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A CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS.

**The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach to Recognize Leaders in the Arts**

***Signature Inaugural Celebration will be held at The Surf Club at The Ponte Vedra Inn & Club***

**THE SURF CLUB at Ponte Vedra Inn & Club**, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL: The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is **MAKING A SPLASH** on February 23, 2020 as it recognizes individuals, businesses, and organizations who have made a significant impact on the arts in our community. This fun and formal affair will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and include amazing “Beaches” inspired chef specialties, live music, art, an awards presentation, and performances. Tickets and tables are available for purchase by the public at [ccpvb.org/events/beaches-2020](http://ccpvb.org/events/beaches-2020) or by calling 904.280.0614 X. 1203.

For 25 years, The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach (CCPVB) has been a gathering place for our community to learn, experience, and appreciate the arts and culture in its many forms. **CCPVB believes that access to the arts is vital to a vibrant community!** Through *Beaches*, we will generate an impact that radiates throughout the entire community.

The *Beaches* Honorary Chair is Irene Lazzara, Trustee of the Lazzara Family Foundation. The Lazzara Family Foundation has a long history of supporting programs and projects focused on expanding and improving arts and culture, educational opportunities, and the emotional and physical challenges in our community.

“The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is elated to have such an esteemed member of our community involved with *Beaches*!”

-Donna Guzzo, CCPVB Executive Director

CCPVB is seeking nominations for individuals, businesses, and organizations within the coastal counties of Nassau, Duval, and St. Johns, between Amelia Island and St. Augustine Beach, that go above and beyond to enhance the arts and culture in our community. Winners will be selected by a committee of carefully selected judges who are unaffiliated with CCPVB, with the exception of the *Community Impact Award* which will be a CCPVB Member’s Choice Award.

Awards will be presented in the following categories:

- *Emerging Artist Award*: Awarded to an emerging artist of any age who has displayed great accomplishment with their fine art or craft medium.
- *Arts Education & Advocacy Award*: Awarded to an artist or arts advocate with a track record of advancing the arts and/or educating the general public, business leaders, elected officials, and students on the fundamental value of arts in the community.
- *The Art of Giving Award*: Awarded to a business, large or small, or an individual committed to funding and/or sustaining arts and culture program(s) within the community.
- *Community Impact Award (Member's Choice Award)*: Awarded to an individual, business or organization that has demonstrated a tangible and measurable development of the arts & culture in the community.
- *Beaches Award*: Awarded to an individual, business, or organization dedicated to ensuring that arts and culture are ingrained into the everyday life in the Beaches community.

Nominations can be made by visiting [ccpvb.org/events/beaches-2020](http://ccpvb.org/events/beaches-2020). The deadline for nominations is September 1, 2019.

“*Beaches* will be a celebration of the arts that will embrace the mission of The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, while building stronger relationships and broadening connections with the arts community in North Florida.”

-Julio Gomez, CCPVB Board of Directors and *Beaches* Chair.

### **About The Cultural Center**

The mission of The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is to bring the arts into the life of the community through arts education, exhibitions, and outreach, and by honoring a donor-driven philosophy.

*The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization with tax ID #59-3238148.*