



October 20, 2023

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING CFHLA MAKE AN IMPACT  
WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY!**



This week, the CFHLA Foundation hosted its third **CFHLA CARES Collection Drive** of the year.

Specifically, this collection drive focused on the much needed school supplies, as well as hygiene and toiletry items, to help support the more than 12,000 students in need throughout [Orange County Public Schools](#), [The School District of Osceola County](#) and [Seminole County Public](#)

Schools.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our amazing members and hospitality partners, **CFHLA collected nearly 50,000 items**, that were distributed to each of the counties!

**THANK YOU TRULY FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS AND FOR HELPING US SUPPORT OUR PARTNERS, WHO ARE ASSISTING OUR LOCAL STUDENTS IN NEED!**



[View Photos of the  
CFHLA CARES Collection Drive](#)

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## Congratulations to the CFHLA Security & Safety Council 3rd Quarter Award Recipients



Congratulations to our Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association Security & Safety Council third quarter award honorees!

**Yadiel Machado** of the [Walt Disney World Swan Reserve](#) and **Jacob Valle** of [The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes](#) and [JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes](#), were honored and recognized for their heroic and life saving efforts, during last week's active assailant training seminar.

Learn more about [Yadiel and Jacob's incredible stories](#), as each of them went above and beyond in moment of crisis. Thank you for your leadership and calm demeanor, in spite of very challenging situations! We also thank you for your continued commitment, passion and dedication to the hospitality industry!



## CFHLA Foundation Hosts TableTalk



This week, several of our CFHLA members came together for a first-ever TableTalk to discuss the critical challenges that our local high-school students face within our community and considered ways to support our students as they plan for their future, continuing their education or starting their careers.

Thank you to the CFHLA members who participated in this meaningful conversation and we appreciate the [Central Florida Foundation](#) for leading this important initiative!

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## CFHLA Accepting Engineers Council Board Nominations

CFHLA is currently accepting nominations for Allied Members and Lodging Engineers to serve on the 2024 Engineers Council.

All nominations are due Tuesday, October 24.

To learn more about the CFHLA Engineers Council, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Those interested in nominating themselves can click the appropriate link below.

[Lodging Members](#)

[Allied Members](#)



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## CFHLA Hosts Active Assailant Training Seminar



Last week, the CFHLA Security & Safety Council hosted an Active Assailant training seminar for our members, in partnership with the [Orlando Police Department](#) and [The Mall at Millenia](#).

This engaging and informative two-part training featured **Cpl. DeCarlos Hill**, **Cpl. Keith Hernandez** and **Cpl. Barnell Warren** of OPD, and **Greg Moore**, Security Director at The Mall at Millenia.

The hospitality industry is always preparing for any situation. We appreciate and thank our partners for working with CFHLA to help educate our members on the importance of tactical readiness in an active shooter situation and post-incident recovery.

Lastly, we'd like to thank the [Caribe Royale Orlando](#) (**Amaury Peidra**, **Managing Director**) for hosting this important seminar and thank you to [Encore](#) for the audio visual services.



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**Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando North Celebrates  
Multi-Million Dollar Renovation**





Congratulations to the [Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando North](#) on their official Re-Grand Opening this week!

After completing a fourteen-month, multi-million-dollar renovation project to its 277 All-Suite Hotel, several of our members were excited to see the extensive updates this week!

The renovations include fresh and modern chic updates to all guest suites, lobby, atrium area, Omaha Steakhouse and more than 7,200 square feet of event spaces

“Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando North takes pride in providing our guests with a memorable travel experience backed by the latest innovations and amenities in hospitality,” said Duane Winjum, General Manager. “These renovations demonstrate our commitment to guest satisfaction and alignment with the standards of this category-leading brand.”

The hotel’s newly designed suites feature neutral tones of greys and browns coupled with tasteful pops of orange and walls decorated with an homage to reflect their ties to Orlando and Uptown Altamonte.

On behalf of the CFHLA, we'd like to wish all the best to **General Manager and CFHLA Ex-Officio Board Member Duane Winjum** and his entire team on this wonderfully upgraded addition to our Seminole County Area hotels!



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## CFHLA Heart of Hospitality

The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association would like to congratulate this week's **"Heart of Hospitality"** professionals, including our first Allied Member!

If you haven't been following us on our social media channels you should! We've been sharing the stories of our incredibly diverse hospitality professionals who are truly the "Heart of Hospitality" throughout Central Florida. Each industry professional has also been recognized and highlighted on the [CFHLA WEBSITE](#).

[Click here to learn more](#) about the recognition series and please help us share their amazing stories! Do you know someone that is the "Heart of Hospitality" and should have their story shared? If so, please email us at [communications@cfhla.org](mailto:communications@cfhla.org).



**Andrea Howell**

**Hyatt House Orlando Airport**



**Mike Pezo**

**Atlantic Southern  
Paving & Sealcoating**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
OCTOBER MEMBERS OF THE MONTH**



**Frank Dolley**

**CoCo Key Hotel and Water Resort**



**Pete Woodruff**

**Southeastern Laundry Equipment**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information on upcoming events, or to register, just click on the button below.

- [VIP 2023 Review \(10/25/2023\)](#)
- [Halloween Golf Cling Set Up \(10/26/2023\)](#)
- [Halloween Golf Open \(10/27/2023\)](#)
- [HR Seminar #3 \(11/1/2023\)](#)
- [Engineers Council Board Meeting \(11/2/2023\)](#)
- [Adopt-A-School & CARES Committee Meeting \(11/2/2023\)](#)
- [Allied Relations Council Board Meeting \(11/7/2023\)](#)
- [Allied Relations Council November Breakfast \(11/7/2023\)](#)
- [Leads Groups \(11/8/2023\)](#)
- [Governmental Affairs Meeting \(11/8/2023\)](#)
- [Security & Safety Council Meeting \(11/9/2023\)](#)
- [Diversity Committee Meeting \(11/9/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Executive Committee Meeting \(11/14/2023\)](#)
- [Employee Relations Committee \(11/15/2023\)](#)

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Upcoming](#)

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