

Community Foundation Honors Unsung Heroes



The Community Foundation of the Florida Keys (CFFK) honors our community's Volunteers of the Year who dedicate their time, talent and expertise to making the Florida Keys better today and even better for tomorrow. The Community Foundation and

this year's Unsung Heroes Event sponsor, the Lower Keys Medical Center, will honor 96 volunteers this Friday, January 27th, at a sold-out luncheon at the Marriott Beachside Resort. The 17th annual Unsung Heroes event celebrates community service

by those who believe in the future of the Florida Keys. Monroe County charitable organizations nominated their volunteers to be recognized. Since 2001, CFFK has honored more than 1,100 community volunteers. **Congratulations to the 2017 Unsung Heroes...**

1,845 people and organizations have trusted CFFK as their philanthropic partner since 2004

DID YOU KNOW?



Good Health Clinic:
Danielle Carson
Despite an incredibly full schedule, Danielle is a Nurse Practitioner who donates time to the free clinic every month to help see patients. She is kind, caring, and a true gift to patients, giving each of them the attention and the benefit of her knowledge.



Cornish Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church:
Georgette Robertson
Georgette is the director of the kitchen committee, ensuring that adequate food is available to all at every function provided by the church. She also works to provide food to others in the community, especially the elderly. She works tirelessly for the church, the community, as well as for her family.

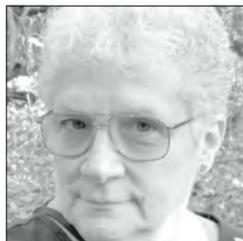


Keys to Be the Change:
Melson Maxime
Melson has been involved for 4 years as the President of the KWHS Youth Leadership Club, the Secretary of the Board of Directors, and as the Lower Keys Prevention Coordinator. He is always there for the community's youth and serves as an amazing role model for the new generation of leaders.



Florida Keys History & Discovery Foundation:
Dick Saylor
Dick spends countless hours ensuring order and understanding of finances. Dick serves as the treasurer of the Board and on the Executive Committee, while also handling the financial affairs of his business. With a diverse financial background, Dick brings a unique and thoughtful approach to financial statements, profit/loss reports and cash management plans.

at the shelter and working with cats waiting for a new family, raising foster kittens in their own home, or training new volunteers, they have proven to be essential to the shelter and staff.



Marathon Wild Bird Center:
Mary Slawson
A retired airline pilot and mom to several pet birds, Mary has been volunteering for over 15 years. In addition to spearheading fundraisers, Mary organizes and manages the educational booths for several festivals and events every year. She doesn't hesitate to clean bird pens, run errands, or transport bird patients to other facilities.



Reef Relief:
Maggie Howes
Maggie participates in every marine debris removal event, public awareness campaign and fundraiser, and is a constant help to staff. She promotes Reef Relief's programs and events through social media and word of mouth to ensure the community is aware of efforts to protect and improve our local ecosystem.



Montessori Children's School of Key West:
Keith MacDonald
Keith is always willing to help with any computer or internet issue. He also helps with repairs and maintenance around school. He has served as the board president and has been a parent at the school for over 6 years. He is always positive and upbeat and a non-stop cheerleader.



Guidance Care Center:
Sherry Read
Sherry volunteers as a member of the Community Action Council. She was chosen due to her extensive community involvement, expertise, and commitment to the Center's programs. Sherry's advocacy and passion for behavioral health has been an asset. She is truly a behavioral health ambassador.



Voices for Florida Keys Children:
Mary Lee Singer
Mary Lee is secretary and treasurer. She spends countless hours writing checks, balancing books, answering requests, typing minutes and doing research. She never misses a meeting. Mary Lee has been dedicated for over 15 years and is an integral part of the board membership.



The Basilica School:
Colleen Quirk
Colleen has been the acting volunteer Athletic Director since 2002. Coach Colleen has been most generous in sharing her time, talent and treasure -- providing more than on-court instruction, she leads youths to discover their total potential as students.



