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CELEBRATING OUR FLORIDA KEYS UNSUNG HEROES

The Community Foundation of the Florida Keys (CFFK) honors our community's incredible nonprofit volunteers for their tireless efforts to make the Florida Keys better today and for the future. CFFK honors volunteers from 83 nonprofits from throughout the Keys on Friday, February 7th at the Key West Marriott Beachside. The annual Unsung Heroes event, sponsored by the Lower Keys Medical Center, celebrates community service. Monroe County charitable organizations nominated their volunteers to be recognized.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR 2020 UNSUNG HEROES!**



CONCH REPUBLIC MARINE ARMY: RANDY BECK

A resident of Big Pine Key, Randy brings his kayak and leads hundreds of volunteers at events. Randy is willing to get into the muck, the mangroves, the water, and even dive deep to help clean up the Florida Keys. He is also involved with Save a Turtle and Key Deer Protection Alliance.



KEY WEST IMPROMPTU CLASSICAL CONCERTS: LAWRENCE ANTHONY

Impromptu is delighted to honor its artistic designer, Lawrence Anthony, who has voluntarily created the many posters and program covers for Impromptu throughout the years. Copies of the work are in the permanent collection of the Key West Art and Historical Society.



HISTORIC FLORIDA KEYS FOUNDATION: KARL REUTLING

Karl works tirelessly as a Foundation volunteer researcher and tour guide at the Historic Key West Cemetery. Donations he raises from tours are used for education and restoration at the cemetery. His careful research provides factual material to incorporate in tours and annual cemetery strolls.



TROPIC CINEMA: SUE ROBERTS

Sue is a great example of the kind of volunteer the organization likes to represent Tropic Cinema. She is committed to volunteering weekly as a ticket taker and is always going above and beyond her required duties.



FLORIDA KEYS SPCA: CHARMAINE MAUDE

Charmaine has been a volunteer for over two years and is instrumental to the feline care program. Whether volunteering at the shelter for at least three days each week, raising foster kittens in her own home or training new volunteers, she is essential to our shelter and staff.



KEYS TO BE THE CHANGE: SEAN BRANDENBURG

Sean has been a mentor in the Kids Win: Pathways to Success Mentoring Program for five years. He treats his mentees as if they were his own children. He is always there for them. Additionally, he is an amazing board member for the organization.



THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST: HALEY HERRIOTT

Haley's warm smile greets visitors at most of the organization's "First Thursdays." She's always willing to happily lend a hand at events and often jumps in when asked at the last minute to fill in for an ailing volunteer.

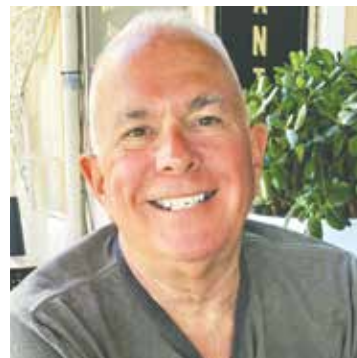
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MONROE ASSOCIATION FOR REMARKABLE CITIZENS: BETH SELLERS

Beth represents what makes the Keys special. She operates Dolphin Deli on Stock Island, made 75 lunches for MARC and delivered them at scattered sites while the organization fixed the Rainbow Café Day Training Program. Beth continued lunches for another 8 months. Without her generosity, MARC could not have recovered from Hurricane Irma.



KEY WEST PLAYERS/WATERFRONT PLAYHOUSE: JIM MORRIS

After retiring from a 30-year career in public accounting, Jim, and his husband Bob Wood, began spending winters in Key West and relocated permanently. Jim volunteers at various nonprofits, including Waterfront Playhouse and The Studios of Key West. Jim specifically thanks Lynda Frechette for giving him something to do on Tuesday nights in the winter.



HISTORIC MARKERS: PATRICIA MADIEDO

Pat is the president and the Board's leader of Historic Markers, Inc. She has fostered the research and installation of 125 markers at historic sites, overseen a free phone tour and GPS-guided phone app, and managed the printing and distribution of 100,000 walking and biking tour maps.



KEYS COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND: KATHY MILLER

Creative arts in the Upper Keys is defined by Kathy Miller: Board member for the Keys Community Band (Promotions/PR Director); eloquent emcee/vocalist at Pops in the Park concerts; talented actor/director/producer with Key Players Theater troupe, and community events volunteer as balloon artist/clown. She is extremely humble and remarkably ingenious.



