

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*A Legacy of
Light*



CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS INDIAN RIVER CHAPTER

Honoring the past. Lighting the future.

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY

NOVEMBER 10, 2026

COCKTAIL RECEPTION 4:30 - 5:30 PM

AWARDS PROGRAM 5:30 - 6:30 PM

WAXLAX CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

ST. EDWARDS SCHOOL

1895 SAINT EDWARD'S DRIVE

VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32963



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Dear Friends of AFP Indian River,

Your leadership in the nonprofit sector plays a vital role in building, sustaining, and enriching the community we are all fortunate to call home. Thanks to your efforts and the generosity of countless individuals and organizations, Indian River County continues to thrive as a place where philanthropy shines.

This year, the Association of Fundraising Professionals Indian River Chapter proudly celebrates its 20th Anniversary. A milestone marking two decades of shining a light on generosity and inspiring the spirit of giving in our community. We invite you to join us for National Philanthropy Day 2026, themed *“A Legacy of Light: 20 Years of Philanthropic Impact”—Honoring the past. Lighting the future,* as we honor the individuals and organizations whose contributions continue to illuminate lives and make our community brighter.

The event will take place on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, from 4:30–6:30 p.m. at the Waxlax Center For The Performing Arts of St. Edwards School. It will be an elegant evening to recognize those whose generosity and commitment often go unnoticed but whose impact is truly immeasurable.

There is a special sponsorship opportunity for nonprofit organizations, which includes recognition in our program and digital channels for just \$100. Full sponsorship details are enclosed. To be included in printed materials, please submit your commitment by **October 2, 2026.**

All proceeds from National Philanthropy Day directly support AFP Indian River’s educational programs and scholarships for memberships and conferences. Your sponsorship ensures continued professional growth and ethical leadership in fundraising across our region. We hope you and your board will consider supporting this meaningful celebration. Should you have any questions, please contact Bev Shea at bshea@vbmuseum.org.

With sincere appreciation,

Bev Shea
NPD Sponsorship Chair

Angel Pietsch
NPD Sponsorship Co-Chair



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Dear Friends of AFP Indian River,

This year, the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Indian River Chapter proudly celebrates its 20th Anniversary, a milestone marking two decades of shining a light on generosity and inspiring the spirit of giving throughout our community.

We are thrilled to announce our 2026 National Philanthropy Day celebration, "*A Legacy of Light: 20 Years of Philanthropic Impact*"—*Honoring the past. Lighting the future.* This special evening will take place on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Waxlax Center for the Performing Arts at St. Edward's School.

For twenty years, our chapter has proudly recognized the often-unsung heroes whose generosity, volunteerism, and leadership have strengthened Indian River County. Like beacons of light, these individuals and organizations illuminate the path forward, creating opportunities, transforming lives, and inspiring others to serve. National Philanthropy Day provides a meaningful opportunity to celebrate their remarkable contributions and reflect on the lasting impact philanthropy has had on our community.

As we commemorate this milestone anniversary, we honor the legacy of those who have helped build a culture of generosity over the past two decades while looking ahead to the future they continue to inspire. It will be an elegant evening recognizing those whose commitment often goes unnoticed, yet whose impact is truly immeasurable.

This event is also an investment in the continued strength of our nonprofit sector. Proceeds support AFP Indian River's professional development programs, educational offerings, mentorship opportunities, networking events, and scholarships, empowering fundraising professionals and nonprofit leaders to better serve our community and advance their missions.

We hope we can count on your support as a sponsor of this inspiring event. A variety of sponsorship opportunities are available and detailed in the enclosed materials. Your partnership helps us honor our community's philanthropic leaders while strengthening the organizations that work every day to improve the quality of life in Indian River County.

To ensure inclusion in our printed program and event materials, please confirm your sponsorship commitment by **September 4, 2026.**

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Jennifer Downes. Thank you for helping us celebrate a legacy of generosity, honor those who have illuminated our community, and inspire the next generation of philanthropists and changemakers.

With gratitude,

Bev Shea
NPD Sponsorship Chair

Angel Pietsch
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2026 PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for a night of elegance and celebration as we honor the meaningful impact of philanthropy and the 20th Anniversary of the AFP Indian River Chapter. *"A Legacy of Light: 20 Years of Philanthropic Impact"*—Honoring the past. Lighting the future.—will be an evening where we come together to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of philanthropists nominated by nonprofit organizations.

