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Town of Palm Beach United Way honors Margie Yansura for ensuring every human receives dignity and respect

Margie Yansura receives the prestigious Nettie Finkle Award.

The [Town of Palm Beach United Way](#) recently honored Margie Yansura with the prestigious [Nettie Finkle Award](#) for showing up, speaking out, and giving generously on behalf of the most vulnerable individuals and families in Palm Beach County.

The annual award honors an individual who exemplifies volunteerism and whose commitment to bringing hope, promise, and opportunity into the lives of others has left a lasting, positive impact on a person, group, or community at large.

Yansura is a dedicated and compassionate volunteer who gives generously of her time, talent, and treasures. Her connection to The Lord's Place (TLP), the largest homeless agency serving Palm Beach County, spans more than four decades.

According to TLP's Chief Advancement Officer Anne Noble, "Margie has always operated from a place of radical compassion, believing that every human being deserves dignity, opportunity, and community. These values are not abstract for her—they show up in every interaction, every donation drive, every event she organizes, every chant she leads from the window of her car."

In 1979, as a reporter at The Evening Times, Yansura covered Brother Joe Ranieri, founder of The Lord's Place, sleeping on the steps of St. Ann's Church to raise awareness of those experiencing homelessness. Her tie to the agency continued with her role as the organization's public relations consultant—a position she held for 17 years before retiring in 2020. In that capacity, she served as a passionate public voice for the agency's mission to break the cycle of homelessness in Palm Beach County. Her contributions always went far beyond the scope of her professional role: befriending clients, helping them seek employment opportunities, bringing them groceries, driving them to interviews, housing them in the efficiency unit behind her own home.

"Margie's ability to think outside the box is evident throughout her history with The Lord's Place. Rather than simply writing press releases and managing media, she built real relationships with clients, advocating for them personally and professionally," stated Christine Frederick, CEO of The Lord's Place.

In retirement, Yansura has only deepened her commitment to helping the most vulnerable residents in our community. She now volunteers weekly at the Fortin Family Campus resource closet, organizing clothing and hygiene items for the clients TLP serves. She redesigned the entire distribution system, introducing rolling carts that can be wheeled directly into the Engagement Center, allowing clients to browse and select items with dignity and respect. Yansura also volunteers periodically with TLP's street outreach and engagement team, serving hot meals on Friday afternoons to those experiencing homelessness in Belle Glade.

She also supports and continues to participate in the agency's annual signature events, including the Ending Homelessness Breakfast, the recently sunsetted SleepOut, and March to End Homelessness—an event she herself created—riding along on Molly's Trolley to cheer on participants every year. The Yansura Family fundraising team has been among the top teams raising the most funds for TLP's fundraisers for multiple years.

Yansura also inspires others through her faith community. As a committed member of United Methodist Church, she leveraged those relationships to bring the SleepOut event to her church—a powerful overnight awareness experience that brought together hundreds of people. Earlier in 2026 when Palm Beach County experienced a two-week cold stretch, Yansura mobilized her fellow parishioners to donate hundreds of blankets and jackets for clients in need.

“She did not wait to be asked. She saw the need and she acted,” added Frederick.

Yansura's generosity and selfless love toward others includes sharing her treasures. She has included The Lord's Place as a beneficiary in her estate planning, and in lieu of gifts for her 70th birthday, she asked her friends and family to donate to TLP.

Danielle Moore, Town of Palm Beach United Way vice chair, presented Yansura with the Nettie Finkle Award.

In her acceptance speech, Yansura dedicated the award to her parents who taught her about giving back. She described the “clothing bank” that her family had in their basement.

“I would see kids from my school in clothes from there, so I learned early on that everyone is in need sometime in their life, and you have to treat everyone with dignity.”

In addition to Yansura receiving an award, the Town of Palm Beach United Way added her name to the Nettie Finkle Award plaque which lists all past recipients and presented The Lord's Place with a check for \$2,000 in Yansura's honor.

All Town of Palm Beach United Way nonprofit partner agencies are eligible to nominate a volunteer for the annual Nettie Finkle Award.

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About Town of Palm Beach United Way

Founded in 1945, the Town of Palm Beach United Way brings the community together to raise and invest funds in trusted nonprofit partners serving Palm Beach County. Its mission is to drive lasting, measurable change by improving lives and strengthening community, ensuring every individual has access to the essentials for a good quality of life: education, health, and financial stability. For more than eight decades, the organization has raised over \$158 million to support those most in need, funding programs that deliver real impact across the county. To learn more, visit www.palmbeachunitedway.org.

About The Lord's Place

For more than 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 82 scattered site apartments, to help house about 300 individuals every night. For more information, visit thelordsplace.org.

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