

22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nonprofit Business Awards

# NOVO Awards



## Recognizing Nonprofit Innovative\* Excellence

\*make changes in something established, especially by introducing new methods, ideas, or products.

The **NOVO Awards** are open to not-for-profit organizations and recognize programs and individuals that have made a difference in the lives of the people they serve, produce outcomes that exemplify innovative excellence, and feature best practices of not-for-profit businesses.

### Awards are presented in three categories:

- Nonprofit program innovative excellence (nonprofit with an organizational budget of *less than \$2 million*)
- Nonprofit program innovative excellence (nonprofit with an organizational budget of *\$2 million and above*)
- Outstanding Board Leader which exemplifies the best in nonprofit board service

Nominations will be reviewed, and final selection made by a panel of judges. The top three finalists from each category will be recognized at the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Trustee Luncheon on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. All finalists will be invited to attend.

A cash award of \$1,000 will be presented to the top finalist in each category. Two winners will be chosen in the innovative program award category: one for nonprofit with an organizational budget of less than \$2 million, and one for nonprofit with an organizational budget of \$2 million and above. One winner will be selected in the Outstanding Board Leader category whose volunteer leadership exemplifies the best in nonprofit board service.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applications may be submitted by the nonprofit organization or by third-party nomination
- The organization must be headquartered or have operations in Miami-Dade County
- The organization must be a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- Only one entry per organization may be submitted
- Program must be a current program being offered by the nonprofit
- Only applications that meet all the requirements/criteria will be considered

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All entries must be received by the deadline and include:

- Properly completed application
- Copy of the organization's 501(c)(3) IRS Determination Letter\*
- Optional: one letter of support per award category\*

\*Please email these to [kdesir@miamichamber.com](mailto:kdesir@miamichamber.com)

## CRITERIA

### INNOVATIVE PROGRAM EXCELLENCE

- Program may be defined as the activities of the organization as a whole or a specific program within the organization
- Further the mission of the organization
- Have specific and measurable outcomes
- Demonstrate innovation
- Meet community needs

### OUTSTANDING BOARD LEADER

- Furthers the mission of the organization, demonstrates creative leadership and innovation
- Must be a currently active board member (paid staff member will not be considered)
- Must be nominated by the nonprofit organization he/she serves or board peer
- Has shown leadership among colleagues but not necessarily as board chairman
- The organization's board must be a governing board with fiduciary responsibility not an advisory board

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ENTRIES: FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023

For additional information or questions,  
Contact: Kristina Desir |  
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## SAVE THE DATE 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual NOVO Awards

Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce  
Trustee Luncheon  
Sept 6, 2023 | 11:30 a.m. | Jungle Island

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# 2023 NOVO Awards Application

**Please note: ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND SENT WITH PROPER DOCUMENTATION**

## I. SELECT ONLY ONE FROM THE FOLLOWING THE CATEGORIES

- Innovative Program Excellence -- organizational budget of less than \$2 million
- Innovative Program Excellence -- organizational budget of \$2 million and above
- Outstanding Board Leader

## II. NOMINEE/APPLICANT INFORMATION

- Name of Organization, Complete Address, Telephone, Website, E-mail

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- Contact Person at the Organization: Name and Title, Telephone and E-mail

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- If applying for Innovative Program Excellence categories provide: Name of Program and Launch Date (month/year). Please make distinction if you are nominating an individual program within an organization or the entire organization.

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- If applying for Outstanding Board Leader category provide: Name of Board Leader and Board Position

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## III. ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW Please observe word limits.

1. What is the organization's mission? (50-word limit)

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2. Summarize the history, long-term goals, and current priorities of the organization. (150-word limit)

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3. Provide Executive Summary of **both** the organizational and program budget.



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**Outstanding Board Leader:** Provide answers ONLY if applying for the Outstanding Board Leader category.

