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Connie Frankino Receives Pande Family Award

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Connie Frankino, 2015 Pande Family Award winner

Connie Frankino has always had a heart for children, but her compassion had led her to do more than most could imagine.

As the president and founder of KidSanctuary Campus, Inc., Frankino directly influences children's lives by creating new homes for them to live and thrive, once they've been displaced due to abandonment, abuse or neglect. Currently, KidSanctuary Campus has two cottages – the Rubin Cottage and Dodero Cottage – as part of a five-acre residential site that serves as home to foster children in West Palm Beach. A third cottage is currently under construction, along with a corresponding naming campaign, and a fourth home is planned.

At the 11th Annual Place of Hope Golf Invitational and Charity Dinner, Frankino will be honored for her work with a Pande Family Award. The award will be a highlight of the Charity Dinner on March 22, 2015, at the Old Palm Golf Club, where guests will enjoy an auction event and live art performances. On March 23, the golf tournament begins at 8 a.m. at Old Palm Golf Club, followed by lunch and an awards reception.

In 2009, Place of Hope began recognizing families and individuals who have gone above and beyond in their service to the mission of serving Florida's foster children. The first award was presented to Maudie Pande and her son, Jim, who generously dedicated their time to helping Place of Hope grow. Every year after, a new recipient who embodies their spirit is honored.

Originally from Westlake, Ohio, Frankino has been a Palm Beach County resident for more than 30 years and began KidSanctuary Campus after helping other charities through the administration of her family foundation. The Samuel J. and Connie M. Frankino Foundation supports several nonprofit missions annually, which is how Frankino learned of Place of Hope. After her foundation gave to Place of Hope, Executive Director Charles Bender persuaded Frankino to get further involved with the foster care organization, and she now sits on the Board of Directors.

“What we do is akin to a mini-Place of Hope, and what I do is lead an amazing staff and caring donors to create a much needed environment for so many children in need,” Frankino said. “None of what we do is possible alone. So many people come together to make KidSanctuary Campus possible, so this award is for everyone who works alongside me.”

The 11th Annual Golf Invitational & Charity Dinner welcomes Place of Hope supporters from across the country to raise operating funds for programs, housing, services and outreach. Based in Palm Beach Gardens, Place of Hope is a faith-based, state-licensed child welfare organization that provides family-style foster care (emergency and long-term); family outreach and intervention; maternity care; safety for domestic minor sexually trafficked victims; transitional housing and support services; adoption and foster care recruitment and support; hope and healing opportunities for children and families who have been traumatized by abuse and neglect.

IF YOU GO:

Place of Hope's 11th Annual Golf Invitational & Charity Dinner

The Charity Dinner: 5:30 p.m. March 22, 2015, at Old Palm Golf Club

Golf Tournament: Registration is at 7:30 a.m.; tournament begins at 8 a.m., March 23, 2015, at Old Palm Golf Club, 11089 Old Palm Drive, Palm Beach Gardens

The event is chaired by George Henderson and is supported by the following sponsors: The Wall Family, Lexus Palm Beach and The Nocera Family. Tickets are \$1,500 for an individual player and \$6,000 for a foursome.

For more information, please contact Amyleigh Atwater at Place of Hope, 561-775-7195, or visit www.placeofhope.com for sponsorship opportunities.