



**ANNUAL AWARDS
FOR EXCELLENCE
IN COMMUNITY
AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

2023



**SOUTH FLORIDA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COALITION**



From community banking to community building

JPMorgan Chase is committed to investing in communities so individuals and families of all income levels can thrive. We work with a group of partners to provide innovative solutions that foster community development, address affordable housing needs and drive inclusive economic growth. These partnerships are essential to making a meaningful impact on communities, their residents and businesses.

We are proud to participate in these efforts and support the South Florida Community Development Coalition.

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Thank you for joining us for the return of our annual awards! Since 2012, it has been our tradition to recognize and honor leadership, impact, and advocacy as a coalition of community and economic development practitioners. This year, we are excited to have a fresh take on this tradition, with new awards categories. To the inaugural award recipients, we commend your contributions towards making South Florida a better place to call home. A special thanks to our sponsors and the 2023 Annual Awards Committee for making this special occasion possible.

We appreciate all of our members, stakeholders, and supporters for their solidarity and generosity towards building communities and developing assets. We hope you enjoy this time of engagement and celebration for Excellence in Community and Economic Development!

Cheers,

The 2023 Annual Awards Committee



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Executive Director



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*2023 Annual Awards
Committee Chair*



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*2019 Annual Awards
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Doug Mayer

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about the coalition

Founded in 2007 as a 501(c)(3) member-led organization, SFCDC is dedicated to educating, equipping and empowering practitioners who are building communities and developing assets. Our members include public, private, and social impact organizations and individuals who share our values and vision of a more equitable, sustainable, and prosperous South Florida. Together, we are facilitating collective action and impact through capacity building and public policy advocacy to improve quality of life for low-to-moderate income neighborhoods.



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- vote for coalition policy & advocacy agenda
- participate in committees & roundtables
- early bird access for tickets & registration
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- exclusive networking events & more!



BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

- Annual dues are prorated & renewed January 15th
- Associate level (individuals) - \$100
- Local Affiliate level (small NGOs & public sector) - \$250
- Corporate Affiliate level (enterprises & corporations) - \$500



our member organizations

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Miami Worker Center

Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida

New Urban Development

Partners for Self-Employment

Self Help Credit Union

SMASH

Solar and Energy Loan Fund (SELF)

South Florida Community Land Trust

The Allapattah Collaborative CDC

The Miami Foundation

Trinity Empowerment Consortium

future events & opportunities

Please mark your calendars to join us for the following coalition engagements. For more details, please visit our website or scan the QR code.

2023 Board of Directors Nominations

May 12th - June 9th

We welcome interested members to apply to join our board of directors. Applications are open online. Role begins July 2023.

2023 Annual Meeting

June 26th (2:00-3:00pm)

Join us for this virtual convening as we announce key updates for the coalition including leadership, 2022 Impact Report, and our new ecosystem building initiative as well as ways to further engage with our committees and roundtables.

2023 Housing Affordability Preservation Series

This new workshop series in our Capacity Building Institute is dedicated to educating, equipping, and empowering local landlords and property owners on ways to preserve naturally occurring affordability, incorporate sustainability and energy efficiency, and better engage tenants. Applications open June 5th.



**Visit our
Calendar Page**



**Visit our
Board Member
Application**

this evening's events

Doors Open

6:00pm

Cocktail Reception

6:00 - 7:00pm

Welcome Remarks

7:00 - 7:15pm

*Charlene van Dijk,
2023 Awards Committee Chair*

Sponsors Acknowledgement

7:15 - 7:20pm

Shekeria Brown, JPMorgan Chase

Awards Ceremony

7:20 - 8:00pm

May Rodriguez, Executive Director

Housing Affordability Advocate

Small Business Advocate

Community Resilience Advocate

Rising Star

Coalition Champion

Sage Legacy

Coalition Announcements

8:00 - 8:15pm

May Rodriguez, Executive Director

Networking Reception

8:15 - 9:00pm

Adjournment

9:00pm



new award categories

Housing Affordability Advocate

This award recognizes the effort of an individual, organization, or collaboration that has made significant strides towards addressing the affordable housing crisis either through housing development, public policy advocacy, or grassroots community engagement.

