The Association of Fundraising Professionals
Southwest Florida Chapter

2026 National Philanthropy Day®
November 10, 2026

NEW!! SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY AWARD
2026 Nomination Form

The winners of the Spirit of Philanthropy award will be announced at the luncheon on November 10

CATEGORY FOR NOMINATION:

(One per nomination form – see attached description of category)

[ ] Outstanding Philanthropist
[ ] Outstanding Volunteer
[ ] Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy
[ ] Leadership Award - Corporate
[ ] Rising Star Fundraiser
[ ] Innovation in Philanthropy
[ ] Outstanding Fundraising Professional

NOMINEE:

Name of person being nominated_____

Affiliated Organization_____

Position Held_____

Address_____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip code**_____

Phone _____

Email _____

NOMINATOR:

Name of the person making the nomination_____

Affiliated Organization or Name of Business _____

Position Held_____

Address_____

City _____**State** _____ **Zip code**_____

Phone_ _____

Email_____

By submitting this nomination, I agree to collect all the items needed by the NPD publicity committee should my candidate be selected for this award. Checklist will be provided upon confirmation of the winners. I agree to make every effort to attend the luncheon including the nominee in my reservation

Signature of Nominator _____ Date_____

[ ] I have attached two pages of the nomination form.
[ ] I have included a nomination summary (175 word limit) on why our nominee fits the category chosen. Clear insight is very helpful.
[ ] I have included a hi-res headshot or logo
[ ] I understand that all items are due by **September 30, 2026**

Winners will be announced at our luncheon on November 10, 2026

Thank you for your participation!
We look forward to seeing you at the awards ceremony!
Questions? Contact kim.afpswfl@gmail.com

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Outstanding Philanthropist
The Outstanding Philanthropist Award is presented to a person(s) who have a proven record of exceptional generosity for the past year, several years or more. He or she should be an inspiration for others, demonstrate outstanding civic responsibility, leadership and positively impact an organization(s) through philanthropic support.

Outstanding Volunteer
Awarded to an **individual** volunteer who has impacted a regional organization with exceptional leadership skills in fundraising projects for the benefit of charitable institutions and the advancement of philanthropy. Achievements may include: quality of leadership and organizational ability in fundraising campaigns; extent of time and efforts contributed to charitable causes; financial results proportionate to his/her efforts; success in recruiting and motivating others; and/or participation in other non-profit organizations.

Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy
Award recognizes an outstanding regional **youth or youth group** (ages 18 or younger) who has demonstrated the true spirit of philanthropy through time, treasure and talent. They may have organized a fundraiser at their school, started their own initiative or volunteered their time to help an organization. Achievements include: quality of leadership and organizational ability in fundraising campaigns; extent of time and efforts contributed to cause(s); financial results proportionate to efforts; success in recruiting and motivating others; participation in other non-profit organizations.

Leadership Award - Corporate Philanthropy
Awarded to a **business** with operations in the region who has demonstrated the true spirit of philanthropy through the generous giving of their time, treasures and talent to one or more not-for-profit organizations within the AFPSWFL service region. Achievements to keep in mind for your nominee include: quality of leadership and organizational capacity in fundraising support/campaigns; extent of time and efforts contributed to mission(s); financial results proportionate to efforts; success in recruiting and motivating others; and/or participation in other non-profit organizations.

Rising Star Fundraiser
Recognizes an **individual** who has been in the fundraising industry for five years or less and has demonstrated a passion, commitment, creativity and/or vision for advancing the philanthropic spirit and culture. Achievements may include quality of leadership and organizational ability in fundraising campaigns; extent of time and efforts contributed to charitable causes; financial results proportionate to his/her efforts; success in recruiting and motivating others; and/or participation in other non-profit organizations.

Innovation in Philanthropy
Recognizes an **individual or organization** for developing a successful and innovative collaboration, approach, campaign and/or event which develops a significant increase in philanthropic support and/or public persona for the mission. Please include a description of how this individual or organization has made an impact, which resulted in increased visibility and/or financial support.

Outstanding Fundraising Professional
To qualify for this award the **individual** must exemplify dedication to the nonprofit sector and the professional fundraising community of the region. Nominees should have at least five years of demonstrated experience in fundraising and be currently active in the field. A description of notable career achievements and length and tenure of fundraising background should be included in the nomination. Include a description of the individual's commitment to professional development and contributions, detailing AFP affiliation(s), community volunteerism, leadership roles, and professional education.