

Doyle Award for Nonprofit Excellence

Spotlighting the work of the Center for Independent Living of Broward



Board members Brian Johnson, left, Laurie Menekou, Jeffrey Daniel, Corey Hinds, Craig Lilienthal, Andrew S. Meit, Patricia Kennedy, Debbie Oistacher and David Jay Bernstein

For more than 20 years the Center for Independent Living of Broward (CILB), a nonprofit organization, has served more than 100,000 individuals with cross disabilities through its mission to offer them assistance in fulfilling their goals of independence and self-sufficiency.

"We are especially pleased with the accomplishments that have positively impacted the lives of Broward County residents with disabilities by increasing independence and self empowerment of youth and adults with disabilities," said executive director Corey Hinds.

Under the Rehabilitation Act of 1978, Congress established the Center for Independent Living in response to individuals with disabilities' need for services focused on independent living skills, peer support, information and referral, and advocacy. CILB offers those core services plus housing / ADA accessibility; nursing home transition; employment; high school high tech/youth services; assistive technology and equipment; and Florida Telecommunication Relay Inc.

Under the 15-year leadership experience of Hinds and the board of directors, comprised largely of professionals with disabilities, CILB has placed residents into new jobs, taught workshops on working while receiving social security, installed wheelchair ramps, loaned

out wheelchairs and other durable medical equipment, helped with public housing applications and rental of private housing, exposed high school students to technology-based vocational careers and post-secondary options, distributed amplified telephones and taught independent living skills all at no cost.

To commemorate the CILB's years of service in Broward County and in celebration of the ADA, CILB recently hosted the "2014 CIL Broward ADA Expo" at the Broward County Convention Center July 12 and 13. For more information, call 954-722-6400 or visit www.cilbrowardadaexpo.com.



David Jay Bernstein, left, and Laurie Menekou

The Nonprofit Spotlight, established by The Dennis M. and Lois A. Doyle Family Foundation in partnership with Sun Sentinel Charities, spotlights local nonprofits and the people behind them that make South Florida a great place to live. The award, is provided to one nonprofit in Broward County and one in Palm Beach County.

"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.



Craig Lilienthal, left, and Corey Hinds

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Brian Johnson, left, Jeffrey Daniel and Patricia Kennedy