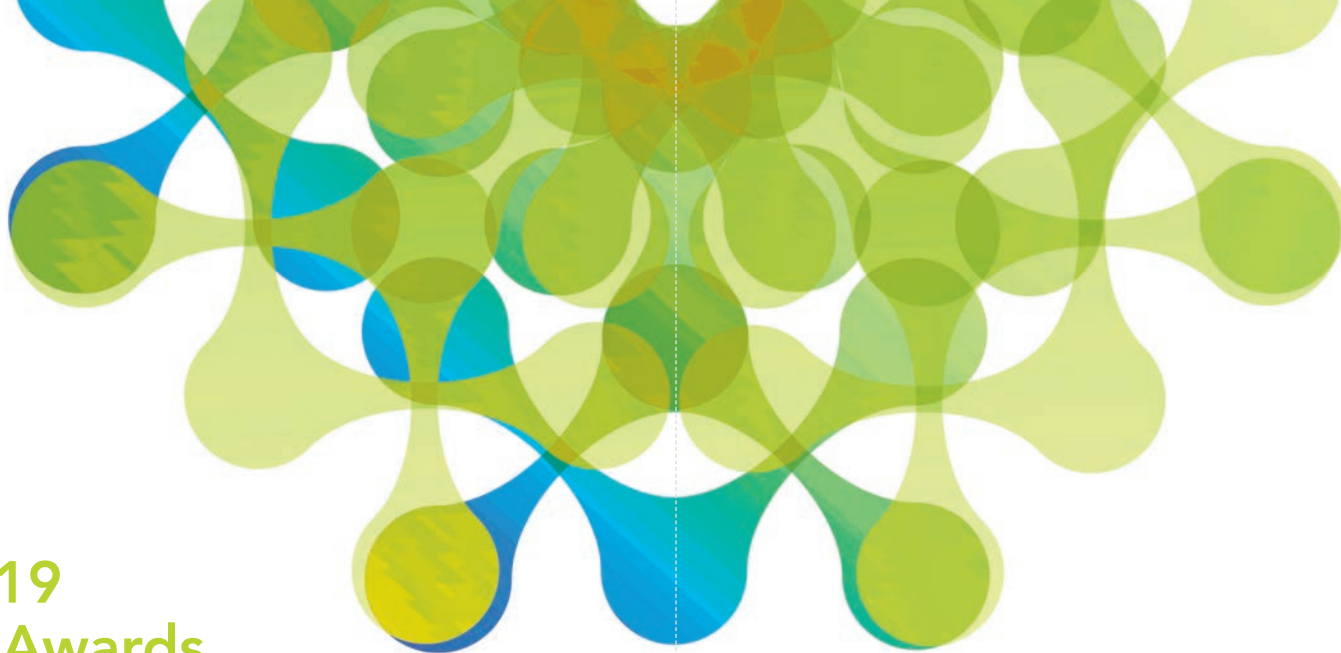


# Honorees

Past and Present  
2005–2019



SAPPHIRE  
AWARDS  
2019



## Welcome to the 2019 Sapphire Awards

Florida Blue Foundation is committed to its mission—to help the people and communities of Florida achieve better health—through strategic grant making to nonprofits that provide services to all 67 Florida counties.

The Sapphire Awards embody our desire to recognize and award excellence and innovation among organizations, programs and individuals that have made a significant, positive impact on health-related outcomes for Florida's at-risk people and communities.

The Awards honor outstanding individuals, programs and nonprofit organizations in community health care, or health care related fields, whose work is distinguished by leadership, innovation and achievements in community health.

The 2019 Sapphire Awards Honorees all embody thoughtful, creative and innovative leadership. They are committed to using all resources possible to create improvements in the daily lives of the people of Florida who are underserved in health care. Their accomplishments and unselfish dedication to improving health care services and best practices for the people of Florida are laudable.

## 2019 Sapphire Awards Honorees



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Early Childhood Court  
**The Florida Center for Early Childhood**  
 Sarasota, Sarasota County

The Florida Center for Early Childhood, founded 40 years ago, provides critically necessary health, education, mental health, case management and child abuse prevention services to children and families in Sarasota, DeSoto, Charlotte, Hardee and Manatee counties. It also operates the state's only Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorders clinic, evaluating individuals of all ages for prenatal exposure to alcohol.

