

## FFCR Volunteer Selected as Finalist for United Way of Miami-Dade's Outstanding Volunteerism Award



The team at Florida Foster Care Review couldn't be happier for our own Edith Hudson who was named a finalist for the [United Way of Miami-Dade's 2016 Dorothy Shula Award for Outstanding Volunteerism](#). The award honors individuals who exemplify volunteerism and whose commitment to bringing hope, promise and opportunity into the lives of others has had a lasting impact. Edith does just that, having volunteered more than 2,000 hours to improve the lives of children and youth in foster care.

"Edith's kindness, dedication and determination inspire us to persevere in our efforts to improve the lives of our community's most vulnerable," said Candice L. Maze, FFCR's Executive Director.

"Edith's generosity of time and spirit and the work of volunteers like her change the trajectories of children's lives."

Edith has volunteered at FFCR for the past 20 years. In addition to committing one full weekday per month to serving on a [Citizen Review Panel](#) (CRP), Edith has taken on additional tasks, including serving as a Panel Chair.

"Edith's consistent professionalism and devotion to her CRP responsibilities along with her skills in guiding her panel through the review and deliberation process are simply amazing," said FFCR Program Director Vanessa Muñoz. "In her decades of service, Edith has consistently gone the extra mile, attending trainings and meetings that far exceed the 10 hours of in-service training required of all active volunteers. She also provides panelists with important updates in child welfare."

Incredibly, Edith's gifts of time and talent extend beyond her volunteer work with FFCR. Edith has also spent the last eight years helping homeless women through the [Camillus House Women's Shower Program](#). (We recommend reading [this wonderful write-up](#) of Edith's volunteer contributions to this program.) She dedicates three days a week to providing hot showers, clean towels, freshly laundered clothing and toiletries to women who live on the streets of Miami-Dade. She is also now involved with [Educate Tomorrow's](#) program serving youth and young adults at Camillus House.

We are grateful to the United Way for recognizing Edith's incredible generosity by selecting her as a finalist for this important award. Edith, thank you for all you do for FFCR, children and our community.