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Palm Beach Gardens Nonprofit Place of Hope Receives Perfect Score From Charity Navigator



A Palm Beach Gardens-based charity is among the 1 percent when it comes to U.S. nonprofits with a perfect score.

Children's organization Place of Hope recently received a score of 100 from Charity Navigator. Only 51 out of 8,000 nonprofits earned the high mark.

Considered to be the country's largest independent charity evaluator, Charity Navigator recently changed the way it assesses a nonprofit's financial health grade. The modification bumped up Place of Hope's score in the category.

In 2015, the nonprofit earned the highest rating among youth development, shelter and crisis services charities. At the time, it received a score of 100 in the accountability and transparency category, and a near-perfect score in financial health.

The faith-based children's organization has made it its mission to provide family-style foster care, family outreach, safety for victims of sex trafficking, foster care recruitment and support, healing opportunities for children and families who have been traumatized by abuse and neglect, and more.

While Place of Hope's new score is certainly exciting, founding Executive Director Charles Bender III also underscored how important this kind of recognition can be.

"Our investors and supporters rely on organizations, such as Charity Navigator, to assure them of Place of Hope's stewardship and trustworthiness," he said in a statement. "It is our responsibility to be as forthright, honest and accountable as we can with their investment in our mission, so we are extremely heartened by our perfect score. This scoring is confirmation of our work to make sure every donation is used in a responsible and constructive manner."

Place of Hope operates in seven different locations, from Boca Raton up through Port Saint Lucie.

To consider donating, visit placeofhope.com. Place of Hope; 9078 Isaiah Lane, Palm Beach Gardens