



November 08, 2024

### CFHLA Thanks Our Back of the House Sponsors

A promotional poster for the I-Drive District Holiday Tree Lighting event. The background features a large, illuminated Ferris wheel at night. The text is as follows:

**I-Drive District  
HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING**  
at ICON Park Orlando • November 22nd at 6pm

**Kick off the Season  
as we light the official  
I-Drive District 50ft Holiday Tree!**

Special Performances,  
Singing & Dancing,  
Free 3D-Holiday Glasses  
and more!

**BLUE  
MAN  
GROUP**

**Celebrity  
Appearance**

**I-DRIVE DAZZLES ALL SEASON LONG!**

A QR code is located in the bottom left corner of the poster. The bottom of the poster has a red banner with white text. There are also small yellow reindeer icons at the bottom corners.

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### Engineers' Council Dedicates Building at Dream Village



**CFHLA** congratulates our Engineers' Council and many other partners who dedicated a new storage building Thursday to help the **Sunshine Foundation Dream Village** in Davenport, Florida. The Sunshine Foundation is a local nonprofit group that serves children with disabilities and their families.

The Council donated the permanent metal building at Dream Village, because the storage sheds there are badly deteriorating. The \$23,000 project will enable the Sunshine Foundation team to store files, holiday decorations, landscaping and maintenance equipment, as well as other gear they use every day to carry out their compassionate mission.

The Sunshine Foundation Dream Village grants Special Dreams to families of children who have profound physical, developmental or intellectual challenges or trauma from physical abuse. The Village offers these families a place to stay in fairy tale-themed cottages while they enjoy Dream Trips to Central Florida's theme parks and other attractions.

The CFHLA Engineers' Council agreed several years ago to replace the damaged storage sheds, but the 2020 Pandemic knocked the project off course. Volunteers are thrilled

they were able to persevere and complete the project to assist the nonprofit's compassionate mission.

The Council and its partners made repairs to the Dream Village playground and mini golf course three years ago. They also installed the village's new entrance sign this past summer.

[More Photos from the Building Dedication at Dream Village](#)

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**Buy Your Holiday Cash Raffle Tickets to Win \$4,000**

FOUNDATION  
**CFHLA**  
PRESENTS

*Holiday*  
**CASH RAFFLE**



Only 250 tickets will be sold and 1 winner will be selected.

**You do not need to be present to win.**  
Drawing will occur during the Hospitality Gala on Saturday, December 14th. The winner will be contacted the next business day.

Net proceeds from this raffle will benefit the CFHLA Foundation, a 501c3 organization.

**WIN THE \$4,000 CASH PRIZE !**

  
**14**  
December  
2024

  
You do not  
need to be  
present to  
win!

  
**\$50**

Scan the QR Code to enter for your chance to win today!

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## Courtyard Orlando Airport Helps Whispering Oak Elementary School

[CFHLA](#) thanks our Partner In Action, [Courtyard Orlando Airport](#) for making a difference through the CFHLA Cares Adopt-A-School Program. General Manager Scott Disson and team members recently visited [Whispering Oak Elementary School](#). They helped the school librarian with a school book fair, and they delivered school supplies to support the teachers at the Orange County elementary school.

CFHLA thanks all of our members and partners who support our schools throughout Central Florida, and we encourage you to get involved with the Adopt-A-School program in 2025.



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**Don't Miss this Orlando City SC & Orlando Pride Playoff Weekend!**



Join [Orlando City SC](#) & [Orlando Pride](#) at [Inter&Co Stadium](#) this weekend as both clubs battle to advance in the playoffs!

The Pride will take on the [Chicago Red Stars](#) Friday, Nov. 8 at 8:00pm, followed by Orlando City SC facing [Charlotte FC](#) Saturday, Nov. 9 at 6:00pm.

- [Orlando Pride vs Chicago Red Stars – Friday \(11/8\) at 8 PM](#) - Quarterfinals
- [Orlando City SC vs Charlotte FC – Saturday \(11/9\) at 6 PM](#) – Round 1 / Match 3 in Best of 3 Series



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**Cooking up a New Career on International Drive**

Congratulations to Jeremy Cooper for cooking up a new career at [The Hilton Orlando](#) on International Drive. Mr. Cooper works as a cook at the property's sports bar, after graduating from the [Second Harvest Food Bank's](#) Culinary Training Program. The 16-week course trains 35 people a year to work in professional kitchens.