These individuals have made lasting, often unseen, contributions that strengthen communities locally and beyond. This event will highlight the significance of their work—transforming lives, supporting vital causes, and creating a legacy of generosity.

With an atmosphere of warmth and inspiration, the evening will reflect the beauty of giving and the importance of service. Together, we will celebrate the impact already made while continuing to support meaningful change in Indian River County and beyond.

The Illumination Presenting Sponsor - \$5,000 (Exclusive)

As the highest level of sponsorship, the Illumination Presenting Sponsor is the cornerstone of this extraordinary event. This premier opportunity highlights your organization's commitment to philanthropic excellence and positions you as a leader in driving meaningful impact. AFP Indian River has provided 200+ hours of professional development to nonprofit professionals in our community over the last 20 years. Your support continues this incredible work.

Radiance Sponsor - \$2,500 (unlimited)

As a prestigious supporter of the evening's mission, the Radiance Sponsor helps celebrate individuals and organizations creating positive change. For over 20 years, AFP Indian River has honored over 300 outstanding philanthropists for their dedication to giving. Your support continues our ability to honor those who make an impact in our community.

Beacon Sponsor - \$1,000 (unlimited)

The Beacon Sponsor highlights a commitment to lasting community impact through philanthropy. For over 20 years, AFP Indian River has supported an average of 80 or more members annually with professional development and peer support. Your support enables us to continue this impact.

Luminary - \$500 (unlimited)

The Luminary Sponsor shines a light on those honored for their philanthropic impact. Since its inception, AFP Indian River has awarded over 58 scholarships to local fundraisers, enabling them to become members or attend local and international conferences to continue building their fundraising skills. Your support allows us to continue providing educational opportunities.

Glow - \$250 (unlimited)

The Glow Sponsor plays a vital role in supporting the foundation of this celebration, making the recognition of philanthropy possible. For over 20 years, AFP Indian River has remained dedicated to fostering the development and growth of fundraising professionals and the profession itself, promoting high ethical standards, and preserving and advancing philanthropy and volunteerism.



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	illumination \$5,000	Radiance \$2,500	Beacon \$1,000	Luminary \$500	Glow \$250
AVAILABLE	1	Multiple	Multiple	Multiple	Multiple
Listed in All Media Outlets Print & Online	*	*	*		
Listed in Event Invitation & Program	*	*	*	*	Program Only
Listed in NPD Formal Event Presentation	*	*	*	*	
Recognition from podium by Master of Ceremonies	*	*			
Ad in Program	Full Page	Half Page	Outer Page	Business Card	Name Listed
Reserved Seating at Event	8 Seats	6 Seats	4 Seats	2 Seats	0 Seats

DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION IN PRINTED MATERIALS IS SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

DEADLINE FOR PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IS OCTOBER 2, 2026

Partner Name (as it should appear in materials) :

Contact Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

E-Mail Address:

Please make checks payable to AFP Indian River and mail this form to:
AFPIR, P.O. Box 1213, Vero Beach, FL 32961

For more information, please contact Bev Shea, NPD Sponsorship Chair, at bshea@vbmuseum.org.



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TIMELINE & SPECIAL EVENTS

June 26: Submission Application Opens [[Click to Complete a Nomination](#)]

June 26: Sponsorship Opportunities Available [[Click to Complete and Submit an Online Payment](#)]

August 14: Submission Application Closes, 5:00 p.m.

October 2: Sponsorship Window Closes

October 30: RSVP deadline

November 6: Cocktail Reception at Northern Trust 4:30 PM - This event is reserved for nominees, nominating organizations, and top sponsors.

November 10: National Philanthropy Day 2026 - Celebrating 20 years of AFPIR

A Legacy of Light - Honoring the past and lighting the future

Location: The Waxlax Center for the Performing Arts at St. Edwards School, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$100 per-person and will be available for purchase through AFP Indian River's [website](#).

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY STEERING COMMITTEE

Kerry Bartlett, *AFPIRC President*
Carter Global

Ashley Marshall, *Nominations & Awards*
Childcare Resources

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