Small Business Advocate

This award recognizes the effort of an individual, organization, or collaboration that has promoted incentives, protections, and needs of local small business to combat displacement and marginalization through technical assistance, public policy advocacy, or community engagement.

Community Resilience Advocate

This award recognizes the effort of an individual, organization, or collaboration that has been instrumental in advancing communities' ability thrive and overcome problems affecting quality of life. The impact has led to stronger, more equitable communities.

Rising Star

This award recognizes an individual under than age of 35 (as of January 1st, 2023) who has been a catalyst to the field and/or community. This person can be a professional or volunteer who has made significant contributions to local community and economic development through their talent, skills, and/or leadership.

Coalition Champion

This award is nominated exclusively by coalition members to recognize an individual, organization, or collaboration that has demonstrated the best of our coalition through community impact and leadership.

Sage Legacy

This award honors the lifetime achievement and contributions of an individual (present or posthumous) towards the advancement of community and economic development in South Florida.

previous award winners

Rental Housing Award

2019 - Eric Haynes
2016 - Clarence E. Woods, II
2015 - Stephanie Berman-Eisenberg
2014 - Patricia Braynon
2013 - Francisco Rojo
2012 - Erbi Blanco-True

Homeownership Award

2019 - Eugene Simmons
2016 - Eric Johnson
2015 - Danny Felton
2014 - Rennatta Delgado
2013 - NSP Consortium
2-12 = Joaquin Willi

Economic Opportunity Award

2019 - Christine King
2016 - Pandwe Gibson, PhD
2015 - Leroy Jones
2014 - Cornel Crews Jr.
2013 - Maria Coto
2012 - Fabiana Estrada

Rising Star Award

2019 - Evian White De Leon
2016 - harhzad Emami, Esq.
2015 - Jorge de la Paz
2014 - Daniel A. Esino
2013 - Kamalah Fletche
2012 - Lars Gilberts

Leadership Award

2019 - Rebecca Fishman Lipsey
2016 - Barbara "Bobbie" Ibarra
2015 - Arden Shank
2014 - Jihad Rashid
2013 - Barbara Romani
2012 - John Little

Public Service Award

2019 - Tanya Wilson
2016 - Daniella Levine Cava
2015 - Constance Collins
2014 - Terry A. Coble
2012 - Matti Herrera Bower

Impact Collaborative

2019 - LAND, Robin Bachin, PhD
2016 - Catalyst Miami
2015 - HOPE, Inc.

Legacy Award

2013 - Thomas Zuniga

this evening's recipients



**Housing
Affordability Advocate
SMASH**

**Small
Business Advocate
The Allapattah
Collaborative CDC**



**Community
Resilience Advocate
Miami-Dade County
Office of Equity
and Engagement**



Rising Star
Audrey Aradanas

Coalition Champion
Santra Denis



Sage Legacy
Denis Russ

NHSSF45 NEXT

Building Future
Communities



First, I would like to salute SFDC for their important advocacy work and their collaboration building among community development organizations. We are a proud member of SFDC and former NHSSF CEO Arden Shank was among its founding members. As we celebrate our 45th anniversary, we want to share with the broader community our story of change, service, and dedication to expanding economic inclusion for hard working families.

I am a believer that work should be at the intersection of purpose, passion and production. Our purpose is to deliver attainable housing and economic inclusion solutions to families in South Florida and to do so NHSSF delivers homebuyer training to nearly 900 prospective homeowners each year; and in most years produce over 100 first time homebuyers. Our most recent deliverables fall short of our historical average, reflecting the difficulties of the market. It is well known that rising construction costs, elevated mortgage interest rates and an almost non-existent workforce housing inventory led to significant declines in homeownership. Families renting also face hardships in holding on to affordable units as property owners make dramatic increases in monthly rent. These are among the hardest days for community development practitioners. I am encouraged by a quote from climber Todd Skinner who stated, *"We cannot lower the mountain, therefore we must elevate ourselves."* The challenges faced today by working families and practitioners engaged in community work reflect trends we see around the world and are complex requiring difficult public policy tradeoffs. I believe in our collective ingenuity and ability to embrace innovation to tackle affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization. At NHSSF, as we look forward to the next 45 years, we will elevate ourselves to the challenges of the communities we serve.