FIRMKEYS: THERESA FABER

Theresa has served on the Board since 2014 and currently serves as Secretary. As a Centennial Bank loan officer, Theresa brings the perspective of the homeowner, whose insurance may cost more than their mortgage, to FIRM's initiatives. Theresa is an unsung hero for FIRM and for homeowners in Monroe County.



LAST STAND: CARON BALKANY

Caron spent hundreds of hours providing unpaid legal assistance to Last Stand's community efforts, including the 1300 ROGO (Rate of Growth Ordinance) litigation and the requirement of a deep injection well at the Cudjoe Regional Wastewater Plant.



KIDS COME FIRST: DARLENE HITCHCOCK

Darlene is a golden volunteer, very good friend, hard worker, great lunch buddy, best date for fundraisers, and the ultimate Unsung Hero. Darlene calls the organization three to four days a week and asks "Can you use my help today?" The answer is always "Yes."



SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA MONROE COUNTY: LAURIE SKINNER

Laurie is Head Swim Coach and has also worked to fundraise for athletes and mentor and guide them to success. She has instilled confidence in her swimmers, helping them achieve goals they never thought were possible. Laurie works tirelessly with each athlete to reach their personal goals.



ZONTA CLUB OF KEY WEST: MECHELLE BURGOHY

Mechelle does a tremendous amount of fundraising, networking and record-keeping tasks for Zonta – so much so that the names Zonta and Mechelle are synonymous. She consistently goes above and beyond for others in the community. She gives her time, energy, commitment, unwavering support and compassionate service to Zonta with a smile and constant positivity.



FLORIDA KEYS DROWNING PREVENTION TASK FORCE: CAPTAIN ANDREA THOMPSON

Andrea is recognized for her tireless work, dedication, and passion to serving Florida Keys residents as President and Founder of the Task Force. She has spent countless voluntary hours developing the program and securing swim survival courses with life-saving skills at no cost, thereby reducing drowning incidences for infants and children throughout the Keys.



CANCER FOUNDATION OF THE FLORIDA KEYS: BOB BECKER

Bob's passion for racing led him to introduce racing to thousands of athletes in South Florida through the annual Keys 100 Ultra Marathon, which is held annually from Key Largo to Key West. Bob's events raise money for the Foundation to combat and educate about prostate cancer.



GUIDANCE/CARE CENTER: LARRY NOLT

Larry was instrumental in bringing Mennonite volunteers to the Florida Keys to repair the screened-in porch at The Heron that was damaged in Hurricane Irma. He facilitated connections, organized and found housing for the volunteers to assist. His advocacy and passion for assisting those with behavioral health needs has been a huge asset.



THE WAYPOINT FOUNDATION: EVELYN MCGLONE

An amazing big-picture and detail fund-raising guru for many non-profits, Evelyn embraced The Waypoint Foundation of Key Largo in its infancy in 2015. She delighted guests with a gourmet extravaganza at the annual Party-with-a-Purpose in 2018 and 2019 at the Garden Club of the Upper Keys.



KEY WEST GARDEN CLUB: SYNDA PATTEN

Synda has been a true garden angel to the Club since she arrived in the Keys a few years ago. She has singlehandedly transformed the garden next to the reception area, The Colonel's Garden, replanting and caring for it every week, and making sure it is a beautiful and colorful "Welcome" to all visitors.



KEY WEST ART & HISTORICAL SOCIETY: CAROLE GARCIA

Carole is a dedicated volunteer who immediately took a leadership role as a docent and now mentors other volunteers. Her welcoming smile, willingness to step in where needed and positive attitude embody the spirit of KWAHS. The organization thanks Carole for all she does!



UNITED WAY OF THE FLORIDA KEYS: LORETTA GEOTIS

Through her work as Program Coordinator for the free tax preparation program and through all she has done for the Keys community over the years, Loretta's commitment to serving fellow Keys residents is admirable. She always goes above and beyond her responsibilities, with countless extra hours spent ensuring all goes smoothly.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE MIDDLE KEYS: CLIFF RYDELL

Cliff at TV88 constantly supports Habitat Middle Keys' mission and has generously video documented all of the organization's events since 2011. He is responsible for "putting a face" to the organization's name by letting everyone "see" what Habitat Middle Keys is doing vs. just hearing about it.



