

Fall 2021 News & Updates

A Message From Our CEO

We are pleased to launch our first **FLITE Forum Newsletter!** We plan to share big news with you quarterly.

FLITE Center has grown formidably in the last few years. We expanded our housing partnerships, changed our logo, launched a wellness program and are in the process of building an on-site health clinic. Through a strategic partnership with the **Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center, a subsidiary of Broward Health**, the [satellite health clinic](#) will provide primary care services for young adults (and their children) receiving services from FLITE Center and all other youth in Broward County's Transitional Independent Living (TIL) System of Care.

Our 4th Annual **Heroes Luncheon: "Journey"** has been postponed to **Friday, December 10th** at **Bahia Mar, Ft. Lauderdale** at 11:30 am. We are pleased to announce this year's Honorees:



- TIL Collaborator of the Year:** Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center
- Ultimate Acts of Kindness:** ITS4THEKIDS Foundation
- TIL System of Care Impact Award:** Florida Housing Finance Corporation and Sandra Veszi Einhorn
- TIL System of Care Hero Award:** Bank of America
- The Albert and Beatriz Miniaci - Lifetime Heroes Award:** Marsha and Alan Levy; and Judge John Frusciante
- The Gore Family Memorial Foundation YouMatter Award:** Kendra Salerno and Matthew Korshoff, SouthState Bank
- Unsung Heroes:** Frontline staff from collaborating organizations in the TIL System of Care



The Heroes Luncheon raises funds that directly support FLITE Center's ongoing mission to guide those aging out of foster care and other transitioning youth, including those who are homeless, survivors of human trafficking and displaced LGBTQ+, towards a successful transition into independence. We look forward to having you join us at this year's Heroes Luncheon as we continue to make a difference in the lives of so many young adults in our community.



I cannot report the accomplishments of our organization without recognizing the remarkable dedication and hard work of our **FLITE Center Team and the resilience of our collective youth.** Their endurance and trust continue to fuel my pride and passion for fulfilling FLITE Center's ambitious vision – that no youth travel the road to adulthood alone.

We will continue to keep you connected with developments and events at FLITE Center in future quarterly newsletters.

Christine Frederick

Christine Frederick, CEO, FLITE Center

What's New

We are excited to share our new and updated corporate video with you! Click on the video thumbnail below to learn more about FLITE Center's mission and how you can get involved.



Your Support

Did you know that every time you shop on Amazon, you can give back to FLITE Center? Choose "Fort Lauderdale Independence, Training & Education Center" as your charity on AmazonSmile, it's easy! Click the button below to shop now.



Take a Tour

In 2019, FLITE Center celebrated more than 10 years of helping youth aging out of foster care transition into independent living by relocating to a brand new space located off of Commercial Boulevard and the Florida Turnpike.

The new 11,000-square foot office space, beautifully remodeled by UKG (combining the strength of Ultimate Software and Kronos) includes a GED classroom, an Internet café, a full kitchen, a living room "safe hangout" space, a tiny tots area, meeting spaces, an outpost area for partners, a pantry and housing closet, office spaces and much more.



Interested in taking a tour to learn more about FLITE Center's programs and services?

To schedule your tour, please contact Grace Ugalde-Wolpert at grace@flitecenter.org today!



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Our mission is to guide those aging out of foster care and other vulnerable youth for successful transition to independence through **housing, education, employment, and system of care coordination.**

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