



NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY®

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026 AT 11AM
JUNGLE ISLAND

NOMINATIONS PACKET

Nominations Due: Friday, May 15th, 2026

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November 6th
2026

39th NATIONAL
PHILANTHROPY DAY®



Join Us in Celebrating Our Community's Changemakers at National Philanthropy Day 2026 brought to you by AFP Miami!



2025 Lifetime Achievement Awardees
Trish and Dan Bell with National Philanthropy Day
Co-Chairs Sarah Reilly and Christina Scott

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Miami's National Philanthropy Day® is the premier celebration of philanthropy in South Florida, bringing together the region's most influential changemakers for an inspiring and impactful event.

Each year, **business leaders, nonprofit professionals, philanthropists, and community champions** gather to honor those who shape Miami through generosity and service. This highly anticipated event spotlights individuals, corporations, and organizations whose passion for giving transforms lives and strengthens our community.

A Legacy of Impact

For 39 years, National Philanthropy Day has recognized extraordinary individuals and organizations making a difference. This year's honorees will join a distinguished list of past awardees who have shaped Miami's philanthropic landscape.



2025 Outstanding Philanthropist,
Jill R. Ginsberg, Esq.

Event Details

 **Date:** November 6, 2026 at 11AM - 2PM

 **Location:** Jungle Island, 1111 Parrot Jungle Trail, Miami, FL 33132

 **Expected Attendance:** 300+ business and nonprofit leaders

Mayte Vizcaino
NPD Co-Chair

Pietro Bonacossa, CFRE
NPD Co-Chair



Ana VeigaMilton receiving the Heart of
Philanthropy Award from Brett Graff of Social Miami

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EVENT HERE!](#)

Be part of the movement. Support National Philanthropy Day® and help us honor those who make Miami a better place for all.

Contact us today to learn more
about how you can be involved!

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AWARD CATEGORIES

Outstanding Philanthropist Award

Presented to an individual or family with a record of exceptional generosity who, through direct financial support, has demonstrated outstanding civic and charitable responsibility, and whose generosity encourages others to take philanthropic leadership roles on a local, national and/or international level.

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James W. McLamore Outstanding Volunteer Award

Presented to a member of the local community who has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills in coordinating groups of volunteers in major fundraising projects and a commitment to the advancement of philanthropy.

Julia Tuttle Award for Community Involvement and Corporate Citizenship

The recipient must be a Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (GMCC) member.



Presented by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce to a corporation that demonstrates exceptional commitment to the Miami-Dade community through corporate philanthropy, including monetary donations, in-kind services, nonprofit board leadership, and volunteerism. The corporation does not need to be headquartered in Miami-Dade County.

Outstanding Grant Maker Award

Presented to a grantmaking organization whose funding over the past year has had a significant and measurable impact on nonprofit organizations in Miami-Dade County. The organization does not need to be headquartered locally.

Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award

Presented to a young person aged 8 to 23, who demonstrates exceptional commitment to the community through philanthropy, leadership, and volunteerism.

Outstanding Fundraising Professional

Recipient must be an AFP Miami member.

Presented to an accomplished fundraising professional with at least 15 years of fundraising experience who exemplifies leadership and dedication to philanthropy. Must be employed by a nonprofit organization in Miami-Dade County.

PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

CHAMPION OF PHILANTHROPY*

2023 David Lawrence, Jr.
2017 Harve Mogul
2015 Alberto Ibargüen
2009 Ruth Shack

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD*

2025 Trish and Dan Bell
2023 Ron Book
2018 Bob Dickinson
2016 Marta S.Weeks Wulf
2015 Swanee & Paul DiMare
2014 Sonja Zuckerman
2013 Penny & Roe Stamps
2011 R. Kirk Landon
2010 Dolores & Dr. Sanford Ziff
2008 Eugenia B.Thomas
2007 Alvah & Betty Chapman

OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPIST

2025 Jill R. Ginsberg, Esq.
2024 Alicia Celorio
2023 Marile & Jorge Luis Lopez, Esq Family Foundation
2022 The Ortega Family
2019 Sarah Arison
2018 Ana VeigaMilton
2017 Nancy T. Hector
2016 Peter Bermont
2015 Dr. & Mrs. Herbert Wertheim
2014 Jorge Pérez
2013 Bruce & Tracey Berkowitz

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Christine Lynn
Ronald E. Esserman
Trish & Dan Bell
Adrienne Arsht
Bunny Bastian
Swanee & Paul DiMare
Irma & Norman Braman
R. Kirk Landon
Kimberly Green
Patricia & Phillip Frost
Jayne & Leonard L.Abess, Jr.
Donald Carlin
Carmen & Karl Bishopric
Jean D. Shehan
Sue M. & Charles E. Cobb
Argentina S. and Lee Hills
George E. Batchelor
Sue & Leonard Miller
Frosene Sonderling
Anthony R.Abraham
Florence Groover Bernard Frank
Bertha & Leonard Abess, Sr.
Florence Hecht
Mitchell Wolfson, Jr.
James L. Knight
Nancy Green
Polly de Hirsch Meyer

OUTSTANDING FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONAL

2025 Pietro Bonacossa, CFRE
2024 Flavia Llizo

PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

JAMES W. McLAMORE VOLUNTEER AWARD

2025	Gloria Burns
2024	Steven Scheck
2023	Elizabeth "Liebe" Gadinsky
2022	Carlos De La Cruz, Jr.
2019	Richard Bermont
2018	Tony Argiz
2017	Bonnie Crabtree
2016	Richard C. Milstein
2016	Lilliam & Gus Machado
2015	Lewis S. "Mike" Eidson
2015	Ann Machado
2014	David Lawrence, Jr.
2013	Jorge Luis & Marile Lopez
2012	Lauren & Ron Book
2011	Stanley G. Tate
2010	Julie Grimes
2009	Terésa V-F Weintraub
2008	Dean C. Colson
2007	Adalberto "Al" Vara, Jr.
2005	Audrey Finkelstein
2004	JayW. Jenson
2003	Ulysses Harvard
2002	Barbara Garrett
2001	George F. Knox, Esq.
2000	Louis Wolfson, III
1999	Toby Lerner Ansin
1998	Henry H. Raattama, Jr.
1997	Sherrill Hudson
1996	Dazelle Simpson, M.D.
1995	Robert H. Traurig
1994	Pedro Jose Greer, Jr., M.D.
1993	Eduardo J. Padron
1992	Nathan Slewett
1991	Jay W. Weiss
1990	Terry & Nicholas Buoniconti
1989	Alvah H. Chapman, Jr.
1988	Cal Kovens
1987	James W. McLamore

GREATER MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE JULIA TUTTLE AWARD

2025	Banesco USA
2024	Amazon
2023	Bilzin Sumberg
2022	TD Bank
2019	Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A.
2018	Coastal Construction
2017	Wells Fargo
2016	Lennar Foundation
2015	The Miami Marlins
2014	Macy's
2013	Citi Foundation
2012	BB&T
2011	Publix Super Markets, Inc.
2010	Comcast
2009	Leon Medical Centers
2008	AT&T
2007	Ocean Bank
2005	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida
2004	City Furniture
2003	Washington Mutual
2002	Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits
2001	Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.
2000	Bank of America
1999	Carnival Cruise Lines
1998	First Union Bank of Florida
1997	SunTrust Bank, Miami, N.A.
1996	Cordis Corporation
1995	Barnett Bank of South Florida
1994	John Alden Financial Corporation
1994	Dutton Press, Inc
1994	Home Depot
1993	Fine, Jacobson, Schwartz, Nash, Block & England, P.A.
1992	The Miami Herald
1991	Wass Construction Co., Southern Bell Lufthansa German Airlines

1990	Southeast Bank, N.A. Thomas W. Ruff Company WPLG Channel 10
1989	Florida Power & Light Greenberg Traurig, LLP Rosen & Quentel
1988	Steel Hector & Davis Burdines
1987	Deloitte & Touche