Early Childhood Court (ECC) began in Sarasota County in 2014 in partnership with the Sarasota YMCA Safe Children Coalition in Judicial Circuit 12 (Sarasota, Manatee and DeSoto counties). ECC is a specialized court model targeting infants and young children ages 0-5 who have been removed from their homes and placed into foster care. The program uses an integrated case management/therapeutic services approach providing a coordinated service model so that organizations can work in unison. The innovative approach seeks to heal the underlying trauma in the parents that led to substance abuse and losing custody of their child. The overarching goal is to stop the intergenerational cycle of abuse, neglect and violence.



Limitless Solutions  
**University of Central Florida Foundation**  
 Orlando, Orange County

Founded in 1969, the University of Central Florida Foundation works with donors to the University of Central Florida (UCF) to help them maximize the impact of gifts that are used to fund student scholarships, invest in faculty excellence, construct new facilities and expand important programs such as Limitless Solutions.

Limitless Solutions was established to transform the approach to traditional and cost prohibitive disability technology. The primary goal is to provide at no cost to families the advanced prosthetics for children who otherwise would never be afforded one. Limitless began with a 3D printed bionic limb for a young Central Florida boy who had a dream of being able to do two-handed tasks. A total of 20 children have received 3D printed bionic arms and 72 participated in the clinical assessment of the video game training system. More than 100 university students participated in the hands-on student internship program that focused on collaboration between various disciplines of study, including engineering, art, and communications, to design, manufacture and paint the artistically expressive bionic arms and training systems.



Telehealth (Virtual) Mental Health Services  
**IMPOWER**  
 Longwood, Seminole County

IMPOWER is a Central Florida-based mental health and child well-being organization that serves more than 10,000 people annually through a continuum of services aimed at improving wellness and "Inspiring Life's Potential." Core programs and services include: outpatient mental health/substance abuse treatment and counseling services; The Grove, an in-patient substance abuse treatment program for youth 13-17 and youth substance prevention at schools and community sites; case management; foster care/adoption; and The Village, a transitional housing program for former foster care and other unaccompanied youth, ages 18-24. With the recent merger with The Grove Counseling Center, the organization has a combined 70-plus years of experience in delivering programs that help individuals and families lead safe, healthy, meaningful and productive lives.

In early 2013, IMPOWER began to tackle the difficulties that were preventing individuals of all ages with mental health conditions from obtaining care. The difficulties included a critical shortage of psychiatrists (particularly board-certified child psychiatrists), transportation barriers and other access to care issues. Telehealth was identified as the means to provide quality, cost-effective, accessible mental health services that are consistent and client-focused.

Telehealth uses a real-time, HIPPA compliant, video interface between client and practitioner (psychiatric practitioner, care coordinator or mental health therapist) that allows clients to receive accessible care via a smart phone, computer or tablet. Practitioners can diagnose, recommend and provide treatment with 24/7 access. Telehealth services are provided direct to the consumer or through a "spoke" site with a partner agency that creates a secure telehealth kiosk.

In 2018, IMPOWER reported:

- Serving 3,993 clients through telehealth for a total of 35,678 services
- Clients ranged in age from 5 to 55 and represented a culturally diverse group, with children making up the majority
- Approximately 75% of clients are Medicaid eligible
- Over the past three years, "no-shows" for appointments decreased 50%, a savings of \$20,000 each year
- A minimum wage earner using telehealth saved \$319.56 a year in lost wages and transportation costs
- Appointments are available within 3-5 days, and same day in urgent situations, compared to three week to three months prior to the addition of telehealth services
- Practitioners using telehealth for medication management prescribed 10% fewer medications than traditional face-to-face encounters



### Miami Beach Community Health Center

Miami, Miami-Dade County

Founded in 1977, Miami Beach Community Health Center (MBCHC) is a Federally Qualified Health Center that provides high quality preventive and primary health care to medically underserved patients regardless of their ability to pay. With four locations throughout Miami-Dade County, services include: internal

medicine, family practice, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, HIV/AIDS services, dental, cardiology, endocrinology, ophthalmology and optometry, psychiatry, mental health and substance abuse services, nutrition, podiatry, and genetics. All locations have laboratory and pharmacy services, and many enabling services, such as case management, eligibility assistance, health education, outreach, transportation and translation, are provided. Recently, it earned six Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) quality awards, the only community health center in Florida to earn six awards, and tying as number two in the nation out of 1,400 community health centers.