Key West Garden Club:
Cynthia Edwards
A loyal volunteer for 15 years, Cynthia works in propagation weeding and scouting plants. She takes on the mundane tasks, like writing plant labels. She shows up no matter the weather, rainy or hot. She entertains with lovely stories about travels with her partner, Rick.



Unity of the Keys:
Debra Butler
As president of the Board of Trustees, Debra demonstrated exceptional leadership. She was present for every event and Board meeting, answering the needs of the congregation and staff all while holding a positive, creative energy that guided Unity during a yearlong ministerial search. Debra continues to volunteer wherever needed.



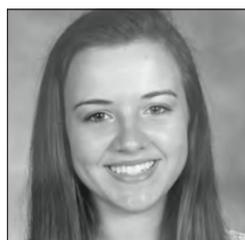
Historic Florida Keys Foundation:
Juan Riera
Juan graciously gave his time to translate into Spanish the Self-Guided Walking Tour brochure for the Historic Key West Cemetery. This brochure provides a glimpse into the history of the people and events that created Key West. Through Juan's work, this information is now available to Spanish speaking locals and visitors.



Matecumbe Historical Trust:
David Purdo
David volunteers at every lecture, tour, dinner and event. He always does the legwork behind the scenes setting up and taking down tents and displays at each event, which is very time consuming. He continually volunteers for community events and promotes the Trust, which helps bring great success.



Waterfront Playhouse:
Betty Rubenstein
Betty has been a long-time supporter. Not only has she helped financially, she has been invaluable with helping house out-of-town actors. Betty's generosity has been a consistent help year after year. Waterfront Playhouse thanks her for this vital assistance.



Cancer Foundation of the Florida Keys:
Talia Santiago
Talia is a senior at KWHS and volunteers for the community. Her brother created Conchs Care in 2007 to raise money for cancer patients. When he left for college, Talia took over as a 7th grader. She makes and sells wristbands and has held multiple designer dress fundraisers. She has raised over \$65,000.



Zonta Club of Key West:
Marilyn Douthett
Marilyn has been a member since 2008. She participates in every committee and fundraiser. She has been instrumental in heading up the literacy committee and scholarship selection process. She is a current and past board member as well as a past service committee chair and the backbone of the club.



Key West Community Sailing Center:
Hugh Johnson
Hugh has been spearheading a number of projects that benefit the summer youth sailing program and other sailing activities. In his usual mild, good-tempered and unassuming manner, he credits the achievements to other members that chip in and get their hands dirty.



Bahama Village Music Program:
Ralph De Palma
Ralph is truly dedicated to making sure everyone knows about the great things happening at BVMP. From taking fabulous photos at events to ensuring music students get the best education possible, Ralph's tireless promotion of BVMP's mission and magic has increased awareness of the program immensely. BVMP is grateful for his hard work and dedication.



Tropic Cinema:
Dawn Messing and Jeff Frost
Dawn and Jeff have put on the annual Oscar Night Gala for the past two years, and each one has truly been an affair to remember. Their attention to detail and commitment to making each event more successful than the last make them the obvious choice as Unsung Heroes.



Impromptu Classical Concerts of Key West:
David Eyer
David has been on the board for more years than we can count. He has been the VIP for Operations, setting up for all performances for the audiences' viewing and hearing pleasure. He is always available to assist in any other capacity needed.



Navy League Key West Council:
Kehaulani Murray
Kehau was Committee Chair for the Military Member of the Year Banquet that honors the "best of the best". She also secured military speakers for monthly council meetings.



Florida Keys SPCA:
Ken and Cheryl Thurston
Ken and Cheryl have been volunteers for over 2 years and are instrumental to the feline care program. Whether volunteering

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Monroe Association for ReMARCable Citizens:

Chris Shultz

Chris is a restaurant owner, entrepreneur and creative director of many of the island's first events -- Cow Key Bridge Run, Zombie Bike Ride and MARC's Smallest Parade in the Universe. He brought MARC his idea as a way to raise funds while having fun. He represents what makes Key West a special place to live.



