



Community Foundation President Nina Waters Wins OneJax Award

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – May 23, 2014— Nina Waters, president of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida (www.jaxcf.org), was presented with the 2014 President’s Citation from OneJax, an Institute of the University of North Florida, last night.

According to OneJax, The President’s Citation is awarded periodically to a ‘leader whose efforts and vision have resulted in substantial, positive, local and national changes in one or more area.’ Nina’s work on a variety of issues was highlighted, with particular emphasis on her leadership on public education reform, and The Community Foundation’s 10-year Quality Education for All initiative which culminated in a \$50 million fund being established last year.

In bestowing The President’s Citation on Waters, OneJax host Pat Geraghty lauded Nina’s role in “making the local community foundation a national model.”

Waters joined The Community Foundation in 2001 and became president in 2005. Since she became president, assets at The Community Foundation have grown from just over \$100 million to nearly \$300 million and grants awarded have increased from \$13 million to \$36 million last year.

In accepting her award, Nina emphasized the joy she found in working in the nonprofit sector, and her hope that ‘we can continue to attract and encourage’ people to devote themselves to this work.

Nina is currently on the Jacksonville Civic Council, the Jacksonville University Public Policy Institute and the Women’s Giving Alliance Steering Committee. Last year she received the EVE Award for Employment from the Florida Times-Union. She is immediate past chair of the Southeastern Council of Foundations and serves on the National Task Force on Community Leadership for the Council on Foundations. She is a Board Member of the National Center for Family Philanthropy, a member of the Florida Philanthropic Network, and past president of Community Foundations of Florida.

Prior to joining the staff of the Foundation, Nina served as Executive Director for the PACE Center for Girls Jacksonville program for twelve years. A native of Pittsburgh, Nina moved to Jacksonville in 1976 to attend Jacksonville University. She and her husband Lex have a grown son, Alex, who lives with his wife in Atlanta.

About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida

Now celebrating its 50th anniversary, The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida (www.jaxcf.org) is Florida’s oldest and largest community foundation. The Foundation works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community – helping donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helping nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helping people come together to make the community a better place. The Foundation has more than \$297 million in assets and has made grants in excess of \$278 million since 1964.

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