1. How does your nominated board member demonstrate exemplary leadership and service to the community? (250-word limit)

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2. Describe how your board members demonstrate creativity, innovation, passion, and entrepreneurship in serving the organization. (250-word limit)

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3. Explain how your board member embraces, articulates, and furthers the mission of the organization. (250-word limit)

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4. Describe how your board member demonstrates a commitment to excellence in effective management, accountability, resource development, oversight, and stewardship. (250-word limit)

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**V. NOMINATOR INFORMATION/CERTIFICATION** (can self-nominate)

Relation to Applicant/Nominee, Your Name, Title, Company/Organization Name, Complete Address, Telephone, E-mail

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**VI. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION** Please e-mail these to [kdesir@miamichamber.com](mailto:kdesir@miamichamber.com) upon completion of the online form.

- **REQUIRED:** Copy of the organization's 501(c)(3) IRS Determination Letter
- **OPTIONAL:** One letter of support per award category
- Additional supporting documents will not be considered.

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## NOVO Awards Recipients

### 2022

#### **Under \$2 Million in Revenue**

305 Pink Pack Inc.

#### **\$2 Million and Above in Revenue**

Jewish Community Services of South Florida Inc.

#### **Outstanding Board Leader**

Amaka Amalu, Board Member of Branches Inc.

### Previous Years

#### **Under \$2 Million in Revenue**

- Sofia's Hope (Pediatric Cardio-Oncology Research Program (2021)
- ICU Baby | Transportation Assistance Program (2020)
- Council for Educational Change (2019)
- "I Have a Dream" Foundation of Miami (2018)
- Ladies Empowerment Action Program (LEAP) (2017)
- The Women's Fund of Miami-Dade (2016)
- PACE Center of Girls (2015)
- Educate Tomorrow (2014)
- Casa Valentina (2013)
- Strong Women, Strong Girls | South Florida Mentoring Program (2012)
- Belafonte TACOLCY Center, Inc. (2011)
- Human Services Coalition (2010)
- The Education Fund (2009)
- The Women's Alliance, Inc. (2008)
- The Children's Bereavement Center, Inc. (2007)
- Women's Advocacy Project (2006)
- Heiken Children's Vision Fund (2005)
- Trauma Resolution Program (2004)
- Non-Violence Project (2003)
- Girls Advocacy Project (2002)

#### **\$2 Million and Above in Revenue**

- Guitars Over Guns (2021)
- Chapman Partnership (2020)
- Branches (2019)
- Carrfour Supportive Housing (2018)
- His House Children's Home (2017)
- The Sundari Foundation (2016)
- Take Stock in Children (2015)
- Miami Children's Museum (2014)
- Switchboard of Miami (2013)
- The Posse Foundation | Posse Miami (2012)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami, Inc. (2011)
- United HomeCare Services (2010)
- ACCION USA (2009)
- Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc. (2008)
- Kristi House (2007)

- Teach for America – Miami-Dade (2006)
- DFYIT (2005)
- Family Services Program (2004)
- Catholic Charities Legal Services (2003)
- Camillus House (2002)

#### **Outstanding Board Leader**

- **Nancy Hector**, Board Treasurer, His House Children's Home (2021)
- **Allan J. Pekar**, Board President, Key Clubhouse of South Florida (2020)
- **Amy McClellan**, Board President, Key Clubhouse of South Florida (2019)
- **Gerald Grant, Jr**, Trustee, Florida International University (2018)
- **Harry Kelton**, Secretary, Pelican Harbor Seabird Station (2017)
- **Ed Deppman**, Board Treasurer, Branches (2016)
- **Bob Dickinson**, Chairman of the Board, Camillus House (2015)
- **Darryl K. Sharpton**, Chairman of the Public Health Trust Board of Trustees, Jackson Health System (2014)
- **Rodney H. Bell**, Board Chair, Branches, Inc. (2013)
- **Richard Brilliant**, Treasurer and Finance and Audit Committee Chair, Board of Directors, FIU Foundation, Inc. (2012)
- **Alex Montague**, Board Chairman, Children's Bereavement Center (2011)