

**501C News-July Update**

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**Nominations**

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**7/31/23!**



**HatsOff**  
Nonprofit Awards

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### **2023 HONA Committee Announced**

The 7th Annual Hats Off Nonprofit Awards Committee is meeting each month between now and the event on October 3, 2023. We are planning for a spectacular celebration! Pictured (l to r) are Victoria Chouris, Mark Montgomery, Jennifer Sardone-Shiner, David Lyons, Christine Raymond, Charlotte Gill, Colette Beland, Trudy Crowetz, Diane Smith, NF CEO Jessica Cecere, HONA Committee Chair Christine Pitts, Terry Liddell, Philip DiComo, Amy Krigsman, Laureen Hunter, Mary Aguiar, Peter Cruise, Emily Starkey, Cheryl Baldwin. Not pictured: Alissa Dhwan, Dante Drummer, Kathleen Hillman, Ofelia Utset.



### **2023 HONA Honorary Chair Announced**



Nonprofits First is proud to announce the first Honorary Chair for the 7th Annual Hats Off Nonprofit Awards will be the Honorable Danielle Moore, Mayor of the Town of Palm Beach. Mayor Moore has been the President of Fortin Enterprises since 1986 and President of The Mary Alice Fortin Foundation since 1993. She is also a Director of The Fortin Foundation of Florida since 1986 and a Director of the Barker Welfare Foundation since 1996.

Mayor Moore serves on the boards of many charitable organizations including The Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, the Boys and Girls Club of Palm Beach County, Rosarian Academy, Town of Palm Beach United Way, the Garden Club of Palm Beach, Women's Southern Golf Association, Duke Engage National Advisory Board, and Duke Leadership Gifts Committee.

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## EDUCATION CORNER

For the past three years, Nonprofits First has offered an extensive library of open-enrollment, online courses offered by the leader in online education and professional development, MindEdge Learning. Recently, MindEdge has expanded their brand, adding Nonprofit Skills™, a new multi-certificate program designed to strengthen the skills of nonprofit executives and board members. The new Nonprofit Skills™ brand, powered by MindEdge, provides affordable and flexible online training in the skills that are most in-demand among today's nonprofit leaders.

MindEdge was founded by Harvard and MIT educators and offers top-shelf online courses and certificates to help upskill and enrich with easy-to-access courses in more than 30 learning categories, including over 20 courses and four certificate programs specific to the nonprofit environment.

Nonprofits First Members receive a 20% discount on all MindEdge courses! All you have to do is email [education@nonprofitsfirst.org](mailto:education@nonprofitsfirst.org) for the Online Learning discount code, and you will receive the course, Introduction to Online Learning, FREE when you register.



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## SIGN UP FOR NONPROFIT COURSES

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NONPROFIT MEMBERS WHO WERE REACCREDITED IN JUNE

Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County  
Epilepsy Florida  
Florida Fishing Academy  
Home Safe

Jeff Industries  
Palm Beach County Food Bank  
Take Stock in Children  
YWCA of Palm Beach County

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!



**COALITION FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING OPTIONS, INC.**

Coalition for Independent Living Options helps people with disabilities learn life, social, and job skills as well as get rent and utility payments, food delivery, and trauma counseling. The nonprofit also uses donations to modify homes for seniors, including installing ramps and grab bars for showers and toilets.

*We asked the CEO Dan E. Shorter to tell us more about the organization and how people can support it during Disability Awareness Month in July.*

**Tell us about your mission and cause:**

For free CILO assists 5,500+ neighbors with disabilities annually -- half of whom have been victims of a violent crime, too. Services include teaching life, social, and job skills, rent & utility payments, food delivery, trauma counseling, flu & COVID vaccinations, and anti-bullying courses. CILO also pays for home modifications to ensure people with disabilities can safely get in and out of their residences and easily utilize kitchens, bathrooms, and showers.

**July is Disability Awareness Month. Tell us about your initiatives, and how the community can get involved:**

Households coping with disabilities tend to have lower-paying jobs and struggle financially. We need financial donations to modify homes such as window air conditioning units for seniors, ramps, and grab bars for showers & toilets. Checks can be mailed to Home Modifications, Coalition for Independent Living Options, 4400 N. Congress Ave., Suite 201, West Palm Beach, FL 33407

**How has membership in and being accredited through Nonprofits First benefited your organization?**

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## NONPROFITS FIRST RESOURCE CENTER



### EXECUTIVE VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Nonprofits First is looking for professionals with a passion for helping the nonprofit community and the expertise to truly make a difference.

Contact **Trudy Crowetz**,  
Director of Accreditation for  
more information.

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### BUILD YOUR CAUSE TOOLKIT

The 501cPro Toolkit is a comprehensive online self-assessment resource loaded with crucial information to ensure your organization meets legal requirements and implements best practices that are important to staff, clients, and donors.

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### New Nonprofit Members

Bella's Angels  
Emanuel Jackson, Sr. Project  
Feeding the Hungry

Renewing Nonprofit Members

Actor's Rep  
CROS Ministries  
Encore Palm Beach County  
Light of the World Clinic  
Morakami Museum and Japanese Gardens  
No More Starving Artists Foundation  
1909 Foundation

**New Affiliate Members**

Khanna Connections  
Pyra Promotions  
The Sandbox Ed, LLC

**Renewing Affiliate Members**

A Counting House  
Capehart Photography  
CS Media Works  
GPT Enterprises, LLC, dba Ultimate Image Coach  
Grassroots Consulting, Inc.  
JSS Marketing & Public Relations  
Kolmio Global, Inc.  
Surale Phillips, Research & Evaluation  
Susan Bykofsky, Grant Writing Solutions



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