National Philanthropy Day Celebrates Power of Atlanta Community November 7
The 42nd annual celebration honors Helen and Jimmy Carlos, Elizabeth Correll Richards, and Sydney Langdon at Georgia Aquarium.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Wednesday, June 12 – The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Greater Atlanta Chapter will host its 42nd annual National Philanthropy Day (NPD) celebration at the Georgia Aquarium on November 7, 2024, sponsored by the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta.

National Philanthropy Day is a hallmark of the power of community by bringing together 800+ business, civic, foundation, nonprofit and volunteer leaders throughout Atlanta. Attendees will be engaged by a compelling combination of keynote speakers, presentations, and networking opportunities moving conversations from significant events of 2024 to what’s ahead in 2025. Through celebrating the hope for today and the brighter future for tomorrow, National Philanthropy Day will honor:

- Philanthropists of the Year, Helen and Jimmy Carlos
- Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year, Elizabeth Correll Richards
- Philanthropic Leader of Tomorrow, Sydney Langdon

2024 Honorees

Helen and Jimmy Carlos will be honored as this year’s Philanthropists of the Year, nominated by Open Hand and The Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities for their decades-long commitment to helping those in need. Jimmy, a native Atlantan, is part-owner and Vice President of Risk Management at Republic National Distributing Company. The company has business interests in more than 40 states across the nation, making it one of the country’s largest wholesale wine and spirits distributors. Helen -- also a native of Atlanta – holds her Masters in Special Education and is a devoted wife and mother with a long history of civic engagement and community service.

Currently, Helen and Jimmy serve as the Honorary Co-Chairs for Open Hand’s $19.5 Million Campaign, The Healing Power of Food, to fund the organization’s relocation to the Westside of Atlanta. In addition, they serve as Campaign Co-Chairs for the Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities $90 Million Capital Campaign, A New World of Care, working to build a new house in Druid Hills to meet the growing demand for services. Helen is also the current Board Chair of Atlanta Ronald McDonald Charities and an Emeritus Board Member of Open Hand.
The Carlos’ have worked similarly with organizations such as Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Piedmont Healthcare, The Marcus Autism Center, Sunshine on a Ranney Day, Camp Twin Lakes, and many others.

Elizabeth Correll Richards will be honored as Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year, nominated by Camp Twin Lakes, where she has been involved for over 20 years in several capacities, including Board President, Capital Campaign co-chair, Development Committee chair, and Strategic Planning Committee chair. Elizabeth earned a Bachelor of Science degree from The Ohio State University and was a grant recipient in 2014 from Boardwalk Consulting to attend a Harvard Business School’s executive education course, “Governing for Nonprofit Excellence”. After a short consulting career, she began focusing on her love of children, education and healthcare to raise dollars and visibility for organizations in those arenas.

Elizabeth serves as chair of the Board of Trustees at Pace Academy, is a Trustee for the University of Georgia Foundation, and serves as Development chair for the Grady Health Foundation board. She has served on the Sheltering Arms board as Board chair and has been on the boards of Trinity School and Trinity Early Learning Center. At each organization, Elizabeth has held impactful roles in development by chairing annual and capital campaigns, creating new fundraising opportunities, such as Georgia Women Give at UGA, and working to create connectivity between donors and organizations. She has even served as auctioneer at their events.

Elizabeth is the President of the Correll Family Foundation. She is married to Ken and they have a daughter, Correll (Corey), and a son, Joseph (Jake), both in Atlanta.

Sydney Langdon will receive the Philanthropic Leader of Tomorrow award at this year’s luncheon. Sydney was nominated by The Center for Puppetry Arts. In her current role as Senior Director of Corporate Social Responsibility for Warner Bros. Discovery (WBD), Sydney plays a critical role in shaping WBD’s philanthropic efforts and serves as an internal social impact consultant and advisor for their impressive portfolio of brands (HBO / HBO Max, CNN, TBS/TNT, DC Comics, etc.). Sydney leads corporate contributions, charitable partnerships, nonprofit grant-making, as well as employee engagement and volunteerism.

Sydney currently serves on the Board of the Center for Puppetry Arts where she chairs the Development Committee and was recently elected to the Captain Planet Foundation board. She has served on the Corporate Volunteer Council (CVC) board and the Central Outreach & Advocacy Center of Atlanta. Additionally, she is the past president of the Corporate Volunteer Council and is a LEAD Atlanta graduate.

AFP Greater Atlanta is grateful to the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta for its longstanding partnership of National Philanthropy Day.

Sponsorship opportunities are available now, and tickets and table sales will open on July 1st. Additional information about the 2024 National Philanthropy Day can be found at www.afpgreateratlanta.org or by contacting the 2024 Chair, Kathryn Henderson.
**About Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Greater Atlanta Chapter**

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Greater Atlanta Chapter promotes professional development, networking, and volunteer opportunities for those working in the fundraising arena. With over 400 members, the Greater Atlanta Chapter reflects a cross-section of Atlanta’s nonprofit community and the consultants and resource partners who serve the industry. The chapter hosts several events throughout the year, including monthly networking and education meetings and the National Philanthropy Day Luncheon. AFP Greater Atlanta also provides engagement opportunities for specific groups within the fundraising community, including Young Professionals, Veterans in the Profession, and diverse groups of early career fundraisers through the Diversity Fellows program. AFP Greater Atlanta is a chapter of AFP Global; for 60 years, AFP has been the standard-bearer for professionalism in fundraising, advancing philanthropy through its 30,000 members in more than 240 chapters worldwide. For more information or to make a donation, visit [www.afpgreateratlanta.org](http://www.afpgreateratlanta.org).

**About the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta**

Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta inspires and leads the Atlanta region toward equity and shared prosperity for all who call it home. [TogetherATL](https://togetheratl.org) is the Foundation’s strategic ethos, working through a collaborative approach with community stakeholders, donors, nonprofits and others to examine complex challenges and create solutions that build a thriving region. Started in 1951, the Community Foundation shepherds approximately $1.4 billion in current assets through its 1,000+ donor funds, while simultaneously raising and deploying more than $120 million annually to thousands of nonprofit organizations. For more information visit: [cfgreateratlanta.org](http://cfgreateratlanta.org) or connect with the Foundation via [Facebook](https://facebook.com), [Instagram](https://instagram.com) and [LinkedIn](https://linkedin.com).

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