

Doyle Award for Nonprofit Excellence

Spotlighting the work of Gateway Community Outreach

Gateway Community Outreach's mission has been to actively address the issue of hunger and to safeguard and protect the most vulnerable community members by providing emergency food, case management, rent/mortgage assistance, referrals and other ancillary services.

The goal is to prevent homelessness and help clients reach self-sufficiency.

Gateway assists more than 9,700 families and individuals a year. It has made a difference in the lives of more than 180,000 families since its inception in 1995 and continues to provide services with compassion and care to clients. Many of the clients are single mothers and their children, senior citizens, unemployed adults and adults with families who have experienced a crisis.

The organization provides a comprehensive crisis management program, a dedicated staff and 286 volunteers who continuously monitor all intake procedures, tracking performance and computer data input on a weekly basis.

Gateway currently operates seven sites throughout Broward County. Each site is open on select days and one evening.

The organization researches adequate resources that would help Gateway to fulfill its mission.

"We have had many success stories of people saying that Gateway Community Outreach has helped them so much in becoming stabilized and productive individuals," said Carol Ray, president and CEO. "It is great to see how well the program works. We also would not be able to do all that we do without our volunteers. We really do make a difference in our community."

For more information, call 954-725-8434 or visit www.gcoflorida.org



Denise Chavez and Jose A. Garces



Robert Denton, left, Carol Fernaays and Anne Tanis

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Denise Chavez, front left, Carol Ray and Robert Denton; Anne Tanis, back left, Joseph Zappoli, Carol Fernaays and Jose A. Garces



Carol Ray and Joseph Zappoli

The Nonprofit Spotlight, established by The Dennis M. and Lois Doyle Family Foundation in partnership with Sun Sentinel Children's Fund, spotlights local nonprofits and the people behind them that make South Florida a great place to live.

"This award pays tribute to the many charitable organizations that quietly but effectively serve our community," said Doyle Family Foundation Founder, Denny Doyle. "The Doyle Award wants to recognize these organizations and the people who without fanfare carry out their mission."

For the past 20 years, the Doyle Family Foundation has endowed more than 100 scholarships and events in the name of outstanding individuals, institutions and nonprofit organizations that have had a significant impact on their communities.