

## Innovative Program Excellence – Organizational budget of less than \$2 million



Since 2004, Friendship Circle of Miami has provided inclusive and innovative programs that have enriched the social and life skills of hundreds of children and youth with disabilities. Friendship Circle has overcome the challenges presented by the pandemic by implementing hybrid programs and creating safe avenues for connection, as well as launching new initiatives to address emerging needs. We are honored to be recognized for working alongside our dedicated teen volunteers to provide this historically marginalized population with opportunities to grow and thrive through the power of friendship, acceptance, and altruism.



Miami-Dade has the largest population of low income and homeless people living with serious mental illness in the state. Key Clubhouse of South Florida is providing a solution, a program focusing on helping people living with mental illness recover their sense of self-esteem, learn new skills, become socially connected, and achieve goals of employment or returning to school. During 2020, The Key Clubhouse placed 57 people in jobs and assisted nine people to enroll in GED or vocational programs. In 2021, Key Clubhouse entered into a partnership with Carrfour Supportive Housing to build a new complex with the Clubhouse on the first floor and 45 apartments for Clubhouse members. This is the first and only program in Florida to offer supportive housing for people with serious mental illness with an accredited clubhouse program in the same building.



Sofia's Hope fights childhood cancer with "hope" on two fronts: programs that support the patients and families journey today; and research funding that will have a long-term impact in advancing the ways childhood cancer is treated. Like Sofia, childhood cancer survivors have a 5x higher risk of death from cardio-vascular disease than the general population, so their voices must be heard. That's where Sofia's Hope steps in and supports research to drive innovation and universal protocol inclusion.

**Innovative Program Excellence – Organizational budget of \$2 million and above**



Since its founding in 1960 to provide meals and spiritual comfort to poor and hungry Cuban exiles, Camillus House has grown into one of Miami-Dade County's largest providers of homeless housing and services, offering a "continuum of care" to the most vulnerable. The multidisciplinary Lazarus Project team innovatively builds

time-intensive, trusting relationships to medically stabilize the severely mentally ill chronic homeless while still on the street, and subsequently successfully places them into appropriate housing through Miami- Dade County Homeless Trust prioritization.



Guitars Over Guns is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit offering students from our most vulnerable communities a powerful combination of music education and mentorship with professional musicians to help them overcome hardship, find their voice and reach their potential as tomorrow's leaders. Established in 2008, we have served nearly 6,000 students across Miami and Chicago. We are honored and grateful to be recognized as a 2021 NOVO Award Finalist by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. Learn more: [guitarsoverguns.org](http://guitarsoverguns.org)



Founded in 2018, Florida Community Development Legal Project (FCDL) is a first of its kind statewide legal collaborative of nonprofit legal service providers advocating to stabilize and build wealth in low-income neighborhoods by providing critical transactional legal assistance to Florida small

businesses and nonprofit corporations. FCDL contributes not only to a strong business sector, but also to the financial and social stability of the communities it serves. FCDL is led by Legal Services of Greater Miami. For more information, visit [www.flcommunitydevelopment.org](http://www.flcommunitydevelopment.org).

## OUTSTANDING BOARD LEADER



**Jose Keichi Fuentes (Chairman of the Board, United Home Care)** Jose is an extraordinary leader whose pulse on Miami's culture and diversity is evident by the respect he has earned from our entire community and lasting impact he has made on the lives of people of all ages and backgrounds. As member of the UHC Board for more than two decades and twice Board Chair he has tirelessly served our mission of caring for older adults being instrumental in the expansion of services to continue providing services to clients during COVID-19 and helping address the needs of our most underserved.



**Nancy Hector (Board Treasurer, His House Children's Home)** is a dedicated professional with a vision for an inclusive and empowered community, and has served on the Breakthrough Miami board since 2002. Supporting Breakthrough Miami's transformative growth from a small operation with great promise to an independent 501c3 with a multi-site service delivery model, he has provided vigilant oversight of the organization's fiscal and operational health. A principal at Kaufman Rossin, Mike leads the firm's forensic, advisory and valuation services practice. In addition, he serves on the Goodwill Industries of South Florida board.



**Gabe Navarro (Co-chair, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami)** also serving as the Chairman of the Fund Development Committee. He has been an instrumental voice in leading the OLCDC's fundraising efforts. He is one of the founding partners of GST, a leading international dispute resolution law firm. Committed to community and social impact causes, Quinn also sits on the boards of the Community Justice Project and O, Miami.

## PAST RECIPIENTS

### Under \$2 Million in Revenue

ICU Baby (2020)

### \$2 Million and Above in Revenue

Chapman Partnership (2020)

### Outstanding Board Leader

Allan J. Pekar, Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, Chapman Partners (2020)

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