

National Philanthropy Day Honorees and Nominees Announced

October 2006, Stuart, Florida - Millie Wood-Goldsby and Deborah Johnson, CFRE co-chairs of the selection committee of the Association of Fund Raising Professionals, Treasure Coast Chapter **2006 National Philanthropy Day**, have announced the nominees and honorees. The 12th Annual National Philanthropy Day luncheon, which pays tribute to the contribution that philanthropists and volunteers play in the lives of all in our community, will be held on Tuesday, November 21st at Willoughby Country Club.

Nominees for *Outstanding Corporate Philanthropist* are Bank of America, Hometown News, Just Gold Jewelers, Premier Party Rental, QVC St. Lucie Inc., St. Lucie Mets and the Palm Beach Post. Honoree selected is **Toyota of Stuart, nominated by Martin Memorial Foundation.**

Outstanding Group Supporting Philanthropy nominees are: GFWC Hobe Sound Women's Club, Junior League of Martin County, Sailfish Point Foundation, Inc. and Women Supporting the Arts. Award Honoree is **Leave A Legacy[®] of the Treasure Coast, nominated by Treasure Coast Planned Giving Council.**

Nominated for *Outstanding Individual Philanthropists* are: Elisabeth "Betty" Lahti and the Karl Wickstrom Family. Honorees are **Dale and Mary Hudson, nominated by The Pine School.**

Outstanding Volunteer Fund Raiser nominees are Ed Bee, the Rob & Stacy Ranieri Family and Beverly Sargent. Award honoree is **Casey Cummings, nominated by The Pine School.**

Unsung Hero nominees are: Diana Baker and Thomas Wayne "Tom" Teter. Honoree is **Trudy Godshalk, nominated by Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County.**

Both nominees for *Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy* were selected as honorees: **Jessica Green, nominated by Humane Society of the Treasure Coast** and **Steven Toth, III, nominated by Hibiscus Children's Center.**

The President' Award, and highest honor, is awarded to **Elisabeth “Betty” Lahti**, **nominated by Library Foundation of Martin County**. This award goes to the highest scoring nominee during the judging process, making the nomination the most outstanding.

The Treasure Coast Planned Giving Council will also present on National Philanthropy Day a *Lasting Legacy award* to the **Frances Langford Foundation**, **nominated by Martin Memorial Foundation** and a *Living Legacy award* to **Dr. Bill and June Tozzo**, **nominated by Volunteers in Medicine Clinic (VIM)**.

Wood-Goldsby and Johnson were elated to have twenty-five nominations, the most ever received since the organization's inception in 1994. Wood-Goldsby said, “Each nomination was outstanding. It is so difficult for the judging committee to choose just one award honoree as, in our opinions, each one is a winner for their contribution to this community!” The co-chairs would like to thank the following judges: David Skiles, First Peoples Bank; Cris Adams, United Way of St Lucie County; Joseph Connelly, mayor of Jupiter Island; Pat Williams, former editor of Luminaries; Pat Austin, The Pine School; and Sue McVeigh, president of the AFP chapter.

A special pre-event Champagne Reception honoring all nominees and award sponsors will be held on November 8th at Mr. and Mrs. Jack Heckenberg's home on Sewall's Point. Kristin Hoke, WPBF-TV 25 News Anchor, will assume the Mistress of Ceremonies duties for the National Philanthropy Day (NPD) event. All are welcome to join in the celebration. For more information and reservations, call Suzanne Horstman, Co-Chair of NPD, at 772-221-1409.

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