Habitat for Humanity of the Middle Keys:

Suzy Curry

Suzy is an amazing volunteer and friend, and Habitat is so grateful for her giving spirit and energy. She is always the first to step in when help is needed and is a volunteer they can always count on. It is people like Suzy that make a positive difference in the lives of so many.



Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Florida Keys:

Heidi Nute

Volunteering brings together many of Heidi's passions -- her love for people and her desire for helping and healing. Heidi helped establish the Music and Memory program, by making the first donation and then running the program and training other volunteers. Heidi has seen patients come alive through music-triggered memories, vastly improving their quality of life.

the Mission. She refused to accept food unless she could help, and over the past 8 years she has become a dedicated employee who volunteers as many hours as she is paid. She is completing a year of service as a full-time volunteer through AmeriCorps.



FIRMKeys:

Steve Russ

Steve has served on the Board since 2014 and is currently Vice President. His intelligent, levelheaded approach to our insurance challenges has been an asset to our Board and to our cause. Always eager to volunteer for any project, Steve is a true Unsung Hero!



Friends of the Key West Library:

Prudence Churchill

An energetic and important board member for 15 years, Prue promotes the library as a vital community resource and supports fundraising for the library at many levels, from serving as a cashier at monthly book sales and thanking all members for their annual contributions, to bringing in the gifts needed to grow the library's collections.



Schooner Western Union Preservation Society:

William (Bill) Barry

Bill is chair of the Society and led the effort to obtain more than \$800,000 in grants to restore the flagship of the State of Florida and the City of Key West. Since receiving the grants, he has managed the funds, and the Western Union's restoration is now well underway.



Friends of the AIDS Memorial:

Peter Arnow

A board member of Friends of the AIDS Memorial, Pete arrived in Key West in 1992 after a 36-year career in radio in northern New Jersey. In the Keys, he operated WEOV-FM until 1998. Pete has also been a volunteer, buddy, Royal photographer and recipient of the Angels Award for AIDS Help.



Red Barn Theatre:

Lisa Van Gilder

As Board Treasurer, Lisa has gone above and beyond the call of duty by guiding the organization -- generously lending her considerable expertise and time to the business side of the nonprofit theatre. Her cheerful nature whether she is working on a fundraiser or on spreadsheets makes her a perfect Unsung Hero!



Key West Writers Guild:

Chelsea Catherine

Chelsea has been a member since September 2015 and Secretary since March 2016. She has faithfully attended meetings and flawlessly performed her duties. She has been instrumental in setting up the new Facebook page and has served on several committees. Chelsea is a Sterling Watson Writing Fellow and recently completed her first novel.



Kids Come First in the Florida Keys:

Deborah Crowe

Deborah became a volunteer in 2009 and has been the Queen of our closet ever since. She consistently has been there to provide support everyday with everything and anything needed, including waxing the 100-year-old floors. Deborah assists with the fundraisers, restocking, shopping, homecoming, prom, back to school and the holiday toy drive.



Key West Orchid Society:

Joe Liszka

(posthumous)

Joe has been celebrated for his work with many organizations and deservedly so. To the Orchid Society, he was a long-time member, two-term president and a driving force, and he is missed.



Tennessee Williams Key West Exhibit:

Ed Guillory

This is the third year Ed has been a reliable monthly docent on Sundays. He has immersed himself thoroughly in getting to know this remarkable writer; thus he is best able to engage visitors in the details that embed Williams in Key West history. Through Ed's enthusiasm and knowledge, Williams will be remembered vividly by visitors.