It has integrated behavioral health into primary care, recently initiated an opioid use disorder treatment program, and adopted the Integration of Oral Health and Primary Care Practice model which recommends applying oral health core clinical competencies within primary care practices to increase oral health access for safety net populations.

In calendar year 2017, MBCHC served:

- 38,930 medical patients
- 9,328 dental patients
- 3,045 behavioral health patients
- 3,255 vision services patients
- 1,562 patients for other professional services (podiatrist, dietitian)
- 2,882 patients for enabling services



### Pine Castle

Jacksonville, Duval County

Pine Castle was founded in 1952 by 33 families of children born with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD). They purchased 10 acres of land covered in Australian Pine trees, opened a school, hired a teacher and started the process of discovering what their children could do, instead of focusing on

what they could not do. In 1965, the public school system began accepting children of all abilities, and Pine Castle transitioned to serving adults with IDD. Pine Castle helped pioneer the philosophy that individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities have the right to lead full and productive lives.

Today, Pine Castle provides:

- Day training for 294 (including specialized programming for Seniors)
- 5 group homes housing 36 adults with 24-hour staff support, including full-time Residential Program Registered Nurse
- Workforce training and employment on campus for 253 individuals
- An employment agency to help individuals find meaningful work in the community at minimum wage or higher
- Mental health counseling and psycho-social rehabilitation
- Full-time Clinical Site Registered Nurse, who managed 7,706 clinic visits



### The Sundari Foundation

Miami, Miami-Dade County

Founded in 2006, the mission of Sundari Foundation, dba Lotus House Women's Shelter, is to nourish and uplift women, youth and children experiencing homelessness by providing healing sanctuary, support, education, tools and resources that empower them to improve the quality of their lives on every level, achieve greater self-sufficiency, and build brighter futures. Core services include: case management, employment/education support, access to health/mental health services, child developmental services, evidence-based/informed group and individual counseling, assistance with accessing eligibility benefits, life skills training, pre/postnatal services, arts/literacy/fitness, high nutrition meals, parenting classes, onsite health clinic and child care facility, employment training and placement support, assistance with permanent housing placement, and permanent housing subsidies.

They report:

- Sheltering up to 500 women, youth and children daily, and an estimated 200,000 shelter bed nights annually
- Approximately 90% exit to permanent housing outside the shelter system
- Annually providing 10,000 mental health counseling sessions, 500,000 nutritious meals, 2,500 health care appointments, and health navigation and education





**I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless**

Jacksonville, Duval County

The mission of Sulzbacher, founded in 1994, is to empower homeless and at-risk women, children and men through health, affordable housing and income services thereby restoring hope and self-sufficiency. It began in a vacant warehouse under a highway overpass behind the jail as a men-

only dormitory consisting of pallets within painted spaces on a concrete floor with no air conditioning and scant heating. From that humble beginning, bunk beds, women’s shelter, families shelter, children’s building, medical clinic (primary health, dental, behavioral health, and vision), medical street outreach, satellite medical clinic, veterans outreach, veterans dorm, medical respite, medical clinic expansion, school-based medical clinics and the satellite Sulzbacher Village for Women and Families were added.

It is northeast Florida’s only 24-hour emergency shelter facility that provides in one location: emergency shelter; permanent supportive housing; food; primary health, dental and vision care; employment services; STD screening; substance abuse counseling; mental health and psychiatric counseling; housing referrals; financial counseling; resident savings accounts; case management/crisis intervention; outreach; and youth counseling/children’s case management.

Since its opening in 1995, Sulzbacher has provided 2,594,000 nights of shelter to 48,872 homeless individuals including 3,066 families with 6,660 children. Its kitchen has served 8,742,000 nutritious meals to the homeless and hungry at no charge, and 117,764 volunteers have provided 445,871 hours of volunteer service with a value of \$12,066,000. Since electronic record keeping began in 2004, Sulzbacher Medical Clinics have treated 46,169 patients during 230,843 patient visits.