ANCHORS AWEIGH CLUB: BETH MOYES

Beth enthusiastically organizes and manages one of the biggest fundraisers of the year. She heads the Red Hot 5K Walk/Run and donates all profits from the run and silent auction, which she also organizes, to Anchors Aweigh Club. Her fundraising and service work are not limited to the Club, but extend to the community.



KEY WEST ORCHID SOCIETY: KATHY BUCKARD

Kathy has been active in the Society since 2012. As Event Chairman, she has dealt with the infinite details of planning and running orchid shows. She is also Recording Secretary and still finds time to cook and run the food booth at the shows. She is an invaluable member of the team.



FLORIDA KEYS HISTORY AND DISCOVERY FOUNDATION: LISA BRADEEN

Lisa has been an engaged volunteer and ambassador for Keys History & Discovery Center since its opening in January 2014. She served as one of the first volunteer docents and hasn't stopped being a volunteer and generous supporter. You can find her nearly every Thursday afternoon serving as a docent.



HISTORY OF DIVING MUSEUM: ROBERT MURRAY

An active volunteer and board member for over five years, Bob and his initiatives have been vital in expanding educational outreach programs like "Museum in Motion" and "Dive Into History," presentations benefiting the community. The Museum is extremely grateful for his support and enthusiasm.

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PEACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: DOUG BROWN

Doug unselfishly gave his time, resources and talents to completely renovate the Church offices, lead the Property Committee to new horizons, and faithfully assist the resident Key West Pre-School Co-op. Doug is always there to lend a smile, a helping hand and his heart of gold to make Peace Covenant a welcoming place.



SOUTHERNMOST COCONUT CASTAWAYS: BOBBI MCELROY

Bobbi's talent and knowledge of IT provide the club with award-winning-level newsletters and website. Her enthusiasm and cheerful personality are infectious to the members as she inspires the best in the Castaways. As Vice President, she was instrumental in the club's contribution of \$70,000 to local charities and 2,000 volunteer hours in the community.



KEY WEST COMMUNITY SAILING CENTER: MIKE DEBETTENCOURT

Hurricanes and water spouts do not keep this volunteer down! Mike has been repairing the Hobie Wave fleet at the Sailing Center for more than five years. He loves working with other volunteers and most weekends you can find him at the club helping out.



WESLEY HOUSE FAMILY SERVICES: CHRISTOPHER ELWELL

Chris has supported Wesley House and its clients for over 15 years. He generously offers furniture to families and foster homes, and much more. Whenever called upon, Chris and his family are always there to support the organization's work in any way they can.



KEY WEST WOMAN'S CLUB: JUDGE RITA EATON

As a 10-year member, Judge Rita Eaton exemplifies the spirit of community caring and teamwork all should seek. Her sale of restaurant cards, historical research, and active participation demonstrate her depth of character. She embodies a service standard only few achieve. Leadership is easily identified in this outstanding hero.



RURAL HEALTH NETWORK MONROE COUNTY: VALERIE EIKENBERG

Valerie is a phenomenal dental hygienist who greets every patient with a smile. She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure patients are happy with their experience. Valerie volunteers at free dental clinics where she does sealants in Monroe County. In her spare time, Valerie volunteers at the spay and neuter clinic.



KEYS AHEC HEALTH CENTERS: BRANDON MARTIN

Dr. Martin, born and raised in Key West, is giving back to his community by volunteering with the AHEC Children's Dental Sealants program. Through his efforts, Keys AHEC has been able to better identify serious dental needs in our children, provide sealants and get care for children with urgent care cases.



LIVING SPRINGS COUNSELING: SHARON KITTLE-SMITH

Sharon is the volunteer extraordinaire and has participated on more Boards, more committees, and more events than any person in the Upper Keys. She does it all -- organizes events, reads financials, steers an organization to a successful five-year plan, sells raffle tickets, recruits volunteers, and inspires others. She is well-connected and gets things done.



FLORIDA KEYS COUNCIL OF THE ARTS: SHEILA COOK

Sheila is recognized for her continuing commitment to and passion for all the arts in all the Keys. Her dedication, volunteer and philanthropic efforts to support and promote local artists and organizations enhances learning and opens opportunities for everyone. The Council applauds Sheila for her energy, creativity, talent and time as a member and advisor.



