Zip Code: 101 N.E. 3 Avenue, 21st floor, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Home Phone: _____ Office: _____ Cell: 954-709-3197

Email: mfermanian@crjassociates.com / JorgH@fortlauderdale.gov

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See the attached 2-page PDF of my experience with Mr. Jorg "George" Hruschka

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

SEE ATTACHED

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

SEE ATTACHED

Submitted by: Marc A. Fermanian, MSCE, P.E.

Phone number: 954-650-5335 Email: mfermanian@crjassociates.com / JorgH@fortlauderd

You may also submit additional background material such as media copy. Please limit to 10 additional pages.

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Mail your submission to:

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City of Fort Lauderdale
701 South Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

E-mail your submission to:

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Call for 2026 Nominations - City of Fort Lauderdale WALK OF FAME

Nominee: Mr. Jorg “George” Hruschka | Chief Service Officer

Written by: Marc A. Fermanian

Preface:

My life went through a tumultuous 2024; my Dad passed away, my fiancée and I had an egregious ending of a six year relationship, and my engineering practice was struggling. Entering 2025 was unpleasant. I needed a change. I met Mr. Jorg Hruschka.

What I learned from Jorg is more profound than offering myself for community services. He opened my eyes to what is truly defined as *community*, his knowledge of our City, and most importantly, offering yourself to the community is rewarding (actually, it’s fun).

I am not, by nature, an altruistic man. While I display empathy and sympathy for those less fortunate, it has been my misconception that those in need will, over time, overcome on their own. Then I met Jorg.

Completely misinformed and unaware that the *less fortunate* population experiences generational trauma stemming from chronic poverty, lack of resources, and unstable environments that create a cycle of financial strain, anxiety, and behavioral patterns passed through generations. I had no knowledge nor an up-close-and-personal experience that being raised in low-income families creates stress for generations. I was clueless that a child raised in a low-income family had a significantly increased probability in trauma from instability, neglect, or violence—which often results in a continued inability to escape poverty as adults.

Again, then I met Jorg.

My Experience with Jorg:

Along my journey in seeking out something and someone that could help me recapture my personal focus, I found Jorg on-line and called his office. In my typical manner of over explaining (engineer’s folly), he stopped me during the phone call and asked me, “can you meet on Saturday at 7:45am *sharp* at the City’s parking garage?”

While he didn’t fully explain the details of my duties, he was direct and ended the call, “see you Saturday.” I thought to myself, oh no!?! He’s going to have me in a chain gang in an orange jumpsuit along the highway.

I showed up early on Saturday morning. Within minutes of my arrival Mr. Hruschka is there, out of his car, and ready.

Jorg, “Good morning, good morning, you must be Marc?”

“Yes, it’s nice to meet you. It’s Jorg, correct?”

Call for 2026 Nominations - City of Fort Lauderdale WALK OF FAME

Nominee: Mr. Jorg “George” Hruschka | Chief Service Officer

Written by: Marc A. Fermanian

“Yes. Now I need you to start loading up the truck and we’re going to...” And just like that! We were hands-on-deck and moving. Keeping up with Jorg is no easy task.

What I quickly learned about Jorg and his interactions within the community. He is well appreciated. I’ll go further; he’s loved.

The smiling faces, strong handshakes, hugs and accolades for an individual. The admiration bestowed towards him was intoxicating, jubilant and genuine. It was obvious that, everyone knows Jorg! That was satisfying to me and felt incredible.

His friendliness, and willingness to go the extra mile simply captured me. Jorg’s kindness cannot be replicated nor taught – it’s genuine.

The first day of 8-hours was non-stop movement. And while the work is physical, the 8-hours went by as if it was 15-minutes. Was I a little sore, yup. Did I need a shower – absolutely. Did I find *the change* needed in by life? Yes, you bet I did. Thank you, Jorg.

While he’ll be retiring in 2026, I feel blessed to have met him and hope to remain close with him. He’s created a volunteer in me for sure.

Mr. Hruschka has touched the lives of thousands of people in the City in his position. “There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.”

Note¹: Watching Jorg drive in the City. I find it thoroughly impressive and I would often ask him, “how’d we get here?” He’d just smile and tell me, “please Marc, start unloading, we have three more stops today.”

Note²: While writing, I’ve been smiling the entire time and laughing. He makes volunteering fun. I hope that what he’s built continues to grow for the City. His efforts are tiring but worth the sweat. Finally, I must add one comedic acknowledgement of his demeanor. The always enthusiastic statement of, “one more thing, one more thing!” His energy is not of a man ready for retirement.

Thank you, Jorg. I sincerely hope the program you’ve developed continues to grow in the manner you’ve established, and the best on your retirement.