

The background of the entire poster is a vibrant sunset sky with orange, yellow, and blue hues. Several large, glowing paper lanterns are floating in the air, their light illuminating the surrounding clouds and sky. The lanterns are positioned at various heights and angles, creating a sense of depth and movement.

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## DINNER CHAIRS

**HOWARD KORMAN** – *CEO of bestbet*

**JOY KORMAN** – *Community Trustee and Volunteer*

## PRESENTATION OF ACOSTA-RUA YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

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**KYLE REESE, D.MIN.** – *Senior Pastor, Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church*  
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**LED BY HAZZAN JESSE HOLZER** – *Cantor, Jacksonville Jewish Center*

**TOMMY SHAPARD** – *Minister of Music & Worship, Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church*

## DINNER

## PRESENTATION OF SILVER MEDALLION AWARDS

## A MILESTONE YEAR FOR ONEJAX AND A SPECIAL PRESENTATION

**NANCY BRONER** – *Executive Director, OneJax*

## PRESENTATION OF SILVER MEDALLION AWARDS

## BENEDICTION

**ONEJAX YOUTH** – *Reprise: “Heal Us Now”*

## CLOSING REMARKS

**AUDREY MORAN**

## 2019 HONOREES

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### **MYRON FLAGLER**

*Former Executive Director of the Jewish Community Alliance*

#### **SILVER MEDALLION**

Myron Flagler served as the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Alliance (JCA) for the past 20 years, retiring at the end of 2018. Coming to Jacksonville from the Massachusetts Jewish Community Center, a former elementary school teacher and principal, he entered the nonprofit field as a Jewish Community Center day camp director.

He participated in the inaugural Jewish Community Center Association Executive Fellows program, led an Executive/Leadership Seminar and has been a regular presenter at national and professional conferences for his innovative programs and leadership practices.

Under his stewardship, the JCA of Jacksonville has been at the forefront of innovative programs that have been replicated in the National Jewish Community Center movement. The JCA has consistently displayed positive results in its annual Jewish Community Center Association (JCCA), benchmarking scores which compare the effectiveness of Jewish Community Centers throughout North America in areas of Financial Stability, Member and Staff Satisfaction and Program Innovation.




### **JANET OWENS**

*Executive Director of the Jacksonville Office of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC Jacksonville)*

#### **SILVER MEDALLION**

Janet Owens is the Executive Director of the Jacksonville office of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC Jacksonville), the nation's largest





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nonprofit community development organization that is dedicated to helping underserved neighborhoods become strong, healthy communities of choice—good places to live, do business, work and raise families. Since opening in 1999, LISC Jacksonville has invested more than \$326 million in residential, commercial and educational development projects in Jacksonville.

Before joining LISC in 2010, Janet was Vice President of Marketing and Communications at United Way of Northeast Florida and held previous leadership roles at Girl Scouts of Gateway Council and Volunteer Jacksonville and with the city governments of Washington, D.C, Adrian, Michigan, and Greenville, South Carolina. She was recently recognized by Leadership Jacksonville as an outstanding community trustee at its 2018 Leadership Celebration. Janet serves on the boards of several nonprofit programs and has a lifelong commitment to helping vulnerable families, children and communities thrive.




**JULIA TAYLOR**  
*Community Trustee*

### **SILVER MEDALLION**

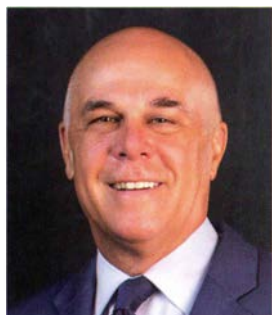
Julia Taylor has a strong business, education and community background having served as the Director, Boutique and Agenda, Stein Mart, Inc., Assistant Vice President, Institutional Advancement at the University of North Florida and State Director of Development for PACE, Inc.

A long-time community trustee, Julia has served in leadership positions on numerous boards. She currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation for Northeast Florida; as Chair, Barnabas Center, Inc. Endowment Campaign; on the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center Leadership Council; as Co-Chair of the Jacksonville Women's Leadership Coalition; and is a member of the Jacksonville Women's Network.