Monroe County Education Foundation:

Mike Puto

Mike has mentored students in the Take Stock in Children (TSIC) program for over 8 years. Marathon community members know Mike well. Students who have been accepted into the program are assigned a mentor who meets with them weekly from the 8th grade until high school graduation. Mike is currently working with his third mentee!



Habitat for Humanity of Key West & Lower Florida Keys:

Bruce Bush

Bruce embodies the American can-do attitude. He's always professional and has a delightful sense of humor. Bruce is also the resident radio star regaling Biz Baz listeners every Wednesday with local Habitat updates. He's become an indispensable part of the team.

DID YOU KNOW?
CFFK has been accredited nationally since 2006 for operational quality, integrity, and accountability

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CFFK has facilitated grants to more than 275 nonprofits and 167 student scholarships and teacher awards since 2004



Volunteers of America:

Michael Gatien

Michael volunteers by keeping the property beautiful for veterans. He does all landscaping, builds patio gardens, and spends many hours working on the lawns and flowerbeds. The VA could not express how nice they thought the property looked and how much they appreciated the work he's done for the veterans who live here.



Key West Art Center:

Mally Weaver

At the Art Center, the name Mally Weaver evokes images of a smiling, welcoming and efficient presence. Just as her tropical artwork graces our walls, she has graced the Art Center by serving as a board member, volunteer and treasured member for nearly 15 years.



Special Olympics Florida Monroe County:

Pat Hart

Pat has worked with Special Olympics for over 39 years. She is the backbone of the organization in the Florida Keys. Pat tirelessly works for the athletes, from picking them up and transporting them to practices and communicating to all care givers about schedules, to supervising volunteers and training them to support athletes at events.



Southernmost Homeless Assistance League:

Alan Teitelbaum

As volunteer chair for many years, Alan has been an effective leader advocating for improved services to reduce homelessness, helping SHAL transition into a high-quality shelter operator and provider of homeless services, and working tirelessly to fulfill our mission of improving the quality of life for all members of our community.



USCG Chief Petty Officers Association:

Julio Candelario

As treasurer, Julio is the backbone of operations. Not only does he keep on track with funding and donations, he spends personal time shopping for various events and ensures that the Association has what it needs to succeed. His generosity and philanthropic attitude leads the organization to do great things, in the military and civilian communities.



Lower Keys League of Women Voters:

Constance Gilbert

(posthumous)

Constance was a passionate leader, tireless volunteer, and cared deeply about others. She was a founding member, and as public relations chair, spread the word about the League's mission and events. Connie's wise guidance and inspiration were appreciated.



Florida Keys Outreach Coalition:

James Mantell

James volunteers at the Neece Center where he helps connect community members in need of services to shelters and food pantries. He also volunteers at Peacock Supportive Living Program, helping formerly homeless adults with mental illness live in a caring environment that offers a balance of independence and needed support.



Coral City Elks Temple #400:

Naomi Thomas

Devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and retired OB Nurse, Naomi loves to do volunteer work at her church at Bethel AME, the Coral City Elk's Club, and the community. Naomi loves to travel and visit with family and friends. Naomi holds the highest title of Daughters of the Elks on a national level.



Southernmost Coconut Castaways:

Nira Tocco

As membership director, Nira increased organizational membership from 411 members to over 600 in just over one year. Nira's delightful personality, charm, and eagerness to pitch in and help contributed greatly to the increased membership. The organization contributed over 3,000 volunteer hours and collected over \$126,000 for charities in 2016.



Last Stand:

George Halloran

George is a remarkable member of our community, serving as an inspiration for protection of the environment and our quality of life for almost 30 years. George's passion and strong leadership have been critical to Last Stand's continued effectiveness.



United Way of the Florida Keys:

Carol Greco

Carol is a tireless volunteer. She attends events throughout the county, giving her time and energy without a second thought. She is always willing to assist with serving meals, setting up before or tearing down after events, or doing anything she can to help further the mission. Carol exemplifies a "leader in community caring."



