



**December 2024**



## Florida Association of Nonprofits Celebrated its 35th Anniversary

The evening started with cocktails and conversation while guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, and caricature artist, Angela Wilkins, and photographer, Andee Ebanks, provided take-home memories for them.



Characteristic sounds of steel drum music by Mike Wray and the Sound Factory Band invited people into the ballroom for dinner. Master of Ceremonies DJ Felix Sama introduced award-winning vocalist, Charlotte McKinnon, whose inspirational songs aroused the emotions of her audience.

Emphasizing the Gala's theme, People Helping People: Making Waves Through Nonprofit Partnerships, the awards presentation honored our state's finest collaborators. Each acceptance speech demonstrated not only the remarkable deeds of these individuals, but also highlighted the heart behind their missions.

The party continued with music and dancing climaxing with the awe-inspiring and colorful Hora Loca dancers who got the crowd up and on the dance floor to join in the festive celebration.



# People Helping People:

Making Waves Through Nonprofit Partnerships

## Florida Association of Nonprofits 2024 Award Honorees

**Arts & Culture:**

Xavier Cortada, Eco-Artist

**Disaster Relief:**

Dionne Polite, AARP of Florida

**Education:**

Dr. Marie O. Etienne, Florida Nurses Association

**Healthcare:**

Nestor Plana, Florida Community Care  
Josefina Carbonell, Independent Living Systems

**Homeless Prevention:**

Ron Book, Miami-Dade Homeless Trust

**Public Service/Food Security:**

Senator Rene Garcia, Miami-Dade County Commissioner

**Safety:**

Dr. Barbara E. Sanchez, Crime Prevention Alliance of FL  
Micosukee Tribe of Indians Business Council

**Lawton's Heart**

**Humanitarian Lifetime Achievement:**

Monty Trainer

Servant Leader, Nonprofit Advocate, Philanthropist



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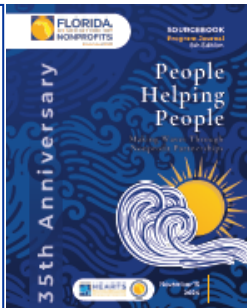
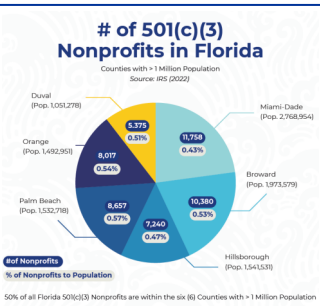
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| 2025   | Class Schedule:   |
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|  | <b>Saturday Classes—1pm-5pm</b><br><b>Monday Classes—5pm-9pm</b>  |
| Sat Jan 18<br>Mon Jan 20<br>Sat Feb 22   | <b>Campaigning Part 1/Fundraising Power Vision and Strategic Thinking Executive Director Training/HATS &amp; Sustainability: Fundraising Part 2 Big Gifts</b>   |
| Mon Feb 24<br>Sat Mar 22<br>Mon Mar 24<br>Sat Apr 19<br>Mon Apr 21<br>Sat May 17<br>Mon May 19<br>Sat Jun 21<br>Mon Jun 23<br>Sat Jul 19<br>Mon Jul 21 | <b>Information Revolution/Managing Technology Governance, Board, Policy, Volunteerism Human Resources and Volunteers Marketing and Special Events Discovering Trends Through Civic Engagement Time Money, Managing Financial Resources Grantwriting Wars and Evaluation Power Vision and Strategic Thinking Campaigning Part 1/Fundraising Information Revolution/Managing Technology Executive Director Training/HATS &amp; Sustainability: Fundraising Part 2 Big Gifts</b> |
| Sat Aug 23<br>Mon Aug 25<br>Sat Oct 18<br>Mon Oct 20<br>Sat Nov 22<br>Mon Nov 24   | <b>Human Resources and Volunteers Governance, Board Policy, Volunteerism Discovering Trends Through Civic Engagement Marketing and Special Events Grantwriting Wars and Evaluation Time &amp; Money, Managing Financial Resources</b>   |



**Florida Nonprofits' 2024 Sourcebook** includes information from the Gala and interesting data on the impact of nonprofit organizations in Florida. Request your copy: [members@fano.org](mailto:members@fano.org)

## Tribute to Harris Rosen



**Harris Rosen, who built Florida's largest independent hotel chain, died at age 85.**

In the early days, before his second hotel was built, Florida Association of Nonprofits honored Harris Rosen with an award of distinction for the generous contributions of in-kind services and products he donated to the annual conference.

Frank Santos, VP of Rosen Hotels & Resorts characterized him as a beloved father, grandfather, and a pillar of our community with an unwavering commitment to help underserved communities, promote education, and support health and wellness.

Through his Foundation, Harris' philanthropy assisted local schools, healthcare, and other vital programs for underprivileged families.

Believing that it's the responsibility for the employers to provide healthcare, Mr. Rosen built an on-site clinic where staff pays \$800 annual premium with no deductibles.

"Education is one of the few things that can level the playing field", said Rosen, when he opened the Rosen College of Hospitality Management.

Missed by all who knew him, Rosen's legacy will live on through his actions and achievements.

## Facts & Figures

A total of 1,280 nonprofits took part in **Give Miami Day**. The Children's Movement of Florida received 1,690 contributions (2nd most among all) and raised \$836,540 (6th among all).

| Metro Area   | # Nonprofits | # Employees |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Miami        | 35,220       | 349,066     |
| Tampa        | 16,731       | 155,962     |
| Orlando      | 14,207       | 148,962     |
| Jacksonville | 9,358        | 95,034      |

## Become a Member

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In addition to its Gala on Nov 16th, Florida Association of Nonprofits 35th Anniversary Celebration includes its new website\* with membership logins to access an ever-expanding library of resources and easy-to-use registrations for classes, webinars, networking events, membership and more. (\*in progress)

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