FRIENDS OF THE KEY WEST LIBRARY: NANCY SEIDEL

Nancy is a warm, welcoming presence in the Reference Department, assisting regular patrons and visitors with their computer needs. Nancy is especially vital during times of staff shortages and lunch hours, often working on Saturdays. She assists with many programs, especially Café con Libros, and is a remarkable advocate for the Library.



FRINGE THEATER KEY WEST: SUE AND DON LYNCH

Unequivocally, Sue and Don Lynch are the most energetic and community-focused couple in the Fringe Family! Don volunteers as technical director, while his wife is a volunteer board member. Whether it is set-up for a fundraiser, building a set, deciphering financials, or helping with clean-up after Hurricane Irma, Don and Sue never say 'No!'



ONE HUMAN FAMILY: JIMMY WEEKLY

One of the most lovable people in town, Jimmy has been active for decades in community service, including as Key West Mayor and City Commissioner. 20 years ago, Mayor Weekly led the motion to make "One Human Family" our official philosophy and has been a strong champion for unity, equality and diversity ever since.



A.H. OF MONROE COUNTY: ALICE 'MISS BETTY' RADICS

She's called 'Miss Betty,' but she is as much known as the A.H. of Monroe County angel who will drive you to the doctor or gently volunteer if you're too shy to ask. Because service to others is why she "gets up every morning," Miss Betty is A.H. Monroe's Unsung Hero.



LEADERSHIP MONROE COUNTY: JOHN JOHNSON

John is Vice President, serving as Board director since 2015, co-chairing for Sessions: Tourism and the Economy, the Environment, Emergency Management, and Arts/Culture. He leads with total, unwavering commitment, the basis for action in fulfilling our mission, and he builds alliances throughout the county to strengthen the communities and essential organizations.

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LOWER KEYS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: DONNA WINDLE

Don't change the subject when Donna talks about voters. Her passion for the League's mandate for voter education and registration, especially among returning citizens, helps ensure fair elections in 2020. A board director and membership chair, Donna embodies the League's commitment: empowering voters, defending democracy.



WOMANKIND: LEA MOELLER

Lea organized the female-encouraging That's What She Shot spearfishing tournament and donated the proceeds to Womankind in support of affordable health care. The event is now in its 9th year and has removed 700+ lionfish from Keys waters. Lea joined the board and serves as the current secretary.



THE KEY WEST ART CENTER AND GALLERY: JANE GRANNIS

Jane has been an active, contributing member and served on the board for many years, both as President and Past President. She helped run the major fundraiser, Old Island Days Art Show and Craft Show for 10 years. She also chaired the Associate Member Show for years.



SAMUEL'S HOUSE: ALAN BEAUBIEN

Director of Sales and Marketing for the Marriott Beachside since 2008, Alan has been on the Samuel's House Board for eight years, working diligently on the fundraising committee. He has been a tireless supporter of the mission of providing housing and essential services to the homeless men, women and children of our community.



CORNISH MEMORIAL A.M.E. ZION CHURCH: CHERYL ANN ROBERTSON

A dedicated member of the church for more than five years, Cheryl has learned to take her positions very serious. Cheryl looks for ways she can go the extra mile as she serves as the church's secretary, christian education director, choir member and missionary worker.



MONROE COUNTY EDUCATION FOUNDATION: AMY LACHAT LYNCH

A mentor for over 15 years, Amy has mentored six scholars. With a creative and consistent approach, Amy has helped her students set and attain goals. She keeps a journal for each student and records accomplishments, leaving the journal with the student at graduation.



ONE ISLAND FAMILY (UUFKW): DAVE ARNOLD

Board member Dave chairs the Social Justice program. He spearheads congregational involvement in quarterly roadside cleanups (MM14-16), manages the Change for Change program, keeps members busily circulating petitions and generally keeps the Congregation aware of and involved in local outreach and activism. Dave truly "walks the walk" of Unitarian Universalism.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF KEY WEST AND LOWER FLORIDA KEYS: JILL AND GEORGE EDSON

George and Jill are long-time volunteers. In addition to helping with home repair projects, they spend several weeks each year collecting items from local businesses and community partners for the annual Island Grass Music Festival Silent Auction. They have raised over \$25,000 to support Habitat's mission.