In 2017, Sulzbacher reported:

- Sheltering and feeding over 400 residents on a daily basis
- Providing 101,602 nights of shelter to 1,106 individuals including 167 children in families
- Providing outreach and support to 480 homeless veterans
- Providing medical outreach to the unsheltered homeless during 4,127 contacts
- Serving 561,764 meals to the homeless and hungry at no charge
- Placing 815 individuals and 84 families into stable housing
- 100% of families remain stably housed after 12 months
- Medical clinics provided services to 7,469 unduplicated patients during 30,548 clinic visits
- Placing 288 into stable employment
- Connecting 962 to stable employment or income services



**Alberto M. Carvalho**

**Superintendent of Schools, Miami-Dade County Public Schools**

Miami, Miami-Dade County

Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho’s achievements in improving health outcomes for hundreds of thousands of Florida children are rooted in his commitment to the development of the whole child and to the improvement in the quality of life outcomes for the students and staff of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the largest in the state of Florida and the fourth largest public school system in the nation. He understands the correlation between improved health and improved social, emotional and academic achievements and has built strategic partnerships to improve the health of the Miami-Dade community as well as within the school district.

Activities and recognitions from his 28-year history with the school district, beginning as a teacher in 1990, include:

- On-site access to primary health care and dental care to which all students have access
- The first school-based clinics in the nation to receive funding through a Health Care Innovation Award from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
- Created Office of Economic Opportunity for an inclusive procurement process
- Numerous awards on the local and national level for his leadership and for the school district’s programming, innovation and outcomes
- Access to healthy and nutritious foods through revisions to school wellness policies, healthy food vending machines, and the development of farm-to-table garden and school lunch program
- School pantry serving the hungry, among others

Carvalho is actively involved in leadership roles in the community and received a Bachelor of Science from Barry University and a Master of Educational Learning from Nova Southeastern University.





### Angie Romagosa

**President/CEO, The Christian Sharing Center**  
Longwood, Seminole County

Over her 32 years as founder and leader of The Christian Sharing Center, Angie Romagosa developed an organization that provides a comprehensive framework of services to address the wide-ranging needs of the underserved population in Seminole County. While health is not typically the primary reason for clients seeking help, she recognized that a person's health issues are oftentimes a contributing factor in their hardships. Her vision led to the purchase of a shopping plaza where the multitude of services provided could be available in one location. The programming is extensive and coordinated in a manner that is seldom seen. Services include: a thrift store that provides clothing and household goods for clients' needs and for sale to the community at large; financial assistance; homeless drop-in facility called the Oasis that provides showers, laundry, haircuts, case management to assist with housing and health concerns; food pantry; community garden; primary care and prescription services; and other services provided by the organization and its numerous partners.

Under her leadership and sound business and management practices, the organization has grown from serving 500 in the first year to 14,000 local people in need annually. The Sharing Center has received numerous awards and recognition including the Community Champion of the Year by the Seminole County regional Chamber of Commerce and Non-Profit of the Year by both Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Sanford Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Romagosa serves on several boards, including the Seminole County Cooperative Extension Service Overall Advisory Committee; past chair of Sacson; vice chair of the Seminole County Committee on Aging; and is certified by Rollins College Philanthropy Center as a coach for new executive directors. Her honors are numerous, including: receipt of the Key to the City of Longwood; the Papal Benemerenti Medal for service in the community; Safeco Insurance Community Hero; Orlando Women Who Make Magic; Girl Scouts Women of Distinction; and City of Longwood Business Person of the Month and Community Leadership Award.

She studied at Armstrong State College in Savannah, Georgia.



### Alonzo H. Mourning, Jr.

**Founder, Mourning Family Foundation**  
Miami, Miami-Dade County

Alonzo H. Mourning, Jr., or "Zo" as he is affectionately called, is an esteemed community leader, acclaimed athlete, committed philanthropist, survivor of a life-threatening illness, highly respected business leader and true advocate for health and wellness.

In 2003, he underwent a successful kidney transplant due to complications from a rare genetic kidney disease. While the disease may have ended his all-star athletic career, it fueled his drive to make a positive difference in the lives of people with kidney disease and the youth and families in need in Miami.

