



## **Impact 100 Palm Beach County – Place of Hope at The Leighan and David Rinker Campus Grant Recipient**

**Boca Raton, FL – April 2, 2018** - Place of Hope at The Leighan and David Rinker Campus was thrilled to be an Impact 100 Palm Beach County Award Finalist and Recipient. Impact 100 Palm Beach County, a volunteer driven women's organization hosted by the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, empowers and enables local women to serve as philanthropic leaders by collectively funding significant grants that will make a lasting impact in southern Palm Beach County.

In response to the desperate need for affordable housing in Palm Beach County, Place of Hope is developing the Gary Peters Family Transitional Housing Complex for independent living. This will be located in the Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Village for former foster youth, otherwise homeless youth and homeless families with children. This project will help to ease the financial burden of housing on the low-income population and will provide wraparound services to improve their current situations and give them hope for brighter futures.

Place of Hope was honored to be nominated for this prestigious award. The Annual Grand Awards Celebration took place on Thursday, April 12, at Lynn University in Boca Raton. Place of Hope Founding CEO, Charles L. Bender III, presented on behalf of Place of Hope and spoke on how the funds would be utilized. "Place of Hope was so honored to be nominated, and then chosen, by the Impact 100 event as a grant recipient. It was a wonderful experience to take part in and we are so thankful for all that they are doing within our community. We look forward to partnering with them and giving the youth in our care a brighter future." – Charles L. Bender III. The event hosted many local prestigious non-profits and the room was full of women looking to make a difference in their community. At the end of the evening it was announced that Place of Hope at The Leighan and David Rinker campus was selected to receive one of the five grants for \$100,000. It was a night of joy as the funds received will be used to make a lasting impact on the community and the youth that call Boca Raton "home."

ABOUT PLACE OF HOPE

With campuses in Palm Beach Gardens, West Palm Beach, Hobe Sound, Port St. Lucie and Boca Raton, Place of Hope is a faith-based, state-licensed children's organization that provides family-style foster care (emergency and long-term); family outreach and intervention; maternity care; safety for domestic minor sexually trafficked victims; transitional housing and support services for aged out or otherwise homeless youth; adoption and foster care recruitment and support; hope and healing opportunities for children and families who have been traumatized by abuse and neglect. Place of Hope celebrates its 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018 with the special recognition of earning four out of four stars from Charity Navigator for the sixth year in a row! For more information, please visit [www.placeofhope.com](http://www.placeofhope.com).

