

## **CROSSWINDS YOUTH SERVICES**

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### **Crosswinds Recognizes Staff Members for Outstanding Service**

At its Staff Annual Awards Luncheon, Crosswinds' President and CEO Jan Lokay recognized staff members for their outstanding achievements in 2017 and their length of service with the nonprofit organization.

Kathy Bailey received the Tortoise Award for quality and perseverance. Bryan Smith received Crosswinds' Dale Carnegie Award, in recognition of his positive impact on youth. Jerry Farley was recognized as the Employee of the Year for his outstanding work and commitment to youth in crisis.

Receiving The President's Award for Excellence were staff members Tammy Bousquet, Michele Cassel, and Dee Roberts of Crosswinds' Independent Living Services Program.

Several staff members were honored for their many years of service with Crosswinds, including Kathy Bailey and Joan Johannesen (5 years), Linda Gibson (10 years), and Lynn Cowart and Tammy Bousquet (20 years).

Staff members receiving quarterly awards at the event were Marycarol Soistman (Tortoise Award) and Rachel Walters (Employee of the Quarter).

The Robert E. Lehton Children's Shelter staff, led by Shelter Manager Pierre Bando, received a certificate for Medication Management Excellence for 2016-2017 from the Florida Network of Youth and Family Services.

Street Outreach Coordinator Raylene Coe was honored with the Advocacy Award for her outstanding work in advocating and being a voice for the needs of homeless children, youth and young adults in Brevard county.

Youth Care Workers Annie Burch, Bryant Hill, Annette Stewart, and Mark Woodberry were given special recognition for their service above and beyond the call of duty as they weathered the storm in the Robert E. Lehton Children's Shelter during Hurricane Irma.

Ms. Lokay congratulated and thanked all staff for their dedication and outstanding work throughout the year.

Crosswinds Youth Services, located in Brevard County, Florida, has been serving youth and families in crisis since 1974. For more information about the programs and services offered by Crosswinds call 321-452-0800.