

FOURTH ANNUAL HEROES LUNCHEON



MIAMI SHORES  
FRIENDLY VILLAGERS

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HEROES  
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JOIN US IN HONORING  
OUR UNSUNG HEROES

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**MONDAY, JUNE 1ST 2026**  
COMMENCING AT 11:30AM

MIAMI SHORES COUNTRY CLUB  
10000 BISCAYNE BLVD  
MIAMI SHORES, FL 33138

SPECIAL THANKS TO  
OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND DONORS



**MIAMI SHORES  
COMMUNITY ALLIANCE**  
A FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING VILLAGE LIFE



**THE CALLI FAMILY MOMS MAKING WAVES  
THE DZIENA SCHEELER FAMILY**



# Our 2026 MSFV HEROES



## 1 ALLIANCE FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

Pauline Green, Executive Director  
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<https://all4lgbtqyouth.org/>  
@all4lgbtqyouth

The Alliance for LGBTQ Youth is a South Florida nonprofit dedicated to nurturing and empowering LGBTQ+ youth, their families, and their communities. Operating throughout Miami-Dade County, their mission centers on providing free mental health support, leadership development, and systemic advocacy to create safer, more affirming environment.

## 2 CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE FUND

Jacqui Murdocco  
305-301-1690  
[Childhoodexperiencefund.org](http://Childhoodexperiencefund.org)  
[childhoodexperiencefund@gmail.com](mailto:childhoodexperiencefund@gmail.com)  
@childhoodexperiencefund

Childhood Experience Fund Inc. is a grass roots community organization is dedicated to enriching the lives of children in our community through transformative experiences that foster growth and development. Current focus Easter Baskets for children in Miami.

## 3 ELLIE'S ARMY

Stacey Levy, Founder  
305-756-0068  
[elliesarmy.org](http://elliesarmy.org)  
@elliesarmyfoundation

Dedicated to supporting children and young adults battling life-threatening illnesses through financial and emotional assistance.

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## 4 HOOF HAND PAW CONNECTION

Nadine Litterman, Founder  
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hoof-hand-paw-connection

The mission of Hoof Hand Paw Connection is to strengthen the relationship between special animals and special people. Children and young adults with autism and special needs, relate well to horses and dogs.

## 5 HORACEMANN MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Carl Pinder (Music Teacher)  
202244@dadeschools.net  
305-757-9537

Mr. Pinder is dedicated to making a difference in his student's lives with music.

## 6 MIAMI DADE COUNTY FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION

Shamele Jenkins, Executive Director  
305-469-1157  
mdcfapa@gmail.com  
<https://www.mdcfapa.org>

To provide a safe haven to youth who have been abused, abandoned or neglected. To provide training to foster parents. To provide trips, cultural enhancements, clothing, food, etc.

## 7 MIAMI SHORES BROCKWAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Michelle Brown, Director  
305-758-8107  
brownm@msvfl.gov

The mission of the Brockway Memorial Library is to engage our community in opportunities for literacy and lifelong learning and to enrich the lives of our patrons by providing access to a wide variety of information, materials, and offerings, with a focus on education, the arts and culture.

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## 8 MIAMI SHORES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

Kate Mason, Treasurer  
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305-389-1777  
@miamishorespta

Supports advocacy, engagement, and educational enrichment for students and families.

## 9 MIAMI THEATER CENTER

Yolima Avila, Managing Director  
305-751-9550  
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www.mtcmiami.org  
@mtcmiami

Provides transformative live arts experiences and educational opportunities for all ages and backgrounds.

## 10 NORTH MIAMI FOUNDATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Wilma Similien, Executive Director  
wsimilien@nmf620.org  
305-893-1450

To maximize the opportunities for the elderly of Northeast Miami-Dade County to maintain their personal independence and to enhance their quality of life by providing a broad array of social services.

## 11 PASS IT ON MINISTRIES

Mary Pierce  
passitonmin@yahoo.com

Provide food for the needy, clothing, toys, and gifts to less fortunate individuals and families in low-income areas in Miami-Dade County.

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## 12 P.E.O. INTERNATIONAL, BJ CHAPTER

Diane Loffredo, President  
dianeloffredo@hotmail.com

P.E.O. is a women's philanthropic educational organization whose mission is to motivate, educate, and celebrate women. We do this by offering scholarships, grants, and loans for higher education programs from bachelor's to doctorates, as well as for continuing education and training. Chapter BJ is comprised of women from the Miami Shores area who are part of the International P.E.O. organization. Interested women candidates may learn about how to apply for our six different educational scholarship programs by going to <https://peoflorida.org/>

## 13 PEDIATRIC POLISH PROJECT

Mia Ylisastigui, Founder  
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@pediatricpolishproject

The mission of Pediatric Polish Project is to bring joy, confidence, and color into the lives of marginalized children through nail painting. Each interaction is intentional and rooted in care, helping brighten days and lift spirits while reinforcing a sense of dignity and self-worth. These moments of creativity and connection serve as gentle reminders that every child matters.

## 14 PEOPLE IN CRISIS UNITED

Kim Juanico, Founder  
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@peopleincriisunited

Providing quality of life experiences for patients and their families with life limiting illnesses at Holtz Children's Hospital.

## 15 PROJECT CATNAP

Alfie Ramirez  
786-234-9739

To stabilize the overpopulation of feral/stray cats with TNVR. To nurture those injured and sick.

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## 16 WOMANS CLUB OF HISTORIC OVERTOWN

Lavette Moore, Founder  
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Our mission is to improve the quality of life for families through education, youth programming, cultural preservation, and community support initiatives. Working in partnership with the Historic Black Police Precinct & Courthouse Museum, we provide programs that support children, seniors, and underserved families through literacy programs, holiday assistance, youth engagement activities, and community outreach.

## 17 WOMENS RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Carol Adams, President  
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305-495-1953

Woman's Relief Association is a community service club/organization in Miami Shores, FL whose mission is: Support of needy women and children.

## 18 YOUNG WOMEN'S PREPARATORY ACADEMY - LAS PAISANAS

Toufic Zakharia, History Teacher/Sponsor  
Sanneth Leon, President  
Lily Calli, Vice President  
305-575-1200  
@\_laspaisanas\_

Our mission is to celebrate and preserve the rich diversity of Hispanic heritage through traditional folkloric dance. We educate and inspire youth and community members by showcasing the rhythms, movements, and cultural traditions of Hispanic nations. Through dance, we foster cultural pride, strengthen connections to heritage, and promote understanding, unity, and lasting appreciation for the traditions that shape Hispanic identity.

