

2025 NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY – November 21

Remarks by Michelle King, CFRE

President, Treasure Coast Chapter, 2023-2024

Welcome again, everyone.

It's a rare and special moment when we recognize one of our own fundraising professionals here at this celebration. In fact through our 30-year history, this honor has been bestowed just twice before. And they are with us today – Millie Wood and Suzanne Horstman. So today, we pause to appreciate an individual whose exceptional dedication and impact truly warrant special recognition.

The award we present is named in memory of Calvin H. Douglas, a treasured member of our chapter, who received our Lifetime Achievement Award shortly before his passing in 2006. Cal's career in service to nonprofits and hospitals across the country began in 1959, and his legacy is deeply rooted in the values we uphold today. Cal earned his CFRE certification, held the prestigious Fellow Accreditation, and was actively involved in professional and civic organizations including the National Council of Planned Giving and Rotary International. Known for his direct, insightful guidance, Cal reminded us of the essentials:

- Don't take shortcuts.
- Stick to the fundamentals.
- Be passionate about your mission and put donors first.
- And above all, remember that you are in a noble profession.

Today, it's my privilege as President of the AFP Treasure Coast Chapter to present the ***Calvin Douglas Spirit of Philanthropy Award*** to an individual whose commitment to our chapter, our community, and our profession embodies Cal's spirit. **Elisabeth Glynn, CFRE**

Originally from Baltimore, Elisabeth began her nonprofit career supporting individuals with mental health challenges. After relocating to Fort Lauderdale in 2004, she took on various nonprofit roles, later becoming the Executive Director of the Stuart Air Show in 2014. In 2015, she joined United Way of Martin County, serving for nearly a decade. Recently, she stepped into a new role as Senior Director of Development at Cleveland Clinic.

Since joining AFP Treasure Coast in 2014, she has been an invaluable asset to our chapter, serving as Chapter President from 2021 to 2023, as well as holding roles like NPD Chair, Secretary, and Foundation Chair. She was a fierce advocate for our chapter's re-engagement with the Florida Caucus, and through her leadership, our chapter not only endured but thrived. During 2020 as all of us were pivoting to navigate personal and professional roles during COVID, she led the chapter to hold this very event virtually so as to continue the tradition of recognizing those so deserving. She recruited dedicated members, attracted new supporters, and expanded our membership, safeguarding our chapter's future.

Beyond AFP, she is active on the Martin County Estate Planning Board, LEADERship Martin, committed to Scouting, and, together with her husband, is raising three wonderful children in Palm City. She credits AFP for strengthening her career by building her credibility as an ethical fundraiser, connecting her with peers, and keeping her informed on industry best practices.

Today, we are thrilled to present this award to Elisabeth Glynn, CFRE, whose contributions have truly embodied the 'Spirit of Philanthropy' Cal Douglas exemplified.

Let's celebrate Elisabeth and her extraordinary service."