Mourning has overcome humble beginnings as a foster child and a life threatening illness to impact the lives of millions of people. His accomplishments include:

- Advocating to enact legislation, the Alonzo Mourning Access to Care Act, that supports supplemental Medicare policies for Floridians with end stage renal disease
- Serving as a spokesperson for the National Kidney Foundation, representing more than 30 million Americans impacted by kidney disease
- Creating Zo's Fund for Life, a campaign to provide support for individuals and families who have been diagnosed or impacted by kidney disease
- Serving as a Florida specialty license spokesperson to raise proceeds toward kidney disease research, patient services and education for Floridians who are diagnosed with kidney disease
- Establishing the Overtown Youth Center, a year-round youth development agency that serves 1,500 residents from underserved Miami neighborhoods with in-school, after-school, weekend and summer programs, family engagement and both high school and post-high school supports designed to empower youth to become positive, contributing citizens
- Constructing the Courtside Apartments, a safe, affordable housing option for 84 low-income families from diverse backgrounds in the under resourced Overtown neighborhood
- Founding the Mourning Family Foundation to inspire others through advocacy, education and enrichment services
- Building community collaborations to eradicate poverty

Zo is a graduate of Georgetown University and holds a degree in Sociology. Recognition for his remarkable basketball career and charitable efforts are numerous, including: NBA All-Star, Defensive Player of the Year, U.S. Olympic Basketball Team member and Gold Medal winner, National Urban League's Outstanding Community Service Award, Silver Medallion Community Service Award by the National Conference for Community and Justice, The Children's Trust Excellence Award for Public Policy, among others.



# The Sapphire Awards Honorees 2005–2018



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## 2018 Sapphire Awards Honorees

### Individual Category

#### Winner

David Lawrence, Jr., Chair, The Children’s Movement of Florida; Miami  
H. Lee Moffitt, Founder, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research  
Institute; Tampa

#### Finalist

Chad Bernstein, DMA, CEO, Guitars Over Guns Organization; Miami  
Christine A. Cauffield, PsyD, CEO, LSF Health Systems; Jacksonville

### Program Category

#### Winner

Florida’s Vision Quest, Florida’s Vision Quest Program; Orange City

#### Finalist

American Association of Caregiving Youth, Caregiving Youth Project;  
Boca Raton  
Epilepsy Foundation of Florida, Healthcare Navigation Program; Miami

### Organization Category

#### Winner

Barnabas Center; Fernandina Beach

#### Finalist

Daniel Memorial; Jacksonville

## 2017 Sapphire Awards Honorees

### Individual Category

#### Winner

Edward J. Shahady, MD, President and Medical Director, Diabetes Master  
Clinician Program; Jacksonville

#### Runner-Up

Michael L. Cunningham, CEO, Florida Keys Area Health Education Center;  
Marathon

Colleen Gonzalez, Founder, President, Volunteer for GROW Central Florida;  
Maitland

#### Honorable Mention

Teddy Floyd, Deputy Sheriff, Indian River County Sheriff’s Office; Vero Beach  
Butch McKay, Executive Director, Okaloosa AIDS Support and Informational  
Services; Ft. Walton Beach

### Program Category

#### Winner

Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade County, Fit2Play™ in Miami-Dade Parks  
Recreation and Open Spaces Department; Miami

#### Runner-Up

Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center, Girl Matters®; Jacksonville  
Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Broward County, Direct On  
Scene Education (D.O.S.E.); Lauderhill

#### Honorable Mention

Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County, Healthy Lifestyles Initiative; Fort  
Lauderdale  
Hebni Nutrition Consultants, Fresh Stop Bus; Orlando

### Organization Category

#### Winner

FoundCare; West Palm Beach

#### Runner-Up

DLC Nurse & Learn; Jacksonville  
Florence Fuller Child Development Centers; Boca Raton  
Jewish Family & Community Services; Jacksonville

#### Honorable Mention

BASIC NWFL; Panama City



## 2016 Sapphire Awards Honorees

### Individual Category

#### Winner

Richard C. Christensen, MD, Former Director, Behavioral Health Services, I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless; Jacksonville

#### Runner-Up

Jasmin Shirley, MSPH, Senior Vice President, Community Health Services, Broward Health; Fort Lauderdale

Douglas M. Kent, MPH, Administrator, Florida Department of Health in Bay County; Panama City

#### Honorable Mention

Bakari F. Burns, MPH, MBA, President and Chief Executive Officer, Health Care Center for the Homeless (dba Orange Blossom Family Health); Orlando

