

Inspire305 returns in search of innovative local nonprofits

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Inspire305, powered by United Way of Miami-Dade, returns to support local up-and-coming, innovative nonprofits who are doing amazing work in Miami.

Community focused and driven, Inspire305 will award two grants — a \$25,000 Grand Innovator Award and a \$10,000 Trailblazer Award — to two deserving nonprofits. The community will be invited to join the movement through panel discussions, volunteerism and voting for their favorite nonprofits digitally and in-person.

Now until 11:59 p.m. on Mar. 29 agencies can apply. Nonprofits that received their 501(c)(3) certifications between 2011 and 2018, offer services locally and meet all other eligibility requirements are invited to learn more at www.inspire305.org.

A team of community volunteers will review all the applications and announce finalists in early May, when voting will

open online. At the final event in mid-May, the finalists will present their pitches to attendees who will have one final chance to cast their votes — and then the winners will be crowned.

In 2018, Code/Art won the first place Grand Innovator Award and Mind&Melody won the second place Trailblazer Award. Today, Code/Art is using the Inspire305 grant to expand the number of afterschool CodeHER clubs, while Mind&Melody is expanding the delivery of intergenerational musical experiences to individuals with Alzheimer's.

Inspire305 aims to propel social change by engaging the community in supporting new, innovative projects that are demonstrating vision and purpose. Learn more and share your inspiration at Inspire305, [Facebook.com/inspire305miami](https://www.facebook.com/inspire305miami), [Twitter.com/inspire305miami](https://twitter.com/inspire305miami) and [Instagram.com/inspire305miami](https://www.instagram.com/inspire305miami), use #Inspire305.

Villagers' Historic Hunt and Road Rally slated for Saturday, Apr. 13

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“Larkin-about the City of Pleasant Living” is the theme for the 2019 Villagers' Annual Historic Hunt and Road Rally on Apr. 13. The event is open to the public and will begin 2 p.m. at Chamber South, 6410 SW 80 St. in South Miami.

No experience is needed for this mad-cap adventure culminating in a barbecue dinner at 4:30 p.m. upon return to Chamber South. Registered teams of 1-6 participants drive their own vehicle on a clue-solving quest, finding some of the area's most interesting historic spots.

The Villagers have been hosting Historic Hunts for more than 30 years

and have developed a reputation for creating a fun-filled experience while revealing the often little-known, quirky side of local history.

Tickets are \$10 per person for the Historic Hunt or \$45 per person for the Hunt and barbecue dinner and are available through Villagers' members or online at www.thevillagersinc.org.

The Villager Hunt Team features Clue Master Dolly MacIntyre and committee members Joan Bounds, Sweet Pea Ellman, Andrea England, Sherry Jordan, April Matteini and Lorraine Sheldon.

Founded in 1966, The Villagers Inc. is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization dedicated to historic preservation in Miami-Dade County.



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