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The 4th annual Excellence in Nonprofit Performance Yearly Awards (ENPYs) ceremony will be televised on Tuesday, Oct. 20. RICARDO ROLON PHOTOS/THE NEWS-PRESS

And the finalists are ... Cape community foundation's ENPY awards honor efforts of local nonprofits



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On Tuesday, Oct. 20, the Cape Coral Community Foundation will host the 4th annual ENPY Awards – Excellence in Nonprofit Performance Yearly awards ceremony. Too often the ones doing the work to better our community do not get recognized.

This year, due to the coronavirus pandemic and following the recommendation from the Center for Disease Control and from our local government, the efforts of Southwest Florida nonprofits and the accomplishments of nonprofit leaders will collectively be recognized a little differently on a special live televised broadcast airing across Southwest Florida and watched around the world by live streaming at ctntelevision.com.

The Cape Coral Community Foundation received 110 ENPY award nominations and sold out every sponsorship category for the show to honor nonprofit leaders, donors, and volunteers.

I am pleased to announce the 36 named finalists, 12 selected award presenters and the emcee. The finest nonprofit organizations, leaders, volunteers, staff and business partners in Southwest Florida will be recognized with a winner named in 12 categories. The ENPY awards is sponsored by Regions Bank.

The emcee, or mistress of ceremonies, for the 2020 ENPY Awards is Wendy Fullerton, News Director for the News-Press.

A panel of impartial non-local judges selected three finalists from an online nomination process in each of the following categories:

Board Leader of the Year (board member): Nicole McHale – FISH; Eileen Webster – Family Initiative; **Dan Stuckey – ARCHway**

Nonprofit Organization of the Year (established more than five years ago): Conservancy of Southwest Florida; Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida; Calusa Waterkeeper

Nonprofit Executive of the Year (CEO, president, executive director): Alicia Miller – Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing; Cecilia St. Arnold – Blessings in a

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Wendy Powell, left, the news director for the News-Press, will be the emcee for the 2020 ENPY awards.



The Nonprofit Employee of the Year award will be presented by Marilyn Stout.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Hope PACE a lifeline for seniors in community



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Through PACE – a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly – Hope Healthcare provides our community's seniors with the coordinated and comprehensive care needed to age in place, wherever they call home.

With a focus on its mission of maintaining the quality of life and optimal mobility for Lee, Collier and Charlotte county seniors at risk for nursing home placement, Hope's team develops an individualized plan of care that is customized for each participant's needs and practical challenges.

Throughout the pandemic, Hope has maintained an excellent level of clinical care in our fully equipped, state-of-the-art Hope PACE Care Centers, with participants receiving medical and dental care, laboratory and diagnostic services, as well as care from specialists. Occupational, physical and speech therapy are available as well for those with special needs. Personal care, prescription drugs, and medical supplies are also available through the program.

Transportation is provided to the Center, where, in addition to medical care, the Hope PACE program offers nutritious meals and the opportunity to socialize and make new friends. When Covid-19 permits, activities are planned throughout the day that address body, mind, and spirit, from gentle exercise to keep bodies in motion, to trivia and word games to keep minds active as well. The arts are also integrated through crafts and performances by visiting musicians.

Hope PACE recently received a heartwarming letter of gratitude from Gladys Jarvis of Fort Myers, who shared: "This note is to let you know your program is working well. I am 80 years old, do not drive anymore, but do not feel alone or lost because I have Hope PACE and the wonderful angels giving me help with cleaning and shopping. Through this whole mess of the coronavirus pandemic, we have felt VERY comforted having you all only a phone call away. Many of

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WHY I GIVE

Make an impact by donating time



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I give because a simple act of kindness has an incredible ripple effect, often times beyond what we could ever imagine.

How do I give (of your time, talent, money)?

In this season of life, the most impactful way that I'm able to make a difference is by donating my time. I do this by helping nonprofit organizations plan and execute fundraising or community events. I also participate in hands-on volunteer opportunities for a variety of different local non-profits. Equally important to me is to constantly educate myself on what these organizations are working on by attending as many of their events as I can, and also introducing friends to the different causes. Caring is arguably the most important core value we have at Suffolk. One of the ways we embody this core value is through our internal nonprofit, The Giving Circle, of which I have the opportunity to make a weekly payroll donation towards. The mission of The Giving Circle is to provide relief to members of the Suffolk and Liberty families when they need it most.

And to whom do I give?

The Giving Circle, Youth Haven, MS Center of SWFL, Make-a-Wish Foundation, Valerie's House, St. Matthew's House, United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Florida, Harry Chapin Food Bank, Pace Center for Girls, Empty Bowls Naples, The Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, Meals of Hope, Naples Zoo and more.

Mo Camacho is Business Development Manager with Suffolk.