Aggie A. Pappas, MSW, Executive Director, PACE Center for Girls Broward County; Wilton Manors

Bret A. Smith, CEHP, MBA, Environmental Administrator, Florida Department of Health in Osceola County; Kissimmee

### Program Category

#### Winner

Dental Care Access Program, Florida Hospital – Bithlo Transformation Effort; Bithlo

Pediatric Mobile Clinic, University of Miami; Miami

#### Runner-Up

MBF Child Safety Matters™, Monique Burr Foundation for Children; Jacksonville

Smiles Across Miami, Nova Southeastern University; Miami

### Organization Category

#### Winner

Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative; Tampa

#### Runner-Up

St. Lucie County Health Access Network; Fort Pierce

Osceola County Council on Aging; Kissimmee

## 2015 Sapphire Awards Honorees

### Individual Category

#### Winner

Moody Chisholm, MBA, Former President and CEO, St. Vincent's HealthCare; Jacksonville

Margarita Romo, Founder and Executive Director, Farmworkers Self-Help; Dade City

### Program Category

#### Winner

Pesticide Safety and Environmental Health Program, Farmworker Association of Florida; Apopka

### Organization Category

#### Winner

Florida Department of Health in Indian River County; Vero Beach

#### Honorable Mention

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Miami

## 2014 Sapphire Awards Honorees

### Individual Category

#### Winner

Paul R. Ahr, PhD, MPA, President and Chief Executive Officer, Camillus House; Miami-Dade

#### Honorable Mention

Estrellita "Lo" Berry, MA, President and Chief Executive Officer, REACHUP, Inc.; Tampa

Susan Widmayer, PhD, Founder and Former Executive Director, Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center; Fort Lauderdale

## Program Category

### Winner

Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP™ (Health Education Learning Program) at Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine; Miami-Dade

## Organization Category

### Winners

Big Bend Cares; Tallahassee  
Chapman Partnership; Miami

## 2013 Sapphire Awards Honorees

### Individual Category

#### Winner

Nancy Sisson Hardt, MD, Director, Health Disparities and Service Learning Programs; and Professor of Pathology and Obstetrics and Gynecology, College of Medicine, University of Florida; Gainesville

## Program Category

### Winner

St. Vincent's HealthCare Mobile Health Outreach Ministry; Jacksonville

## Organization Category

### Winner

Community Smiles; Miami-Dade County

### Honorable Mention

Womankind; Key West

## 2012 Sapphire Awards Honorees

### Individual Category

#### Winner

Charles S. Mahan, MD, Dean and Professor Emeritus, University of South Florida, College of Public Health, The Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center for Healthy Mothers and Babies; Tampa

### Honorable Mention

Josephine Mercado, Founder and Executive Director, Hispanic Health Initiatives, Inc.; Orlando

Richard C. Moss, Administrative Volunteer, Citrus County Family Resource Center; Hernando

## Program Category

### Winner

Teen Xpress, Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, The Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families; Orlando

### Honorable Mention

Cared Vision Program, Vision is Priceless Council; Jacksonville

## Organization Category

### Winner

Primary Care Access Network; Orange County

### Honorable Mention

Life Management Center of Northwest Florida; Panama City  
PACE Center for Girls; Statewide

## 2010-2011 Sapphire Awards Honorees

### Winner

Susan B. Anthony Recovery Center; Broward County

### Award of Distinction

Hebni Nutrition Consultants, Inc.; Orlando  
Tykes and Teens; Martin County

### Honorable Mention

DLC Nurse and Learn; Jacksonville  
Okaloosa AIDS Support and Informational Services (OASIS); Fort Walton Beach

## 2009 Sapphire Awards Honorees

### Winner

Ann Storck Center; Fort Lauderdale  
The Education Fund; North Miami

### Award of Distinction

Comprehensive AIDS Program of Palm Beach County; Palm Springs

### Honorable Mention

Capital Medical Society Foundation, We Care Dental Network; Tallahassee  
Children’s Volunteer Health Network; Santa Rosa Beach  
Hispanic Health Initiatives; Casselberry  
Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Beaches Community Healthcare;  
Jacksonville Beach