We kicked off our 45-anniversary celebration by pledging to beautify up to 45 homes in the metro area. Closely working with our partner Home Depot and collaborating with local commissioners and homeowner and tenant associations, we have a commitment to exterior paint and install landscaping in 10 homes. Only 35 to go!

Kimberly T. Henderson
President & CEO



NHSSF is in its final stretch as a Citi Foundation Community Progress Maker. So much has been achieved to include our ongoing HUD certified housing counseling activities, the launch of our Heirs Project, a multi-agency initiative to assist families in maintaining ownership of family homesteads to preserve legacy and intergenerational wealth. We are planning a Liberty City Homebuyer's Club for intensive and longer-term coaching for families desiring homeownership. NHSSF is partnering with the Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department (CAHSD) to provide much needed mortgage relief to 14,000 families.



In keeping with the commitment to preserve our housing stock and expand our Clean Energy portfolio, NHSSF is also partnering with CAHSD, to weatherize up to 180 homes.



We know that many of our communities are resilient and we want to work with communities to build this resiliency. Thanks to a grant from the Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC), a global nonprofit, we are working to build a Resiliency Hub at our headquarters in Little Havana.

NHSSF's collaboration with the Miami Worker Center and Catalyst Miami has formed the Miami Collaborative Network. This initiative focuses on recruiting, training, and incubating care economy workers to join forces and form worker cooperatives to protect and build their businesses. This collaboration, funded under JP Morgan Chase Advancing Cities, is showing how we can build economic inclusion for Black female and Latina led businesses.



NHSSF is on a mission. Through our AmeriCorps Economic Mobility Corps, a special initiative between U.S. Treasury/CDFI and National Community Service/Florida AmeriCorps, we are recruiting and training volunteer members to go out into the community delivering much needed financial capability training to the general public. Our goal is to reach 500 or more residents.



celebrate the 45th Anniversary, and Action Forward Actions to Build Future Communities!

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We are proud to support the South Florida Community Development Coalition (SFDCDC) and their work to rally the small business and economic development ecosystem.



Learn more at
MiamiOpenforBusiness.org





WHO WE ARE

Creating and protecting ownership and economic opportunity for all.

Self-Help is a credit union and community development organization helping families and neighborhoods grow and thrive. Together with our members, borrowers, partners and supporters, we provide fair and affordable financial services; we help renters become homeowners; we help small businesses grow and create jobs; we convert neglected buildings into community assets; and we advocate for responsible lending policies that help all people, especially people of color and families with low-to-moderate incomes.

43 YEARS.  **37 LOCATIONS** **91,000** 
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WHAT WE DO



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We offer personal loans, market-rate deposit accounts for people for all incomes, and more.



HOME LENDING

We provide home loans with fair terms and reasonable rates, focusing on low- and moderate-income buyers.



REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

We develop commercial real estate that spurs community revitalization and anchors neighborhoods.



COMMERCIAL LENDING

We lend to small and large businesses, and institutions that help communities thrive – like child care centers, public charter schools, healthy-food providers, solar farms, affordable housing, faith-based organizations, nonprofits and more.



POLICY AND ADVOCACY

Through our research and policy arm, the Center for Responsible Lending, we publish groundbreaking research and promote policy solutions that encourage responsible lending, end abusive financial practices and ensure a fair and inclusive financial marketplace.

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Our mission is creating and protecting ownership and economic opportunity for all, especially people of color, women, rural residents and low-wealth families and communities. Learn more below about how we help members in their journey to financial health.

What We Do

Self-Help is a family of two credit unions, a nonprofit loan fund, and an advocacy group. We are also a designated community development financial institution (CDFI). That means our members enjoy all the benefits of belonging to a credit union while also supporting our larger mission to expand opportunities for underserved communities.

- Creating homeownership
- Advocates of social change
- Empowering low-wealth communities
- Member-owned. Member-focused. Member-driven.
- Helping members build strong financial futures
- Investing in sustainability
- Inclusive Service
- Promoting wealth and prosperity for all
- Our members' financial health is our bottom line
- Providing fair and affordable financial products

To learn more about our mission and work, visit us online at: Self-Help.org/prosperity

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