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Backpack; Fred Richards – Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida

Nonprofit Employee of the Year (paid staff member): Bethany Freer – Lifeline; Dr. Joel Montalvo, Ph.D. – Samaritan Health & Wellness; Diana Nicol – Gulf Coast Village

Business Partner of the Year (business which supports nonprofits and the community): Bailey's General Store; Spiro & Associates; Jennifer's Boutique

Nonprofit Volunteer of the Year (individual who serves the organization and/or community): Melanie Jacob – Wolfhound Legacy; Fritz Gloege – Harry Chapin Food Bank; Patrick & Margaret Rookey – Salvation Army of Fort Myers

Nonprofit Rising Organization of the Year (established less than five years ago); Holiday 4 Heroes; Better Together; Wellfit Girls

In addition, the Paul Sanborn Service Above Self Award, the Elmer Tabor Generosity Award, Community Impact Award, Health Innovator of the Year Award, and the Connie Ramos-Williams Nonprofit Publicity Award will each be recognized by the Cape Coral Community Foundation.

Paul Sanborn Service Above Self Award (outstanding servant leader): Dylan Zsebe – Zsebe & Associates

Haris Domond – Southwest Florida Community Volunteer: Leigh & Clint Strand – Brand 1 Ink

Elmer Tabor Generosity Award (individual who exemplifies being kind and generous to others): Keith White – Fort Myers Police Department

Carol Rae Culliton – Gunterberg Charitable Foundation: Ivan Suarez – Boomz Barbershop



The Cape Coral Community Foundation has announced 36 finalists for its 2020 ENPY awards. AMANDA INSCORE/THE NEWS-PRESS



Bryan Blackwell will present the Nonprofit Executive of the Year award. COURTESY



The Community Impact award will be presented by Joe Cerino. USA TODAY HANDOUT

Community Impact Award (individual improving the well-being of children, youth, and families): Brian Rist – Storm Smart; Emily Lafrate – Put It on Pete's Tab; Yadi Perez-Luna – Lee

County Sheriff's Office

Nonprofit Health Innovator of the Year (individual who makes a difference in health and wellness): Nadine Singh – Premier Health Mobile Services; Brainna Hovis – Lee Health; Syn-di Bultman – Lee Health

Connie Ramos-Williams Nonprofit Publicity Award (innovative marketing/PR on a shoestring budget): Ana Stevenson – Path2Freedom; Michelle Avola – Southwest Florida Free Pain Clinic; Ryan Davis – Gulf Coast Symphony

In addition to the 36 finalists for ENPY Awards, let me introduce you to the 12 selected business and community leaders who will recognize and present the awards to the finalists and winners on Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. during the televised event.

Organization of the Year: Earnest Wilks, Regions Bank

Rising Organization of the Year: Terry Frith, Edward Jones

Board Leader of the Year: B. PAT O'Rourke, Community Volunteer

Paul Sanborn Service Above Self: Jim Gravedoni, Frank & Sons Moving & Storage

Nonprofit Executive of the Year: Bryan Blackwell, Molloy Financial Group

Health Innovator of the Year: Phil Deems, Phil Deems Real Estate

Business Impact Partner of the Year: Dennis Gingerich, Cape Christian

Community Impact Award: Joe Cerino, Law Office of Joseph Cerino

Elmer Tabor Generosity Award: Elmer Tabor, Wonderland Realty

Connie Ramos Williams Nonprofit Publicity Award: Joan Henry, Lusk, Drasites & Tolisano

Volunteer of the Year: Elisa Bowersox, Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Company, P.A.

Nonprofit Employee of the Year: Marilyn Stout, Community Volunteer

The Cape Coral Community Foundation fosters a healthy and dynamic community where individuals are inspired to support, strengthen, and enrich quality of life through generosity and civic engagement. The Foundation offers a variety of inventive ways to give generously to a multitude of diverse partners, prioritize needs and best serve its citizens – locally, regionally, nationally, and abroad.

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our friends who do not belong to PACE tell us of the problems of not getting their doctor for answers or even unable to get their meds. Someone from PACE has called me every week checking to make sure all is fine or asking if I need

anything. Some friends have even felt stranded, but not us PACE members. Bless you all for taking such good care of us. We don't feel forgotten."

Hope PACE makes a difference and is truly unique from other health care programs, with an innovative approach that offers a more personal way of ensuring seniors receive the care and comfort they deserve. Engagement and interaction are extremely important for

everyone, and being part of PACE provides extra special opportunities for connection. Hope PACE is an emotional lifeline that has become more important than ever for our community's seniors.

Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto issued a proclamation recognizing September 2020 PACE Month in the State of Florida.

Hope PACE Centers are located in Cape Coral, Fort Myers, Lehigh Acres, Naples, and Port Charlotte. To be eligible

to enroll in Hope PACE, which is free of charge for participants with dual Medicare and Medicaid coverage, you must be at least 55 years old and a Lee, Collier or Charlotte county resident who has health problems that qualify you for nursing home care. To learn more, visit www.HopePACE.org or call 239-985-6400. If you or a loved one need immediate assistance, contact Hope Healthcare at 239-482-4673.

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