## 2008 Sapphire Awards Honorees

### Winner

All ‘Bout Children, Inc., Building Wellness, Resilience and School Readiness:  
A Preschool Preventative Intervention; West Palm Beach

Memorial Foundation, Inc., Health Intervention with Targeted Services  
(HITS) Program; Hollywood

### Award of Distinction

BayCares, Inc.; Panama City

Capital Medical Society Foundation, We Care Network; Tallahassee

### Honorable Mention

Charlotte Behavioral Health Care, Healthy Families, Charlotte County;  
Punta Gorda

## 2007 Sapphire Awards Honorees

### Winner

Shands Vista PALS (Partners in Adolescent Lifestyle Support) Program;  
Alachua County

### Award of Distinction

Epilepsy Foundation of Florida, Inc.; Miami

HUG-Me, a program at the Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families;  
Orlando

Lakeland Volunteers In Medicine; Lakeland

### Honorable Mention

Big Bend Cares, Inc.; Tallahassee

## 2006 Sapphire Awards Honorees

### Winner

Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs (ACORN Clinic); Brooker  
Kristi House; Miami

The Bridge of Northeast Florida; Jacksonville

### Honorable Mention

Neighborhood Health Clinic; Naples

### Finalist

Henderson Mental Health Center Cottages in the Pines COURT Project;  
Fort Lauderdale

## 2005 Sapphire Awards Honorees

### Winner

Camillus Health Concern; Miami

Crisis Center of Tampa Bay; Tampa

The Rubin Center for Healthy Aging at Senior Friendship Centers; Sarasota

### Honorable Mention

BayCares, Inc.; Panama City

Broward Children’s Center, Inc.; Pompano Beach

The Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center for Healthy Mothers and Babies at the  
College of Public Health, University of South Florida; Tampa

