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Rolling Out the Red Carpet
Local non-profit organizations and their leaders to be honored at event

2114 Broward, whose mission is to provide 24-hour comprehensive banking and support services to individuals and families in our community, will celebrate the hard work, dedication, and achievements of Broward’s non-profit organizations and their leaders Feb. 22 at the 9th Annual Community Care Plan Non-Profit Awards presented by Signature Grand.

Just like other glamorous award shows, the Non-Profit Awards will include a red carpet and walkabouts for attendees before the award ceremony and luncheon.

"Each year we look forward to celebrating a new group of exceptional non-profit organizations, leaders and programs that are helping people in our community and making an impact," says Sheila Smith, president and chief executive officer of 2114 Broward. "By supporting and attending this event, you are also supporting, celebrating, and drawing attention to the important work of the non-profits that quietly and diligently make life better for all of our residents."

The Non-Profit Awards acknowledge achievement, innovation, and quality in the non-profit sector. Awards will be given in 10 categories. Finalists were announced Jan. 15 at a VIP Announcement Party at Prime & Hunter’s in Hollywood.

The finalists are:

- SunTrust Bank Non-Profit Organization of the Year – Collaboration
- Sheriff’s Foundation of Broward County
- South Florida Institute on Aging
- Rebuilding Together Broward County
- Calvin Giuliano & Associates Non-Profit Organization of the Year – Rising Star
- World AIDS Museum
- South Florida Wellness Network
- Parkland Buddy Sports
- GiveMeSpoon Murder Non-Profit Organization of the Year – Youth Arts
- Coral Springs Museum of Art
- Artists with Autism
- History Fort Lauderdale
- Brown & Brown Insurance Non-Profit Organization of the Year – Innovation
- Memorial HealthCare System
- JACO Children’s Ability Center
- South Florida Community Land Trust
- Children’s Services Council
- Collective Impact for Youth Award
- Urban League of Broward County
- Children’s Harbor
- Sheridan House
- The Sanford Institute of Philanthropy National Leadership Institute Development Executive of the Year
- Barbara Witec, Habitat of Humanity of Broward
- Diana Metraux, Junior Achievement of South Florida
- John Atlee, Sheridan House
- APL Non-Profit Board Leader of the Year
- Keith Merchano, Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida
- Sherry Stein, Children’s Harbor
- Andy Cappetta, Legacy Families
- WLRN Outstanding Non-Profit Leader of the Year
- Mandy Battle, South Florida Community Land Trust
- Dr. Anne Haxey, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- Blake Silverstein, Heart2Heart

Memorial Healthcare System
Non-Profit Organization of the Year
Habitat for Humanity of Broward
Junior Achievement of South Florida
Firewall Centers
Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Lifetime Achievement Award
Winner: Manus Barry Smith, Habitat for Humanity of Broward

The winners and finalists in each category will receive a monetary grant for each of their non-profit organizations. Those nominated but not selected as finalists will be eligible to win a $1,000 grant for their organization through the Public Community Choice Award. Online voting for that award opens Jan. 16 at 2114Broward.org.

— Robin A. Friedman

2114 Broward Community Care Plan Non-Profit Awards will take place Friday, Feb. 22 at 11:00 a.m. at the Signature Grand in Davie. Tickets are $50, and sponsorships are available for more information or to purchase tickets, call 954-746-1200 or visit 2114Broward.org.