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MARATHON GARDEN CLUB: NANCY MILLER

Nancy has been a dedicated leader of the Club for 21 years. She has dedicated herself to organizing high quality educational programs and workshops in basic and advanced gardening and floral design. She has led Club participation in civic beautification, and she has established a Scholarship Endowment Fund for Marathon High School Seniors who pursue a career in environmental sciences.



THE BASILICA SCHOOL: JOHN DOLAN-HEITLINGER

John has served as the parish and school's volunteer finance director since 2014. He provides more than financial oversight; he is a strategic thinker who has helped guide the school's Long Range Plan and multiple capital campaigns. He also volunteers at fundraisers. Without John's selfless assistance, the organization would not be where it is today.



COLDWELL BANKER SCHMITT CHARITABLE FOUNDATION: KAREN HAACK

Karen has been on the Board for over eight years. She spends countless hours fundraising, from Bingo, Ride & Roll to Dancing Thru The Decades, and she is an amazing contributor at the Lilly Pulitzer event. She always puts others ahead of herself, even while spending the last two years rebuilding her home after Hurricane Irma.



JUST OLDER YOUTH: TERRY WILLNER-TAINOW

Terry always has a cheerful attitude. She volunteers for any job, and is willing to learn new skills to do it right. She brings joy to the JOY Center daily and embodies the qualities of an unsung hero with humility and natural goodwill toward all beings.



SOUTHERNMOST VFW POST 3911: KEN THOMPSON

In an outstanding 33-year Naval Career, Ken worked his way to the top-enlisted rank before being Commissioned, retiring as Lieutenant Commander. While serving as Quartermaster(CFO) for Post 3911, Ken far exceeded the scope of his duties by voluntarily modernizing operational procedures, participating in all charitable activities and overseeing reconstruction following Hurricane Irma.



UNITY OF THE KEYS SPIRITUAL CENTER: LORI NEILSON

Co-owner of Island Tile with husband Marc and devoted mother of teenage girls, Lori gives boundless service to Unity. Whether teaching classes, leading meditations, working in the kitchen, designing the Heavenly Christmas Float, bookkeeping, or giving a Sunday Lesson, she gives selflessly, quietly and wholeheartedly and is Unity's Angelic Hero.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE KEYS AREA: MARK AND NANCY FUNT

Mark and Nancy are fantastic volunteers! Mark, Board member extraordinaire, and Nancy have worked diligently and vigorously making many, many improvements in fundraisers, doubling the amounts that were usually raised. Nancy also volunteers with homework, helping students understand and excel, especially in Math. They are a great "two for one" addition to the Clubs' family.



METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH: LYNN OBRINGER AND JOE PETRICK

Husband and wife team of Lynn and Joe show up almost every week to help the "Cooking with Love" program by cooking, filling grocery bags, delivering food and providing a friendly face to persons in need. Lynn also accounts for the spending of grant funds and for filing required reports. They are two extraordinary volunteers.



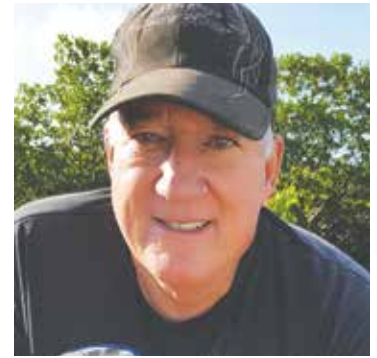
MONROE COUNTY STARS OF HOPE: LT. TODD SILVERS

Lt. Silvers of MCSO Corrections almost never misses a Tuesday night Bingo at Boondocks (the main fundraising event). He can be seen setting up, taking down, selling bingo cards and 50/50 tickets, and assisting the participants. Most often his smiling friendly face is behind the bingo machine calling the numbers.



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: LAKAY BARNETT

LaKay is a dedicated worker for the Scholarship Committee. LaKay enjoys raising funds for young people to attend college by helping organize events and selling tickets for the annual fashion show. Committee members are praying for at least one more worker like LaKay this year.



MARRVELOUS PET RESCUE: BRUCE YANDA

Bruce is honored for his extraordinary efforts to help animals in need, including fostering, adopting special needs pets, walking boarded pups, transporting, and rescue petworking. Each year, the rescue is blessed with an original piece of Bruce's art for fundraising at the Gala to help funding for animals in the rescue's care.