Wayside House; Delray Beach

### Finalist

Epilepsy Foundation of South Florida; Miami

Neighborhood Health Clinic; Naples

WE CARE; Jacksonville

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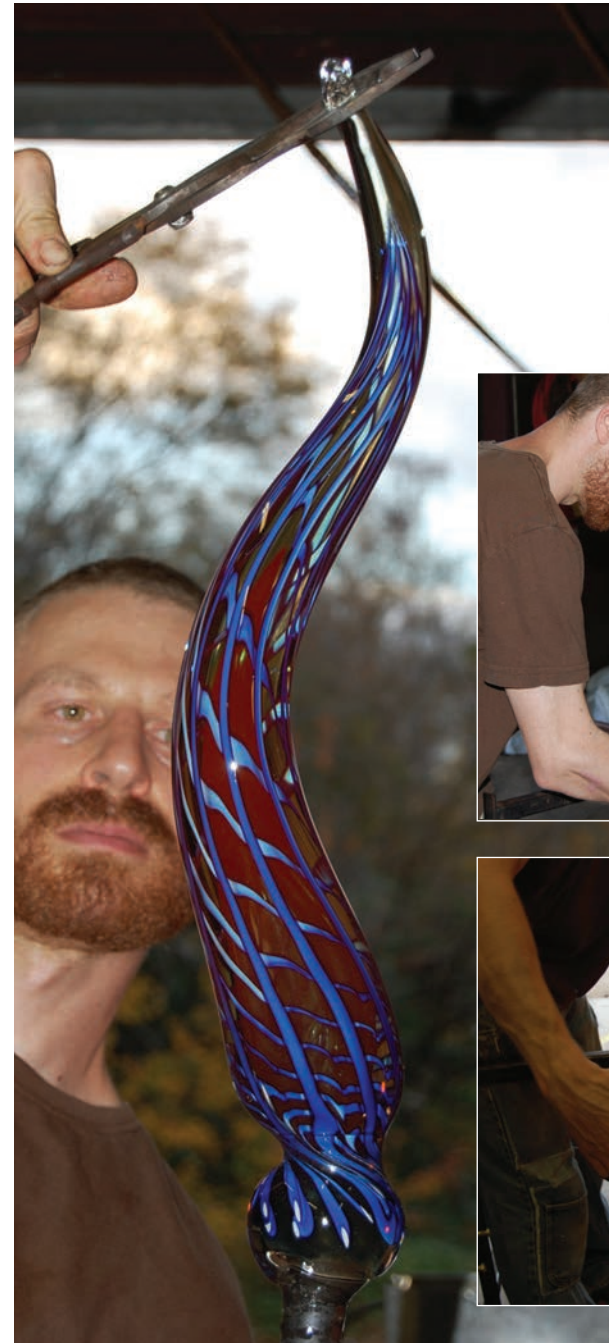
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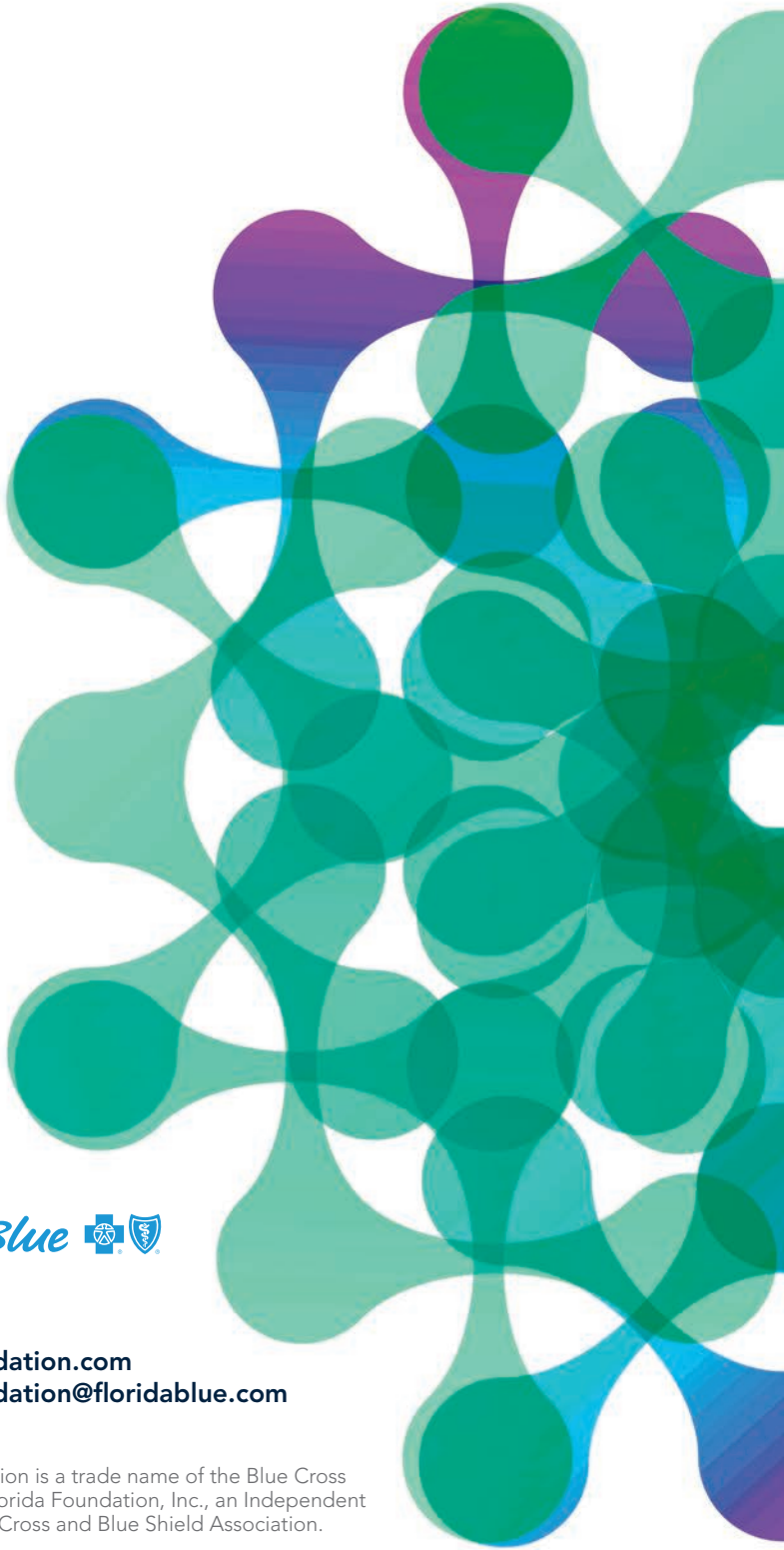
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