DOLPHINS Living Springs Counseling:

Rev. Dr. Pam Feeser

Dr. Feeser is an advocate for those suffering from the effects of domestic violence. Her counseling, skills and training are instrumental in bringing health and wholeness to not only those for whom she provides the counseling, but for the entire Upper Keys community that is made healthier through this resourceful ministry.



Star of the Sea Outreach Mission:

Raquel Rojas

Raquel spoke little English and knew no one when she came to

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Key West Police Athletic League:
Lt. Joe Tripp
 Lt. Tripp took it upon himself to become the front man and face of the League for one of its biggest fundraisers two years in a row. He has given countless hours of his time and brought a boundless energy that never slows down! The League is truly thankful for all he has done to help the program.



American Legion Auxiliary 154 Marathon Memorial Unit:
Keith Anderson
 The Legion's kitchen is Keith's domain and he has donated his time to cook most of the fundraising dinners during the past 27 years. He has made over 48,000 Sunday breakfasts and always has a smile for everyone. He never says no when asked to help.



Key West Police Department LOVE Fund:
Lt. Areaka Jewell
 Lt. Jewell has successfully organized and continued to grow the LOVE Fund. She contributes countless hours of her own time, actively seeks sponsors and community partners and continuously finds ways to make the program better and more efficient. She also ensures the heart of the LOVE Fund is held true in identifying and helping those in need.



Metropolitan Community Church:
Fred Marchak
 Fred is the brawn and brains of the grocery bag component of Cooking with Love. About 150 mostly elders receive a home delivered meal every Saturday and half receive a bag of groceries. Fred does the shopping, delivery and preparation. He trains, recruits and supervises the food bag volunteers, always with a gentle manner and huge smile.

More than 50 individuals and families have pledged \$50 million in future community investments as Legacy Society Members



Sister Season Fund:
Beverly Hanks
 Beverly started volunteering for the Sister Season Fund when she moved back to Key West in 2010 with her son. She steps in to help wherever needed, assisting at all fundraising events. She is a great advocate and embodies the Fund's mission of "Locals Helping Locals."



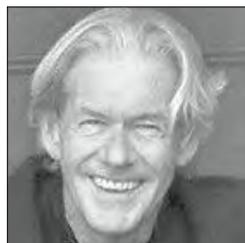
Key West Area Chief Petty Officers Association:
Chris Ollinger
 Senior Chief Ollinger has been one of the main reasons for the association's continued success. For NAS Key West, he has organized fundraising events including the Powerboat World Championship Races, Fantasy Fest, Southernmost Air Show, and MARC House Christmas Tree Auction, raising over \$73,000 to go back to the community.



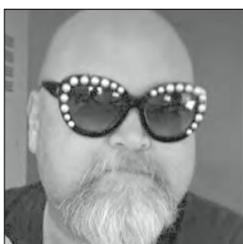
American Cancer Society:
Dotti Clifford
 Dotti, a much-loved volunteer, has been a smiling face at Relay For Life of the Lower Keys for many years. She is one of the Community Champions, helping to engage more people in our community in this event and in the Society's mission.



Save Our Pines:
Susan Mesker (posthumous)
 Susan is unfortunately no longer with us, but her contributions are with us every day. She was a passionate protector of the natural environment and places of historical significance. Susan is being honored for her commitment, leadership and steadfast support of the organization's goals. Without Susan, the pines would likely not be here today.



Anne McKee Artists Fund of the Florida Keys:
Jon McIntosh
 As a Collage/Mixed Media artist, Jon has worked in and studied art his entire life. He has contributed many hours in support of the annual McKee Fine Art Auction. He generously donates his valuable artwork to the auction each year, enabling the Fund to provide grants to other artists.



