









NPBC Chamber Fetes Local Leaders at Annual Dinner

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Two women, one man, a pair of local businesses and a nationally known nonprofit took center stage at the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Awards Dinner. The annual affair drew 320 guests to PGA National to celebrate their peers' successes.

The Gardens Mall's Michele Jacobs took home the Gaeta Chairman's Award of Excellence while the Maltz Jupiter Theatre's Jennifer Sardone-Shiner grabbed the Young Professional of the Year title. State Rep. Patrick Rooney Jr. earned honors as Community Leader of the Year, and Business of the Year awards went to Lockheed Martin and Loggerhead Fitness.

"It's a surprise recognition of what our employees dedicate themselves to every single day," Stephen Froelich, of Lockheed Martin, said of the corporation's volunteer-service program. "We take our role in the community very seriously."

Place of Hope, which received a mention in a recent issue of *People* magazine, was recognized as Nonprofit of the Year. "We are beyond excited," said Charles Bender, the agency's CEO. "It's one of the most special awards we have received."





From Place of Hope, 2014 Nonprofit of the Year recipient: Michelle Grande, Chris Grande, Eric & Suc Ende, Founding Executive Director Charles Bender III; Trish Bender and Don Hearing



2014 Young Professional of the Year recipient Jennifer Sardone-Shiner, center, with her colleagues from the Maltz Jupiter Theatre (L to R): Julie Rowe, Jay Johnson, Marie Dreher, Rachel Blavatnik, Jeff Barry and Janie Willison