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Bob Birdsong, 2-1-1 Board Member; Sheila Smith, CEO of 2-1-1 Broward; and Marty Kiar, Mayor of Broward County.

Hearts of Gold

By Robyn A. Friedman

The Golden Globe Awards. The Screen Actors Guild Awards. The Academy Awards. Celebrity award season 2017 is definitely here.

But while South Florida doesn't have Oscars, Globes or SAG awards, it does recognize those who are perhaps just as important — the local non-profit organizations and their staff and volunteers who make a difference in thousands of lives each year in Broward County.

The 7th Annual Community Care Plan Non-Profit Awards, presented by Signature Grand and hosted by 2-1-1 Broward, will pay tribute Feb. 24 to those who help improve the lives of others — and who are often unrecognized by the community.

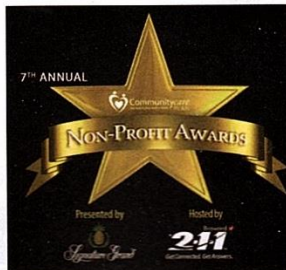
The event will include a red-carpet arrival, awards ceremony, luncheon and after-party, and it brings together non-profit leaders and volunteers with the community.

"This event is about all of the work of all of the non-profit organizations, and 2-1-1 is the gateway to all of the different agencies," says Sheila Smith, president and CEO of 2-1-1 Broward, which provides a 24-hour comprehensive helpline, and support services, to individuals and families in the community seeking crisis intervention assistance or information or referral to health and human services in Broward. "Whether you're passionate about helping children or victims of domestic violence or the homeless, when you support 2-1-1, you're supporting them all."

Each winner in nine categories of service will receive a gold statuette and a monetary award for his or her organization.

"Community Care Plan is committed to supporting 2-1-1 Broward because 2-1-1 is the heartbeat of our community," says Jessica Lerner, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Community Care Plan. "As we serve the same population, we are keenly aware that we could not achieve our mission of improving the well-being of those we serve without 2-1-1 Broward."

The Non-Profit Awards begins at 11 a.m. at the Signature Grand in Davie. Tickets are \$85, and the event sold out last year. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 954-390-0493 or visit 211-broward.org.



2017 Non-Profit Awards nominees

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Non-Profit Organization of the Year

LifeNet4Families
Habitat for Humanity
Meals on Wheels

WLRN Non-Profit Staff Leader of the Year

Aggie Pappas, PACE Center for Girls
Andy Fernandez, Firewall Centers
Laurie Sallarulo, Junior Achievement

FPL Non-Profit Board Leader of the Year

Laurie Suskind, David Posnack Jewish Community Center
Stan Bostic, Prestige Club
Alan Hooper, Sun Trolley

Greenspoon Marder Non-Profit Organization of the Year – The Arts

Broward Performing Arts Foundation – Ghost Light Society
Brazilian Voices
Gold Coast Jazz Society

SunTrust Bank Non-Profit Organization of the Year – Collaboration

FLITE Center
Leadership Broward
Susan B. Anthony Recovery Center

Brown & Brown Insurance Non-Profit Organization of the Year – Innovation

HANDY (Helping Abused Neglected Disadvantaged Youth)
ArtServe
Broward Partnership

Calvin Giordano & Associates Non-Profit Organization of the Year – Rising Star

Exceptional Theater Company
Morningday Community Solutions
Parkland Buddy Sports

Children Services Council Collective Impact for Youth Award

United Way of Broward County – Reading Pals
KidSafe
HandsOn Broward

OK Generators Lifetime Achievement Award

Dennis Stefanacci, ACFRE