AIDS Help:
QMitch Jones
 Whether he's calling Sunday Bingo at 801 or passengers to board at Key West Airport in his unforgettable, sing-song Southern lilt...he's as memorable as his commitment to those living with HIV/AIDS in our community. He's once, twice, three times a Fantasy Fest Duchess...AIDS Help recognizes QMitch as its Unsung Hero!



Zonta Club of Marathon:
Linda DeGinder
 A founding member of the Marathon chapter, Linda has been deeply dedicated for over 25 years. As designated leader or an enthusiastic team member, she has created growth and positive change in the club and the community with her inclusive leadership, creative fundraising and contagious passion for service.

CHANGING THE FUTURE OF THE FLORIDA KEYS

There is great potential, tremendous power, and unlimited possibility when residents of the Florida Keys work together to make our community better. That's the belief behind the **Community Foundation of the Florida Keys (CFFK)**.

Since 1996, we've been making grants, supporting our local nonprofits, and investing our time and resources to helping individuals and families support what they feel passionate about right here in the Keys. We're a trusted partner for people who love this place and want to make it better today and even better for tomorrow.

Local businesses also work with the Community Foundation to improve our community. The Marriott Beachside has sponsored our annual Leadership Success Academy, which teaches leadership and governance skills to nonprofit leaders. This year, the Lower

Keys Medical Center is joining with us to sponsor the Unsung Heroes event to honor our community's outstanding volunteers and promote civic engagement.

We're here to help. The "Did You Know" facts on these pages highlight work with our partners in the community. There are many ways you can get involved to make a difference and we can work with you to support whatever you feel passionate about. Learn more about the many ways you can change the future of the Florida Keys at cffk.org.

Interested in volunteering? At cffk.org, you'll find a list of more than 200 nonprofits here in the Keys that you can lend your time and talents to in whatever areas you're interested in.

We believe in the potential, power, and possibility of the future of our wonderful Keys. We hope you'll join us, your Community Foundation family.

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Keys Coalition Against Human Trafficking:
Heidi Golightly
 Keys Coalition honors Heidi for her outstanding work in bringing the anti-trafficking DVD "Chosen" to the Key West High School last March, where it was presented to approximately 100 high school students and community leaders. She prepared flyers for distribution and worked with students on how they can recognize trafficking and avoid traffickers.



Old Island Restoration Foundation:
Karl Reutling
 Karl is starting his third year as a docent. Karl spends a lot of his time researching the Watlington family history and making minor repairs to the ships that are on display. Karl has many talents and is a valuable person to the Oldest House Museum. The Foundation is proud to honor Karl as its Unsung Hero.



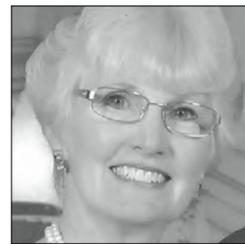
Florida Keys Council of the Arts:
Reen Stanhouse
 Dynamic and passionate advocate for the arts, Reen knows no bounds! Her tireless efforts and extraordinary talent support our arts community every day. Reen's positive outlook and "can do" attitude assists the Council behind the scenes and out front. Her creativity and thinking out of the box have enhanced and inspired our vibrant arts community.



American Legion Auxiliary:
Lois Griffin
 Lois has been a member of the Auxiliary for 24 years, serving as President five times, Chaplain twice and on the Executive Board twice. She is also a volunteer for Daughters of the American Revolution, the Moose, and a lifetime member of Am Vets. At 86 years young, she is still active in the community!



The Studios of Key West:
Kalo Clarke and Kim Pederson
 Kim and Kalo, aka Viking Lord and BatQueen, are two of The Studios' most invaluable volunteers. They can be counted on to attend nearly every event, jumping in to help with any task, great or small. They are competent, tireless and fun to work with. They also host the monthly gatherings for artists in residence.



Key West Rotary Club Foundation:
Sandra Higgs
 An integral part of the Foundation, Sandy is passionate about providing children and families with assistance and care. So far this year, she has organized Thanksgiving meals for 79 families and free dental screenings for 1,400 students from local schools.



