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## NAPO to Honor Russell Home for Atypical Children with Organizing Excellence Award

**MT. LAUREL, N.J.** — The National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO) has chosen Orlando, Florida-based **Russell Home for Atypical Children** as the winner of its Organizing Excellence Award. NAPO's Awards Committee Chair will present Director Janet Russell Nixon with the award during NAPO's 21<sup>st</sup> annual conference and organizing exposition, which will be held in Orlando from April 29-May 2.

NAPO President Standolyn Robertson said the successful organizing methods that the Russell Home employs as part of its extensive support to Florida residents with disabilities led to NAPO selecting the faith-based group for this year's honor.

"For nearly 60 years, the Russell Home for Atypical Children has provided around-the-clock, specialized care for children with disabilities," Robertson said. "In doing so, the Russell Home has successfully run a thrift shop, a teahouse, and kept organized quarters in terms of properly timing medical and physical therapy treatments and other medical care administered to patients."

### **Russell Home's organizing success**

Since 1951, the Russell Home for Atypical Children has provided services to as many as 25 severely handicapped children from birth to 63 years old at any given time. The Russell Home is self-sufficient and independently funded. Therefore, good organizing skills are a key in the nonprofit group's success. Financial support is derived primarily from the operation of a thrift shop and a teahouse, as well as private donations and volunteer assistance.

### **Organizing Excellence Award nominees**

Besides Russell Home for Atypical Children, NAPO members in Florida also selected two other nominees for NAPO's Organizing Excellence Award:

- **Leadership Broward Foundation, Inc.:** A non-profit organization whose mission is to serve the community by developing future community leaders through specifically designed education programs. Participants of all programs are selected by community business recommendations or other community/board related sponsorships.
- **H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship:** Funded by independent donations, the school is a new facility and part of the Nova Southeastern University. Its existence is due to a highly organized group of professionals who raised more than \$34 million for its construction and development. Its purpose is to deliver an up-to-date curriculum that fosters the spirit of innovative thinking in the workplace and offers a variety of business degree programs. The facility serves over 6,500 students.

### **About the Organizing Excellence Award**

NAPO members in Florida were asked to select a maximum of three local candidates for the Organizing Excellence Award. The Organizing Excellence Award is presented to a local individual or group that has demonstrated outstanding values and achieved measurable results through their organizational efforts. This award is presented not only because of their achievement, but also because the results of their efforts are tied directly to their organizational capability. The search for worthy recipients may be considered in the following categories: Business, Community, Education, Family, or Heroic Valor.

### **About NAPO**

The premier national association dedicated to the field of organizing, the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO) is The Organizing Authority®. Formed in 1985 as a nonprofit professional, educational association, NAPO is dedicated to serving its members through education, networking, industry resources, and promoting the profession to the public. NAPO's mission is to develop, lead, and promote professional organizers and the organizing industry. For more information, visit [www.napo.net](http://www.napo.net).

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*Editor's note: To learn more about NAPO's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference and Organizing Exposition, visit [www.napo.net](http://www.napo.net). To interview a NAPO member, contact Theresa Katalinas at (215) 884-6499 or [Theresa@comsolutionsgroup.com](mailto:Theresa@comsolutionsgroup.com).*