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ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER ANNOUNCES ITS NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY HONOREES

September 8, 2021 (ORLANDO, FL)—The Association of Fundraising Professionals Central Florida Chapter (AFP Central Florida) is pleased to announce the award winners and honorees who will be recognized at the National Philanthropy Day breakfast on Friday, November 19, 2021.

National Philanthropy Day, which is the nineteenth of November, is a day set aside to recognize the great contributions of philanthropy and individuals that are active in the philanthropic community to the enrichment of our world. National Philanthropy Day was first celebrated in 1986, and in 2019 more than 130 AFP chapters held National Philanthropy Day events across North America.

AFP Central Florida recognizes local individuals, corporations, foundations, civic and service groups, and nonprofit organizations in Central Florida whose efforts change the face of our community. More than 150 fundraising professionals are members of AFP Central Florida Chapter and work together to advance philanthropy by helping people and organizations practice effective and ethical fundraising.

The event is sponsored in part by Bank of America, Duke Energy, Heart of Florida United Way, The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida, The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes, and Orange Appeal. Additional sponsors include Orlando Magic Youth Foundation (Welcome Sponsor), Advent Health Foundation (Welcome Sponsor), Foundation for Seminole State College (Signature Sponsor), Edyth Bush Institute at Rollins College (Signature Sponsor) and Wells Fargo (Supporting Sponsor).

2021 Award Winners and Honorees

H. Clifford Lee Lifetime Achievement Award (sponsored by Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation)

John & Rita Lowndes

AFP Outstanding Fundraising Professional Award (sponsored by *FAIRWINDS* Credit Union)

Cheryl A. Collins, CFRE

Kenneth F. Murrah, Esq. Award for Outstanding Philanthropist Award (sponsored by Central Florida Foundation)

Earl Crittenden, Jr.

David R. Roberts Youth in Philanthropy Award (sponsored by Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation)

Raquel Caramello

Creating Change Honorees (sponsored by UCF Advancement)

Bishop Grady Villas
Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida
The Sharing Center

Volunteerism Honorees

Kiwanis of Orlando
Orlando Health Volunteer Medical Team
Sarah Grafton

Corporate & Foundation Engagement Honorees

PNC Financial Services Group
The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida
Celebration Restaurant Group

Community Impact Honorees (sponsored by Nemours Children's Health)

Catholic Charities of Central Florida
Charmaine Hunter
IDignity

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Honorees (sponsored by Quest, Inc.)

Enterprise Holdings
The Contigo Fund

Emerging Leaders Honorees

Aly Benitez
Nikole Parker
Valerie Solomon

The National Philanthropy Day breakfast is Friday, November 19, 2021 at the Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grand Lakes located at 4012 Central Florida Parkway, Orlando, FL 32837. Registration begins at 8:15 am and breakfast begins at 9:00 am. Tickets are \$85 for individuals, \$600 for a table of eight, or \$750 for a table of ten and can be purchased on the AFP Central Florida website (<https://afpcentralflorida.org/npd/default.aspx>). The deadline to register for a seat is October 29, 2021. Sponsorships are still available.

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AFP Central Florida is a Chapter of AFP International, whose mission is to empower individuals and organizations to practice ethical fundraising through professional education, networking, research, and advocacy.