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Julia is a graduate of both Leadership Jacksonville, Inc. and Leadership Florida, Inc., and was named a "Woman of Distinction" by the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council – Northeast Florida. She received the EVE Award for Community Service and the Junior League's Tillie K. Fowler Award for Community Service, among other honors.



## **PATRICK "PAT" GERAGHTY**

*Chief Executive Officer, GuideWell Mutual Holding Corporation, Florida Blue and GuideWell Group, Inc.*

### **SILVER MEDALLION**

Pat Geraghty serves as Chief Executive Officer, GuideWell Mutual Holding Corporation, Florida Blue and GuideWell Group, Inc. He chairs the Florida Council of 100, a private, nonprofit, non-partisan organization of Florida business leaders who advise the governor on improving the state's economic growth and wellbeing of its residents. He also serves as a member of the board of the National Institute of Health Care Management (NIHCM), a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the efficiency and quality of America's health care system and other industry organizations.

In addition to serving as an expert source to leading news media such as NBC's "Meet the Press," "Fox Business News," CNBC's "Closing Bell," The Wall Street Journal's "Money Beat" and "PBS Nightly Business Report" among others, Pat is frequently sought after for his insights on important health care policy matters in Washington, D.C. and Tallahassee, Fla.

In 2016 Pat became a member of the Health Governors Community of the World Economic Forum, the international organization for public private cooperation, and a trustee for its Global Challenge Initiative on The Future of Health.

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### **BASMA ALAWEE**

*Florida Refugee Organizer, Florida Immigrant Coalition (FUC)*

### **ACOSTA-RUA YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD**

Basma Alawee arrived in the United States in 2010 as a refugee. She arrived from Iraq at age 23 with her husband and oldest daughter because her husband had been working with the American military as an interpreter, and it was no longer safe for them to live in Iraq.

Basma quickly realized that she arrived with the advantages of fluency in English and a college education. Moved to action, she began to volunteer for World Relief and Lutheran Social services, two of the three local resettlement agencies, helping other refugees with translation and with navigating the complex bureaucratic and cultural process of starting a new life in Jacksonville.

Basma's credentials as an engineer were not recognized in the U.S, so she got a job teaching at the Foundation Academy and became the lead teacher for math, science and social studies. As a teacher, she used her bicultural experience to teach her students about other cultures and created some amazing experiential learning activities helping children from all backgrounds to understand what it means to be an American citizen. She also volunteered to run the Jacksonville Science Festival for three years.

# CIRCLE OF HONOREES

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1978	Rabbi Israel L. Kaplan	1991	Joe P. Safer	2002	Carol C. Thompson
1979	Adm. Norman K. Green (Ret.)	1992	T. O'Neal Douglas	2002	Nathaniel S. Washington Sr.
1979	Dr. Andrew A. Robinson	1992	Rev. Rudolph W. McKissick Sr.	2003	Hon. John A. Delaney
1979	W. Ashley Verlander	1992	Pamela Y. Paul	2003	Katherine E. Wilson
1980	Jack Coleman	1992	Judge Harvey Schlesinger	2003	Iris T. Young
1980	W. W. Gay	1993	Bernard V. Gregory	2004	Michael Cascone Jr.
1980	D. J. Lanahan	1993	Sister Mary Clare Hughes	2004	Joy G. Korman
1981	David C. Hastings	1993	Jay Stein	2004	Ricardo Morales Jr.
1981	Dr. Frances B. Kinne	1994	Dr. Chester A. Aikens	2004	Clemente Inclan ‡
1981	Dr. Charles B. McIntosh	1994	Dr. Roy M. Baker	2005	Dr. Guy I. Benrubi
1982	Wellington Paul	1994	Wilford C. Lyon Jr.	2005	Toni Crawford
1982	Judge Louis Safer	1995	Howard L. Korman	2005	Ronnie A. Ferguson
1982	Judge Gerald B. Tjoflat	1995	Gertrude Hoffman Peele	2005	Hon. Tillie K. Fowler
1983	Dr. C. Earl Cooper	1995	William E. Scheu	2006	Rabbi Michael Matuson
1983	Hobart H. Joost	1995	Robert T. Shirdcliff*	2006	Ted P. Pappas
1983	Billy J. Walker	1996	William C. Mason	2006	Hon. Gwen Yates
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1984	Minerva Mason	1997	Dr. Gaston Acosta-Rua	2007	David A. Stein
1985	J. Shepard Bryan Jr.	1997	Lois Chepenik	2007	MaliVai Washington ‡
1985	Wendell P. Holmes Jr.	1997	Ted S. Johnson Sr.	2007	Sister DeSales Wisniewski, D.C.
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1986	Frank J. Brennan	1998	Richard S. Browdy		