History of Diving Museum:
Dr. Sally Bauer
 As co-founder and senior historian, Dr. Bauer's visionary goals, tireless energy and countless hours volunteering over the years, have helped develop a cultural gemstone in the Florida Keys. She has an unending love of history and dedication to "man's quest to explore under the sea."



Anchor's Aweigh Club:
Kathleen Ford
 Kathleen is a tireless worker on behalf of Anchor's Aweigh. Her dedication to the board and to those the organization serves is an inspiration to others. Her cheerfulness and optimism are contagious.



Wesley House Family Services:
Sharon Toppino
 An active volunteer for over eight years, Sharon has successfully chaired the committee that raised funds to completely renovate two playgrounds at Inez Martin Child Development Center, provide scholarships for families needing assistance in paying for daycare, and furnish those extras foster children need. She inspires all with her enthusiasm!

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Key West Woman's Club:

Joan Sammy

Inducted in 1981, Joan has served in many capacities. She is a key volunteer for Treasure Hunt benefitting Operation Smile, faithfully participates in monthly Bayshore luncheons and cheerfully helps wherever needed. Through her 35 years, Joan embodies the Club's dedicated service to our community.



Womankind:

Dempsey Ballard

When Womankind needed to move to its new location, Dempsey arranged and supervised the MCSO Trustees. Since then he and his team painted chairs for the lobby, painted the exterior of the building, and refurbished the parking lot. You can say he keeps Womankind beautiful.



Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation:

Wanda Brock

Wanda is one of the longest standing members. She has served as Vice Chair and continues to remain on the board. Wanda was instrumental in creating one of the signature events held annually on Key Colony Beach. The Bicycle Ride & Roll draws approximately 129 riders annually and she heads the committee that makes it possible.



South Florida Symphony Orchestra:

Maxine Makover

Maxine is passionate about providing culturally underserved children with access to the arts. This year she has worked tirelessly to bring orchestral music from the Symphony to 2,000 children. Her leadership and gifts are inspiring the Key West community to join her in supporting the Symphony in the Schools program through CFFK Donor Designations.



Christina's Courage:

Roma Hartley

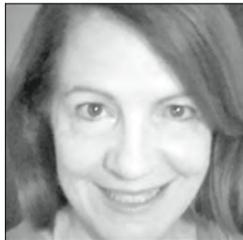
Roma works effortlessly all year to help raise funds for the center. Her enthusiasm and passion for the victims in our community is what makes her such a special individual. She is ardently active, devoted, diligent and dedicated. She is priceless.



St. Peter's Episcopal Church Women:

Gary Schott

Gary wears many "hats," including member of the Vestry Board, Verger, Crucifer, and Lector. Most importantly, he works tirelessly for hours each week to make certain that the altar looks beautiful for each service. He is a hard worker and a dedicated servant, and the Episcopal Church Women and members appreciate his loyal service.



Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition:

Mary Williams

Mary has served on the Board for 14 years and has tirelessly served the children of the Keys with agencies like Monroe County School Readiness Coalition, FKCC, and the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe. She is an advocate, a diplomat, and someone who believes in children having every opportunity to succeed.



St. Paul's Episcopal Church:

Wynn Steinkamp

For the past few years, Wynn has spearheaded concessions and hospitality during Fantasy Fest Week. Thousands of dollars have been raised, which has supported the ministry of St. Paul's. Wynn's long hours during the event has made it a great success. He always has a smile and a kind word, which encourages others.



Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden:

Kathleen Nowaczyk

Since 2011, Kathleen joined the ranks of the Garden Guardians with a dedication to the Garden's growth. With a focus on the care of the Garden Courtyard, her tireless energy and dedication earned her the role of Team Leader in charge of the maintenance, proper care and the beautification of this treasured site.



