2019 Ruth Shack Leadership Award

The Miami Foundation prizes exceptional leadership. Each year, the Ruth Shack Leadership Award honors an emerging leader who embodies the character and qualities for which Ruth Shack is known: a passionate champion for Greater Miami, steadfast ethics, unselfish service, and a connector of our diverse community.

Arriving in Miami in 1950, Ms. Shack served for three terms on the Miami-Dade County Commission and for 24 years as president of The Miami Foundation. During that time she championed numerous efforts around social justice, the arts, historic preservation and much more. She is one of Miami’s most courageous leaders, having demonstrated her commitment to improving our community throughout the years.

The Foundation seeks to identify an emerging leader who is deserving of this award. Anyone can recommend a nominee. The Foundation will recognize the winner at its annual leadership celebration in late spring 2019.

Nominee Criteria

Nominees must be age 40 or younger, and must live and work in Miami-Dade County. They may work in any field or sector. They should stand out for the following:

- Demonstrating passion and commitment as a leader in improving Greater Miami
- Being a bold champion for an issue that impacts our quality of life
- Transcending their own space to elevate others and build collaborations for broader impact
- Displaying integrity and ethics that distinguish them among leaders

To Nominate Someone

Anyone can nominate an individual by simply providing online his or her name, contact information and a brief summary of why you feel the individual deserves consideration and how you know about the person’s leadership.

- Go to the 2019 Ruth Shack Leadership Award Nomination Form on our Submittable website.
- If you are a new user, you will need to enter your name, email and create a password to sign in.
- The deadline to nominate someone is Monday, February 11, 2019.

Profile done by the Nominee

- The Foundation will reach out to each nominee to have him or her complete profile questions related to the criteria above. That profile will be due by Friday, March 1, 2019.

For questions contact: Alex Rosales, senior programs assistant, by email or call 305.357.2094

Past honorees:

2018 | Nadege Green, WLRN
2017 | Rebecca Fishman Lipsey, Radical Partners
2016 | Vance Aloupis, The Children’s Movement of Florida
2015 | Felecia Hatcher, Code Fever and Black Tech Week
2014 | Saif Ishaof, Florida International University
2013 | Amy Rosenberg, The Underline
2012 | Daniel Diaz Leyva, Diaz Leyva & Gil, PLLC
2011 | Jaret L. Davis, Greenberg Traurig, P.A
2010 | Marlon Hill, Hamilton, Miller & Birthsel

Established in 1967, The Miami Foundation is the foundation for people who are passionate about Greater Miami. We’ve partnered with individuals, families, and corporations that have created more than 1,000 personalized, philanthropic funds. Thanks to them and their generosity, the Foundation has awarded over $360 million in grants, and today manages more than $300 million to address community needs now and for a more resilient tomorrow.