

Sharlene Cox - Volunteerism Inductee

Sharlene Cox has given her time to organizations and individuals in the Greater Federation of Women's Club in the Crestview, District, and State levels. A fund raiser and caring volunteer for the American Cancer Society and Red Cross, she has given thousands of hours in health care related activities, especially with pediatrician Dr. Joseph Peter. Sharlene has been a long and faithful volunteer in the Chamber of Commerce and with the Supervisor of Elections.



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Jean has a positive impact on the lives of women nationally, as well as locally. When her husband became a prisoner of war, she brought wives together to secure humane treatment for American POWs. In Fort Walton Beach, she has worked with the Crisis Line, helped open the first local Shelter House for abused women, served as a role model and mentor to professional women, as a compassionate financial donor to women in need, and is active in her faith.



Yvonne Franklin - Community Service Inductee

Yvonne makes a big difference in the lives of needy people, having participated in Feed the Hungry Saturday lunch program, was integral to the success of the Homeless Vet Stand Down, and in 2005, became the chairperson of the Cold Night program. Involved with Sharing and Caring and has helped provide dentures and extractions to the homeless free of charge, via Dr. Marla Allen, DDS. Yvonne is also a member of the Okaloosa-Walton Homeless Continuum of Care, Opportunity, Inc, an emergency shelter for women and families.



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Mitzi Prince Henley - Philanthropic Humanitarian Inductee

Mitzi Prince Henley built her career in the Real Estate Development and Retail Industry. She is President/CEO of several local businesses. Mitzi is a true advocate for women, for empowering youth and serving those with disabilities. She spearheaded a program in our schools to prevent Teen Pregnancy and volunteered countless hours to expand the services of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast to provide a safe after school environment, she serves on the BOD Goodwill Easter seals, Chaired FWB Chamber Host Council, and served on the Gulfview Hotel restoration committee. Mitzi received the N.A.P.E.W "Women of Excellence" award for 2008 and "Outstanding Retail Leader Award" in 2003 by the Florida Retail Federation. She is a wife, mother of 3, grandmother, and loves boating on the Emerald Coast.



Joyce Sanders - Leadership Inductee

Joyce served as Chair of the Community Development Committee for the FWB Chamber and later served as President, was Business Member of the Year, served as a Trustee of Okaloosa Economic Development Council, a charter member of the Northwest Florida Day at the Capitol program, Chairman of the 2008 Okaloosa Babies Walk for March of Dimes, and an honorary Commander for the 33rd Fighter Wing at Eglin AFB. Named a Life Director to FWB Chamber, only the second woman to that status.



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Lenore worked with Bridgeway Center as victim service coordinator, with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness. Helped found the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, joined the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence Board of Directors, and founded the Okaloosa Walton Sexual Assault Interagency Council in 2001. Served as Executive Director for Opportunity Place, spearheaded the formation of a viable organization with stable funding, member churches and social agencies and a new shelter for women and families.