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**2018** Barbara Drake  
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**2018** Darnell Smith

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## DINNER CHAIRS

**1978** Hon. Robert E. Knowles  
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**2005** Ginny Myrick  
**2006** John A. Delaney  
**2007** Martha Barrett & Scott Cairns

**2008** Michael Munz & Ed Burr  
**2009** Sol Brotman  
**2010** A. Hugh Greene  
**2011** Michael R. Hightower  
**2012** Michael R. Hightower & Kelly Madden  
**2013** John A. Delaney & Nathaniel "Nat" Glover  
**2014** Gary Chartrand  
**2015** Steven T. Halverson  
**2016** Darnell Smith  
**2017** Audrey Moran  
**2018** Hugh & Susan Greene



# ABOUT ONEJAX

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## A PROUD TRADITION OF SERVICE IN NORTH FLORIDA

Originally formed as a local chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 1970 and later known as the National Conference for Community and Justice, the organization has addressed the ever-changing needs and challenges that come with promoting interfaith respect, acceptance and inclusion. In 2005, the Jacksonville chapter disaffiliated from its national group and formed OneJax.

The reputation of OneJax and its work continued to grow over the next several years. The range of topics addressed in its many forums of discussion expanded to include ethnicity, race, culture, ability/disability and sexual orientation. In February 2012, OneJax formally affiliated with the University of North Florida to become an Institute of the University. This partnership has brought numerous benefits to both OneJax and UNF. By bringing OneJax onto its campus, the University has positioned itself to strengthen its community partnerships to play an even more significant role in Northeast Florida's conversations about diversity and inclusion.

While OneJax works closely within the UNF community to support its initiatives, it also continues its work in the broader Northeast Florida region in areas such as education, advocacy and community engagement.

## OUR MISSION

**OneJax is an interfaith organization dedicated to achieving civility, understanding and respect for all through education, dialogue and community-building.**

## OUR VISION

**Our vision is an inclusive community where difference is welcomed and celebrated.**



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## DINNER COMMITTEE

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## HEAL US NOW

**Music and English Text** – Leon Sher, 2002

**Hebrew Text** – Healing Liturgy, Numbers 12:13,  
Psalms: 145:18, 85:10; 28:9; 118:25

*R'faeinu Adonai v'neirafeh, hoshi-einu v'nivasheah.  
El karov, l'chol korav, ach karov, li-reav, yishoh.*

*Heal us Adonai, and we shall be healed. Save us and  
we shall be saved. God is close to all who call out to God.  
Surely, help is near to all who call out to God.*

*"We pray for healing of the body. We pray for  
healing of the soul. For strength of flesh and mind and  
spirit. We pray to once again be whole."*

*El na, r'fa na lah, r'fuat hanefesh, u'r'fuat ha-guf,  
r'fua sh'leimah.*

*Oh God, please heal us now; healing of the soul  
and healing of the body, a complete healing.*

This piece weaves together healing liturgy, biblical text and psalms. We hear Moses' voice as he calls out to God to heal Miriam, "El Na R'fana La." We are reminded that there are times in our lives when we need healing of the mind, of the body and of the spirit. The passionate melody echoes our fervent cries to God for healing. This text reassures us with conviction: "God is karov/close to all who call out to God. Surely help is near to all who call out to God."