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CEO of The Lord's Place Receives Child Advocate of the Year Award

Christine Frederick honored for her career of non-profit leadership and community service, helping individuals most in need.

[The Lord's Place](#) CEO Christine Frederick recently received the 2025 Child Advocate of the Year Award as part of the [Heart Gallery of Broward](#)'s annual Eat Your Heart Out fundraiser.

"My years being a champion of youth and young adults have been some of the most rewarding years of my life because I had the opportunity to do what I love every single day and that was to help those who were struggling most in our community by providing hope and love - two things our young people needed most," stated Frederick when accepting the award.

Frederick has always had a passion for helping individuals most in need. Her experience includes more than 20 years of progressive leadership in nonprofit and social impact organizations, including serving as the CEO of [FLITE Center](#) from 2017-2025. At FLITE Center, Christine coordinated the Transitional Independent Living System of Care; grew its budget from under \$600,000 to more than \$10 million; expanded the headquarters from 3,000 square feet to more than 16,000 square feet; increased staff from eight to more than 60; and extended its service area to include 12 counties in Florida.

Prior to serving at FLITE Center, Frederick spent 12 years both on the frontlines and on the executive management team as the chief program officer of [HANDY](#). She led an elite team in program development—assisting with the agency's capacity building efforts through grant writing and grant management and maintaining both quality services and outcomes with foster youth in relative and nonrelative care.

Frederick credits her accomplishments as a child advocate to the "village" surrounding her, "For me, it has taken the love, patience and understanding of my family, the commitment from my colleagues, faith from every team I've had the privilege of leading, and finally the confidence and encouragement from the community and funders, alike."

In May 2025, Frederick joined [The Lord's Place](#) as chief executive officer to continue to grow and inspire the agency's 45-year mission of breaking the cycle of homelessness in Palm Beach County.

As Frederick begins the next step in her career as an advocate for others, she emphasized, "I will never truly leave child advocacy nor fighting for the voiceless. Now, as the CEO of The Lord's Place, the age range of my impact has just expanded. We have the opportunity to change the pathways to hope that exist for those experiencing homelessness, and I will continue to be an advocate for children, young adults, older adults and families—trying to break cycles that often plague those who have the least support and the most to lose. And I am so excited to roll up my sleeves to accomplish our mission for years to come!"

Past Child Advocate of the Year honorees have included Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, Michael Goodman, Andrew Koenig, Chad Moss, and others. The event benefits the Heart Gallery of Broward County, an esteemed nonprofit dedicated to promoting adoption and enrichment programs for Broward's foster youth. Every year, Eat Your Heart Out is a celebration of community, compassion, and connection—an evening supporting the mission to help local children find permanent homes and thrive.

About The Lord's Place

For 45 years, The Lord's Place, a non-sectarian agency, has been working to break the cycle of homelessness for men, women, and children in Palm Beach County, FL, through innovative, compassionate and effective services. The Fortin Family Campus in West Palm Beach provides training and support services including: the operation of Café Joshua; job training and placement services; clinical and care coordination; community engagement services; and a reentry program helping men and women transitioning from incarceration. The agency also owns or rents 15 supportive and graduate housing locations, as well as 85 scattered site apartments, to help house about 300 individuals every night. For more information, visit thelordsplace.org.

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[001](#): (L-R) Eric Yutzy, Local 10 News Anchor; Christine Frederick, CEO at The Lord's Place; Dr. Mary Kinirons, CEO at Heart Gallery of Broward County; Robert Taylor CEO at Burdette Beckmann Inc.; Eleni Varvoutis, Board Chair at Heart Gallery of Broward County (*Photo credit: Michael Murphy Photographic*)

[002](#): Christine Frederick and Kristina DaSilva, CEO of FLITE Center (*Photo credit: Michael Murphy Photographic*)

[003](#): (L-R) Dr. Melanie Geddes, Geddes & Associates, Inc.; Christine Frederick, CEO at The Lord's Place; Dr. Angelika Schlanger, For Impact Partners, LLC; DeAnn Hazey, Innovative Resources Group (*Photo credit: Michael Murphy Photographic*)

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