



Kristi House, Inc.

Achievements & Awards

Each year Kristi House raises funds and competes for grants, private giving and public support to earn its annual program budget of \$4.2 million. Kristi House has a reputation for program and management excellence, enabling the steady growth of programs to meet community needs and ensuring the highest level of stewardship of your gifts.

Recent Achievements

- April 2013, opened South Florida's first safe house for sexually exploited girls, ages 11 to 17, adding an important component to Kristi House's Project GOLD program and the continuum of care for sex trafficked girls.
- Awarded a 2013 program improvement grant from National Children's Alliance for a statewide trauma education program in partnership with Florida International University, marking seven consecutive years of expansion and/or improvement funding from NCA for Kristi House, unmatched among the 750 child advocacy centers in the U.S.
- Awarded \$1.6 million U.S. Department of Health and Human Services SAMHSA grant in September 2012 to enhance trauma-informed services and evidence-based treatment for children suffering sexual-related trauma in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties.
- Hosted Florida Governor Rick Scott at Kristi House on June 12, 2012 to sign into law the Florida Safe Harbor Act, landmark legislation authored by Kristi House which changes the way the State views and treats child victims of sex trafficking.
- Awarded one of 10 four-year grants in the country for 2011-2015 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships program which has been matched 1:1 by local supporters for \$1 million toward Kristi House's program for commercially sexually exploited girls.
- In 2011, awarded the **only** *Urban Initiative* grant in the country by the National Children's Alliance, a \$100,000 award for integration of a front-end clinical assessment pilot project to streamline intake and serve more children.
- Awarded one of three \$500,000 grants in the country by U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for Addressing the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, October 2009.
- Received one of three 2009 *Urban Initiative* grants from National Children's Alliance for CSEC, along with two other major grants for Therapy, making Kristi House the only agency nationally to receive all three categories of support in 2009.
- Kristi House's Sandy Skelaney chosen as one of 15 delegates from the U.S. to join 3,000 people from five continents in Brazil for the World Congress III against the Sexual Exploitation of Children, 2008.

Recent Honors

- Kristi House's Development and Communications leadership chosen to participate in 18-month Robert Wood Johnson Foundation communications strategic planning training led by national non-profit experts.
- Project GOLD Program Manager Sandy Skelaney named a 2013 recipient of the *Women Who Make a Difference* award by the Junior League of Miami, a prestigious award for outstanding service on behalf of women and children in need.
- In December 2012, Executive Director Trudy Novicki chosen to participate in the U.S. Human Trafficking Stakeholders meeting as part of the President's Strategic Plan on Human Trafficking, which included 40 stakeholders from around the country meeting for a one-day summit at the White House along with representatives from multiple federal agencies.
- Trudy Novicki and Sandy Skelaney received the *Advocate of the Year Award* from the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet in Tallahassee for our agency's work on child sex trafficking, Sept. 2012.
- 2012 and 2010 National Crime Victims' Rights Week award presented to Sandy Skelaney by the Crime Victims Resource Network for her work at Kristi House on behalf of commercially sexually exploited girls.
- Programs Director Ruthlyn Webster chosen as one of seven fellows for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Evaluation Fellows Program for Retooling Professionals in partnership with the OMG Center for Collaborative Learning and Duquesne University, 2010
- *Women Who Make a Difference* awarded to Trudy Novicki, Junior League of Miami, Feb. 2009
- Trudy Novicki named by Miami Today "Best of Miami" Civic Leader, May 2008
- *Reflections in Excellence Award*, Miami Today and Conrad Hotel, July 2007
- *NOVO Award* for Non-Profit Innovation, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, March 2007
- Kristi House awarded the *Sapphire Award* from The Blue Foundation for outstanding health services to underserved communities, Dec. 2006
- Kristi House's Executive Director received The Melissa Institute for Violence Prevention and Treatment Social Services Award for 2007.
- Assistant Executive Director Dawn Thompson received The Rochelle Goodwin Memorial Award for outstanding contributions in service to child victims, 2006.

Accreditations

- National Children's Alliance fully accredited member since 2000
- Council on Accreditation since 2004, reaccredited in June 2012