KEY WEST TROPICAL FOREST & BOTANICAL GARDEN: NANCY AND BOB SALVAGE

For more than 10 years, Bob and Nancy have volunteered their time, muscle, and smiles. Every week you can find them weeding, trimming and mulching. During the two-day GardenFest fundraiser, they willingly help with set up, plant sales, break down and anything else needed. Their continued support makes them the Garden's heroes every year.



AARP CHAPTER #1351: DARLENE BENNETT

Darlene is a Past Chair and is currently a Board member of the local chapter. She encourages membership and participation as she visits various churches, events, and other organizations. Darlene has traveled to national conventions and participated in seminars and workshops to stay on top of the game.



FLORIDA KEYS OUTREACH COALITION: ROBIN WILLIAMS

Robin volunteers at FKOC's Peacock Housing multiple days a week to help adults living with severe mental illness have an improved quality of life and better physical and mental health. Robin's cheerful personality and desire to help has made the lives of many much more meaningful and positive.



SISTER SEASON FUND: RAY HENNESY

Ray arrived in the Keys in 1990 and is well known for his culinary talents, community involvement and sweet, gentle nature. Ray has volunteered to coordinate the food for the Annual Survivors Party for 28 of the last 42 years – no small feat. The Fund has received proceeds of the party since 2005.

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KEY WEST AREA CHIEF PETTY OFFICER ASSOCIATION: LISA AND DAVE PATROCKY

The Chief Petty Officer Association is pleased to recognize Retired Chief Lisa Patrocky and Navy Veteran David Patrocky as unsung heroes. They are the prime movers in the Association's annual co-venture with the Military Affairs Committee to fund, plan and execute the Wounded Warrior Key West Soldier Ride.



KEY WEST WRITERS GUILD: PATTY PATTEN TIFFANY

Patty is a long-time member of the Writers and Poetry Guild. She is an excellent poet and writer, and comes to meetings equipped with short stories and poetry to read. She is always engaged in the critique and discussion of other's works. She is also the hostess of special events, including the annual holiday party.



CORAL CITY ELKS TEMPLE #400: ALANA THURSTON

Alana is the Daughter of Rule of Temple #400 where she works very hard in all aspects of the organization. She would not ask anyone to do anything she would not do herself. Alana enjoys fundraising and traveling to Elks conventions with her daughters and constantly expresses her desire for sisterly and brotherly love.



LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA MONROE COUNTY: DIANA KREKEL

Diana is a familiar and much-appreciated face at Literacy Volunteers with her class, "English for the Spanish Speaker and Everyone." A one-to-one and group teacher who is always there, Diana has helped hundreds of students improve English. Her dedication is amazing. Her students appreciate her and so does LVA.



BAHAMA VILLAGE MUSIC PROGRAM: MARK BATZEL

Mark's love of music brought him to BVMP. Whether he's selling parasols, volunteering at events, or serving as Treasurer, he always steps up to help continue the organization's mission. BVMP is so grateful to Mark for all of his guidance and assistance and cannot thank him enough!

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KEY WEST POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE: JESSE HAMMERS

Jesse is a dedicated member of the PAL Board. He almost single-handedly created PAL's biggest fundraiser: Mango Fest. He put the first one together and since then, the great idea has coalesced into a landmark week-long event. Jesse was also a driving force behind the new PAL Gym.



SOUTHERNMOST HOMELESS ASSISTANCE LEAGUE: PATRICE SCHWERNER

Patrice was one of the first volunteers to deliver food to the homeless shelter since the program started in 2017. Each week she puts the prepared pans of food into her car and delivers them to the shelter. Without these dedicated volunteers, the shelter would not be able to get food to its clients.



THE PARROT HEAD CLUB OF KEY WEST: BRIAN FIELDS

Brian has donated many hours to the Parrot Head Club by playing music at fundraising events. He has also organized cleanups, not only for the Club's strip of highway, but all around Key West. He lends his talents to numerous groups through all ways of volunteering.



NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES KEY WEST COUNCIL: DONNA DYE

Donna is a longtime member of the Navy League serving on various committees and performing secretarial duties for seven ship commissionings. She continues to serve, hosting breakfast receptions for Coast Guard Fast Response Cutter special activities, which is greatly appreciated by the captains and crews.



FLORIDA KEYS CHILDREN'S SHELTER: BRAD COPELAND

Hero to the direct care staff, Brad championed his successful mission to ensure higher wages. He literally goes the distance for the cause... regularly driving down the Keys to visit kids in the shelter...and bicycling 126 miles annually from Ocean Reef to the Southernmost Point to raise funds and awareness.



