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NEWS

Alma Lee Loy Community Service Award Presented to Sue Tompkins

Vero Beach, FL.... The annual Alma Lee Loy Community Service Award was presented by the [Indian River County Chamber of Commerce](http://www.indianriverchamber.com) to Sue Tompkins at the Chamber's annual awards dinner held on January 24, 2018 at the Vero Beach Country Club. Along with Alma Lee Loy, Chamber President Penny Chandler recognized Ms. Tompkins.

The Alma Lee Loy Community Service Award was established by the Chamber in 1995 to recognize citizens of Indian River County who distinguished themselves professionally through excellence and privately through commitment to the community at large. Since its inception, winners of this award have been community leaders known for their self-less service to our community.

Ms. Tompkins has a long history of professional involvement, achievement and philanthropy in Indian River County. Professionally, she is vice president and senior financial adviser for Merrill Lynch in Vero Beach. She began her career in the financial services industry in 1985. Serving in executive positions with Barnett Bank and Harris Private Bank, her background includes corporate and personal banking, trust and estate administration, investment management, charitable planning and financial strategies. Over the years, Mr. Tompkins has been involved and held leadership positions in many non-profits in our community.

Comments from Indian River County community leaders were provided about the years of volunteer and philanthropic service Ms. Tompkins has given to Indian River County.

Education Foundation of Indian River County executive director Cynthia Falardeau shared that “Sue Tompkins exemplifies the qualifications of this recognition. Her enthusiasm has been the catalyst to encourage others to support philanthropy in Indian River County.”

Scott Alexander, president of Northern Trust said “Indian River County is a better community as a direct result of Sue’s tireless work on its behalf.”

Jeff Pickering, chief executive officer of Indian River Community Foundation, stated that “Sue Tompkins exemplifies the type of engaged and invested leader that all nonprofits need.” Local attorney John Moore said that “Sue Tompkins represents the complete person, community servant and professional. She emulates all of the best qualities of the award’s namesake, Alma Lee Loy.”

Remarking on the background of what has now become Impact 100, Kerry Bartlett, Vice President of the Foundation for VNA of the Treasure Coast, stated that “Sue Tompkins was a founding member of “Women and Philanthropy,” a group of charitably-minded powerhouses interested in exploring the topic of women’s giving. From this work, Indian River impact 100 was born. Since its inception in 2008, impact 100 has distributed more than \$3.3 million to local nonprofit organizations.”

Longtime community leader and volunteer Becky Allen shared the significance of Ms. Tompkins on Impact 100 noting that during Sue’s term as President of Impact 100, there were concentrated comprehensive public relations initiatives, and a well-executed plan to tell more about Impact 100 that resulted in a 50% growth in new members. Ms.

Allen stated “Sue is a very dedicated, thoughtful leader who used her skills and experience to initiate the branding of Impact 100 as a powerful women's movement.”

Commenting on her service to the Visiting Nurse Association, local attorney Ford Fegert said “Sue is a dedicated community servant who has provided energetic and tremendously effective service on behalf of our fellow community members.” He went on to say “She is a leader and

driving force in many organizations, perhaps none more so than the Visiting Nurse Association of the Treasure Coast, our community's very own VNA and Hospice. It is her passion and our entire community is the better for it.”

Ms. Tompkins has been engaged with the United Way of Indian River County for almost twenty years. She served six years on the board, as treasurer for two years and as board chairman in 2003-04. She took part in the planning, construction and opening of the United Way Center during 2003 and 2004. She was board chair at the time of the ground-breaking for that building.

Michael Kint, executive director of United Way of Indian River County, said that Tompkins involvement was highlighted in 2015-16 when she co-chaired the annual campaign as part of the “Sensational Seven”, a team of seven dynamic women who raised more than \$3 million, a first in United Way Indian River County’s history.”

In presenting the award to Ms. Tompkins, Ms. Chandler stated “Sue’s service to our community shows a history of skill, kindness, philanthropy and integrity. We are proud to recognize her efforts.”

Alma Lee Loy, for whom the recognition is named, said that “Sue gets things done for this community. She has high professional standards and ethics, and has spent decades focusing her philanthropic efforts in ways that improve our community.”

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