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## **Chapter Community Service & Outreach Award South Florida Chapter**

### **What specific achievements in 2022 qualify the nominee for the Chapter Community Outreach and Service award?**

Our Chapter established a Community Service program initiative in 2022 with a small subset of projects to understand the market and challenges encountered. During 2022, we contributed to 4 organizations with either financial contributions and/or service hours. Those organizations are:

- Glory House of Miami – Offers wrap-around services to survivors of human trafficking such as: medical care, spiritual guidance, mental health care, social services, legal support, reintegration, education, art, vocational training, career, and life skills training.
  - o Financial – We provided a \$500 contribution to the organization to assist with the renovation project of a survivors home.
- Chapman Partnerships – Provide comprehensive programs and services in collaboration with others that empower our residents with dignity and respect to overcome homelessness and achieve and maintain long-term self-sufficiency
  - o Financial – We provided a \$720 which went towards family move-out kits in addition to providing necessary goods (diapers, canned goods, etc.) that were collected from both board members and chapter members. The \$720 was made up of \$220 in donations received from chapter members with the remaining \$500 coming directly from the chapter.
  - o Service Hours – A total of 6 individuals represented the chapter (3 board members) in serving lunch for residents of Chapman Partnership
- Sisters of Charity Homeless Shelter and Soup Kitchen – Provide stable living conditions for those who have been dealt a difficult hand in life at our Holy Family Home and Shelter. They are the only shelter in the area that will house families.
  - o Financial – We provided a \$1k contribution to the organization that was collected during the 1st Annual Golf & Fraud Classic charity hole. The \$1k contribution was made up of \$625 that was collected during the golf tournament with the remaining \$375 coming directly from the Chapter
- His House Children’s Home – A faith-based organization that works to restore the lives of children and families
  - o Financial – We provided \$6k to His House Children’s Home to refresh their front lobby at the Hector Building. The \$6k was made up of \$2,075 in donations received from chapter members and organizations with the remaining \$3,925 coming directly from the chapter

- Service Hours – A total of 19 individuals represented the chapter (4 board members) in refreshing the Hector Building lobby from building furniture, painting, etc.

The total financial contribution to community service projects in 2022 was \$8,220.

In addition to contributing both financially and service hours to those 4 organizations, our chapter continued its approach of building the CFE community in South Florida. We issued 8 Professional Scholarships to qualified candidates to help pursue their CFE credential. This was after providing 5 CFE Exam Prep Courses in 2021. Our Chapter also continued its annual contribution to the ACFE Foundation with a \$15,305 donation in 2022 bringing our total contribution over the past 4yrs to \$37,805.

**Have the community service projects resulted in a recognized improvement of a community? What were the specific results and how did the chapter accomplish these results?**

The chapter does receive recognition from the various organizations that we served in 2022 either via a letter of acknowledgement and appreciation or postings on LinkedIn. While this appreciated by the chapter, our chapters goal is to provide back to local organizations who could benefit both financially and through service hours without a requirement of recognition from the organization. The ability that our board gets to directly interact and see the gratitude from impacted individuals in the community during the community service events is the ultimate feeling of accomplishment to be in a position to give back. An accomplishment is that later in 2022 we started to receive donations and participation from chapter members to want to be a part of these events.

**How has the chapter promoted fraud awareness outside of standard chapter activities? Examples may include tv/radio interviews, articles written, etc.**

Our chapter has the benefit of having the Director of Graduate Accounting Programs at the University of Miami Herbert Business School on our board. This provides board members the ability to be guest lecturers in both the fall and spring term. In 2022, four board members spoke in both the fall and spring term to give graduate students an opportunity to hear how each of our board members have used the CFE credential in their working profession. In addition, 2 of our board members have written articles in prior issues of the ACFE Fraud Magazine.

**Do you have any additional comments you believe will assist the committee in the selection process?**

The only additional comments are that 2022 was only the start of establishing our Community Service & Outreach Program. While we were able to accomplish a great amount in 2022, our plans for 2023 will surpass our 2022 accomplishments. In 2023, we have identified six organizations to provide either financial contributions and/or service hours too. Our Chapters budget for 2023 community service projects is \$12,500. While this award is for 2022, we have already fulfilled two service projects in 2023 that are worth mentioning:

- Glory House of Miami
  - Financial – We provided a \$2,000 contribution to their 2023 Capital Campaign

- Service Hours – Two board members met with the Glory House of Miami Executive Director and Management team to discuss fraud topics in general, reviewed the highlights of the ACFE Report to the Nations and discussed data privacy and security matters
- Japan Karate Do International Miami Competition Team
  - Financial – We provided a \$2,622 sponsorship that will help 20 talented youths in South Florida to realize their dreams of competing in Kata and Kumite on the world stage at the 30th Shotokan Karate Do of United Nations (SKDUN) World Karate Championships in Chalcis, Greece.

Total Financial Contribution to Community Service Projects so far in 2023 = \$4,622