OUTSTANDING GRANT MAKER

2025	The Children's Trust
2024	Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Family Foundation
2023	The Frederick A. Deluca Foundation
2022	Himan Brown Charitable Trust
2019	Green Family Foundation
2018	Carnival Foundation
2017	Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation
2016	The Garner Foundation
2015	United Way of Miami-Dade
2014	The Miami Foundation
2013	Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs
2012	Anthony R. Abraham Foundation
2011	The Shepard Broad Foundation
2010	Moyer Foundation
2003	Health Foundation of South Florida
2002	John S. & James L. Knight Foundation
2001	Peacock Foundation, Inc.
2000	The Admire/Sullivan Group
1999	The A. D. Henderson Foundation, Inc.
1998	Joseph H. & Florence A. Roblee Foundation
1997	The Ethel & W. George Kennedy Family Foundation

OUTSTANDING YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY AWARD

2025	Alissa and Alex Dubitzky
2024	Lesianne Tupas
2023	Julie and Charlotte Krass
2019	Oskar Garcia
2018	Taylor Moxey
2017	Joshua Williams
2016	Zoe Terry

*Lifetime Achievement & Champion of Philanthropy recipients are awarded solely at the discretion to the AFP Miami Chapter. Outside recommendations and/or applications will not be accepted nor honored.



2026 AFP Miami National Philanthropy Day® Awards Nomination Guidelines

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Miami Chapter invites nominations for the 39th Annual National Philanthropy Day® (NPD) Awards on November 6, 2026 at 11AM - 2PM at Jungle Island. .

Award recipients will be honored for their exceptional vision, generosity, leadership, and commitment to strengthening philanthropic efforts across Miami-County.

Eligibility & Award Selection

- Award recipients **must be present** to accept the award at the **2026 National Philanthropy Day® Luncheon on Friday, November 6, 2026.**
- Posthumous nominations will not be accepted.
- Nominations submitted by **AFP Miami members** will receive special consideration.
- **Lifetime Achievement** and **Champion of Philanthropy** awards are selected solely at the discretion of the AFP Miami Board of Directors. Outside recommendations or applications will not be accepted.
- A complete nomination package consists of: i) nomination form; ii) narrative. Incomplete submissions will not be reviewed.
- All decisions of the Awards Selection Committee are final.

Nomination Narrative & Submission Requirements

- The nomination narrative **may not exceed two (2) pages** and must respond directly and concisely to the applicable award description.
- Narratives should include **specific examples and demonstrated impact**, with emphasis on the depth and outcomes of the nominee's contributions, and should address the following:
 - Nominee's accomplishments, leadership, and commitment to the community
 - Nominee's impact on the nominating organization, including time, talent, and treasure
 - Nominee's impact on other Miami-Dade nonprofit organizations
 - Any other awards or honors received
 - Additional information demonstrating why the nominee is deserving of recognition
 - Community members or organizations likely to attend the NPD Awards Luncheon if the nominee is selected
 - **Letters of support are strongly encouraged** and must be submitted with the original nomination.

Note: Resumes, news articles, annual reports, or similar materials **may not** replace the narrative.

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2026 National Philanthropy Day® Awards Nomination Form

Please complete the form below and attach the narrative description, which may not exceed two pages. The nomination form, narrative, and attachments must be received no later than Friday, May 15, 2026.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

Nominations must be submitted via the online form OR via email to arely@arelypr.com. For any questions, please contact Arely Ruiz at arely@arelypr.com or 305.632.5996

CATEGORY:

- Outstanding Philanthropist Award James W. McLamore Outstanding Volunteer Award
- Julia Tuttle Award for Community Involvement & Corporate Citizenship
- Outstanding Grant Maker Award Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award
- Outstanding Fundraising Professional

Nominee name and/or organization name: _____

Nominee address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E Mail: _____

Nomination submitted by: _____

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Telephone: _____ E Mail: _____

Nominee knows they are nominated: Yes No