OLD ISLAND RESTORATION FOUNDATION: JEAN SHANNON

A member since 2012, Jean coordinates the Key West Home Tours and supports all facets of the organization. Jean believes volunteerism is the foundation of community, and that the "founders of OIRF who stood for architectural, historical, and cultural preservation will always be unsung heroes of the Florida Keys."



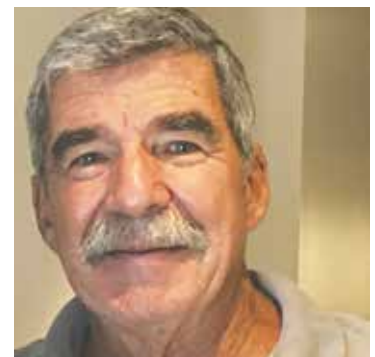
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH KEY WEST: WILLIAM MALPASS

Bill has long been a visible and involved leader of the church. He stepped into the thankless job of treasurer, clarifying accounts and budgets, and for ten years has overseen that extremely difficult balancing act. The church gratefully applauds his devotion, his competence, and his great strength of character.



KEYS COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS: CHRISTOPHER ROUNDS

Christopher goes above and beyond by supporting many charitable organizations. He created an annual Easter Tea Dance at LaTeDa to support scholarships for children who would otherwise be able to attend Camp Bravo musical theater camp. Generous of heart and intention, Christopher is a supporter of the community, its organizations, and its one human family.



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE FLORIDA KEYS: BILL BECKER

For over 30 years, Bill has provided a soothing, authoritative presence to listeners of U.S. 1 Radio. As News Director and host of the weekday Morning Magazine, Bill showcases local issues and events. His continued support of CFFK and community nonprofits is helping build awareness and support for programs positively changing lives in the Florida Keys.



FLORIDA KEYS HEALTHY START COALITION: JEAN MAUN (POSTHUMOUS)

Jean, who passed away last September, worked tirelessly for many years to help families in need to ensure their babies had the basic supplies to get a healthy start in life. She and her selfless network of quiet supporters never sought attention or recognition and made a difference in the lives of countless Keys families.



SAVE OUR PINES: ARNOLD HERMELIN

Arnold has been a vital member since its inception and has continuously provided sage advice and significant support to the cause. His staunch belief in the mission and his untiring efforts to advance the cause have been clear and unwavering for over a decade. He is always available for consultation and sound advice.



STAR OF THE SEA FOUNDATION: MIKE WERNER

The generosity of Mike Werner, of Sunbelt Rentals, has been pivotal to SOS's ability to respond to the need for food in Monroe County. From Hurricane Irma response to Community Kitchen construction to every day operations, Mike has answered every call, donating equipment and staff time to help SOS.



ISLAND DOLPHIN CARE: KATHIE MEAD

Kathie is the first person visitors to Island Dolphin Care meet. She has volunteered for the past 12 years. She hosts guided tours and is also "a wiz" in the Gift Shop. Kathie is truly one of a kind and the organization is honored to name her their Unsung Hero.

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CFFK: IN PARADISE FOR GOOD

For over 23 years, the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys has been a trusted resource for those who love the Keys and want to improve the lives of others. We're working to preserve the Keys' unique cultural heritage, protect the beautiful environment, promote educational opportunities, provide critical health care services, supply emergency disaster relief, and much more. Together with our generous partners, we've helped tens of thousands of our residents from Key West to Key Largo.

The Unsung Heroes event, sponsored by the Lower Keys Medical Center, has honored more than 1,300 community volunteers since 2001.

David Clay, CEO of the Lower Keys Medical Center, said, "We are pleased to sponsor the Unsung Heroes event again this year to recognize incredible dedication and contributions of time and talent. Thank you to all of the caring and committed volunteers who serve our community every day."

You can learn more about the Community Foundation at cffk.org. You can partner with us by making a gift to CFFK to support community programs, create your own fund, work with your favorite nonprofit to establish an agency fund, or give through your will or estate plan.

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN OUR EFFORTS AT [CFFK.ORG](http://cffk.org) OR CALL 305.292.1502. WORKING TOGETHER, WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE... IN PARADISE FOR GOOD.



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