Mr. Cooper faced some health challenges in recent years, that left him working part time jobs. He decided to give the culinary program a try, and he graduated from the challenging course.

Cooper says he enjoys working with the other staff members and creating dishes that restaurant guests really enjoy. His story reminds us there is room to grow in the hospitality and tourism industry for students and professionals looking for great job opportunities!



## CFHLA Salutes UCF Rosen Scholarship Recipients

**CFHLA** would like to recognize the most recent **UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management** scholarship recipients. CFHLA team members joined several CFHLA Foundation board members at the university's celebration for scholarship recipients this week in Orlando.

Donors, faculty, and students gathered to celebrate the 2024/2025 scholarship recipients. Dean Cynthia Mejia and CFHLA President & CEO Robert Agrusa provided opening remarks to recognize students for their achievements, as they work to become the future leaders of Central Florida's hospitality and tourism Industry.

Student William Zambelli, a previous CFHLA Scholarship recipient and current recipient of the Dr. Jeff Weinland Memorial Scholarship, joined two other students to explain how these scholarships have positively impacted their time at the university.

CFHLA would like to thank Foundation Board Members Barbara Kenney of **Kenney Communications, Inc.**, Michael Hanley of Wealth Management Services of Florida, and Ally Martin with **Hyatt House Orlando Airport** for attending this week's celebration.





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## **CFHLA Partner Dr. Phillips Performing Arts Center Marks 10 Years of Arts & Entertainment**

**CFHLA** is celebrating with our partners at the **Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts** on their 10-year anniversary this week! The Center has truly transformed the arts and entertainment community and enhanced our quality of life for the entire Central Florida region.

More than 5 million guests have enjoyed 4,500 performances in the various theaters over the past decade, and we are excited to enjoy many more.

Congratulations again on this milestone anniversary, and thank you for promoting the arts and entertainment to our local residents and the guests who travel to our destination!





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**NEW TO THE CITY, NOT TO PLANTS.**

Elevate your hotel's atmosphere with us.



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**AVENDRA**



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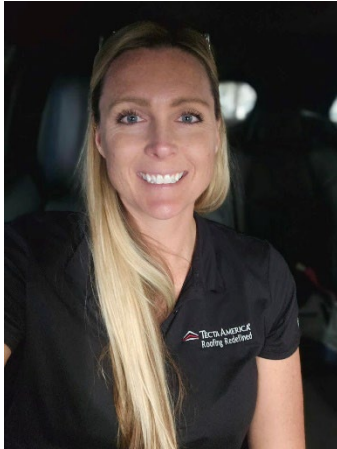
**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
NOVEMBER MEMBERS OF THE MONTH**



**Marie Cassamajor**

[Crowne Plaza Orlando Lake](#)

[Buena Vista](#)



**Brittany Shelton**

[Tecta America Southeast, LLC](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- [Allied Relations Council Board Meeting \(11/12/2024\)](#)
- [CFHLA Executive Committee Meeting \(11/12/2024\)](#)
- [Wednesday AM Leads Group Meeting \(11/13/2024\)](#)
- [Governmental Affairs Committee \(11/13/2024\)](#)
- [Wednesday Noon Leads Group \(11/13/2024\)](#)
- [Security Council Board Meeting \(11/14/2024\)](#)

- [Vacation Ownership Council's Amazing Race - Sponsorships \(11/14/2024\)](#)
- [Vacation Ownership Council's Amazing Race - Allied Members \(11/14/2024\)](#)
- [Vacation Ownership Council's Amazing Race - Lodging Members \(11/14/2024\)](#)
- [Hospitality Gala Committee Meeting #3 \(11/15/2024\)](#)
- [NARCAN/Fentanyl Training \(11/19/2024\)](#)

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CFHLA Meetings & Events](#)

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## **JOB OPENINGS**

Check out the latest hospitality employment opportunities in Central Florida.

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