Fringe Theater of Key West:

Joe Viana

Joe's love of Key West and the cultural arts came together when he joined as Treasurer in 2011. His knowledge of non-profit operations and his caring leadership bring diverse views together to create consensus. Joe's energy and passion inspire other board members, and his trademark smile always makes audience members feel welcome!

DID YOU KNOW?
CFFK is ranked in the Top 100 of community foundations nationally for active grant making



Leadership Monroe County:

Henry Rosenthal

Henry is the current President, additionally serving as a key session chair and sponsor, since 2011. Generous with his time and talent, Henry is focused and insightful, helps develop the mission and educational program goals, and contributes to building bridges for all of the Florida Keys.



Literacy Volunteers of America Monroe County:

Craig and Lynn Wanous

Craig and Lynn are the Volunteer Couple of the Year. For over six years, they have always been there wearing a variety of hats - bingo caller, DJ, bartender, dishwasher, donator of furniture, psychic assistant, silent auction organizer, special event assistant - working every fundraiser possible.



Boys & Girls Clubs of the Keys Area:

Thomas Marrs

For the past 9 years, Tom has done it all -- from installing portable air conditioners, repairing vans, and playing Santa, to helping with math homework, laying the new flooring, and building the Holiday Floats. Anytime anything is needed, Tom has been there - willing, able and very capable to help with any project.



One Island Family:

Audrey Waldman

Audrey has been a devoted member for almost 20 years. She started the choir the year she joined and served as volunteer music director for 14 years. Audrey's dedication and years of service earned her the title of Music Director Emerita. We are proud to have her on the current Board of Directors!



Sunrise Rotary Foundation of Key West:

Steve Gahan

Steve is the Rotarian of the Year for his 11 years of service, including two years heading international service programs and grants as a Board member. Although work duties often took him out of the country, Steve made Rotary a priority, playing important roles in major fundraising events.



Key West Literary Seminar:

Doug Mack

Doug is a key volunteer for the Seminar. Each year at his own expense, Doug travels from his home in Minneapolis for the entire seminar weekend to volunteer. His calm and kind demeanor makes him an invaluable asset when dealing with visiting authors, staff and guests.



Southernmost Post 3911 VFW of the U.S.:

Mathew (Timmy) Tribow

Tim retired from a 22-year Naval career in 1992. As Post Chaplain, he addresses the spiritual needs of members and their families in an effective yet compassionate manner. A former Post Commander, Tim also gives time for every fundraiser Post 3911 holds in its continuing support of community causes.



Canon John H. Reece Scholarship Fund:

Leonore Stowe

Leonore has dedicated numerous hours over the past decade. She has played a key role in the Scholarship and College Awareness Workshops that the organization presents to local junior and high school students. Her efforts and service have allowed the Fund to carry out its mission to inspire and educate youth.



FKCC Education Foundation:

Pat Miller

Pat is an invaluable supporter and friend of higher education. His enthusiasm and support have allowed the College to reach significant fundraising goals. His work is paving the way to a bright future for deserving students by funding initiatives and Ambassador scholarships, serving as a Foundation Director and Investment Committee Member.



Paradise Ballet Theatre Presenters:

Holly Owen

Owner of B.O.'s Fishwagon, Holly has donated her time to rehearse and perform two seasons with Nutcracker Key West. She has been very generous with donating food for various events and in arranging the loan of her car to transport the dancers.



Growing Hope Foundation:

Mary Brady

Mary first visited Grimal Grove in late 2015 as part of her Master Gardener's program. Since then, she and her husband have become the most reliable and consistent volunteers. Her flexibility, work ethic and leadership have been a blessing. She's performed duties from manual labor to outreach. Her volunteer role recently expanded to Nursery Manager.



Samuel's House:

Helen Garcia

Helen is the "wind beneath our wings." She remains in the shadows as she works so hard to make events special and she's always ready to step forward to get the job done. She is willing and available to help anyone, from doing decorations to taking minutes for board meetings.

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