

SOCIETY

Shelter honors its volunteers with lunch



SHELTER FOR ABUSED WOMEN & CHILDREN / COURTESY PHOTOS

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children recently honored its dedicated volunteers with a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club.

Karen Colgain was honored as The Shelter's 2025 Volunteer of the Year. Colgain joined The Shelter Guild in 2021, co-chairing the Birthday Angels committee, which wraps gifts for women and children in emergency shelter. She also co-chaired the Transitional Living Cottage Committee, which decorates the cottages utilized by program participants for a period of two years as they work toward financial independence and self-sufficiency. Since 2023, Colgain has served as Guild President.

"Her kindness, her sense that every problem is an opportunity and her down-to-earth approach to everything, makes Karen shine," said Shelter CEO Linda Oberhaus, who presented the award.

Outstanding Shelter volunteers for 2024-25 included:

- Susan and Mike McCampbell, Outstanding Administration Volunteers
- Peg Mongiello and Merrill Noble, Outstanding Shelter Guild Volunteers
- Sylvia Fryling, Outstanding Emergency Shelter Volunteer
- Jane Kretz, Outstanding Programs & Services Volunteer
- Sharon Sheline, Outstanding Options Shoppe Volunteer

Distinguished volunteers with 10 or more years of service included Carolyn Angevine, Bette Aymar, Judy Baer, Josie Beers, Paula Doisneau, Mary Ellen Felbig, Barbara Foley, Linda Foster, Dara Foundyller, Abigail Fuller, Sylvia Fryling, Georgi Gallagher, Nancy Gallagher, Faylee Goldstone, Evelyn Groch, Nancy Herbert, Pat Jackson, Barbara Johnson, Lynn Langen, Sue Like, Judy Martin, Diane McCaw, Linda Meak, Sherri Meek, Joan Orr, Jan Patterson, Margaret Rivard, Maxine Robbins, Sharon Sheline, Linda Singer, Charlotte Tarr, Jean Travlos and Lynn Wigton.

"The work we do would not be possible without volunteers like you," Oberhaus told the group. "Your generosity empowers survivors to reclaim their strength as they begin new chapters of their lives. Please know that your efforts are deeply valued, and you are making a lasting impact that will be felt for years to come." ■



1. Honored volunteers Judy Baer, Sue Like, Josie Beers, Sylvia Fryling, Judy Martin, Faylee Goldstone, Diane McCaw, Mary Ellen Felbig, Linda Meak, Georgi Gallagher, Evelyn Groch, Lynn Langen, Sharon Sheline, Barbara Johnson and Maxine Robbins
2. Outstanding Emergency Shelter Volunteer Sylvia Fryling, left, with Shelter Advocate Lori Lear
3. Shelter Volunteer Manager Kim Butrico and volunteer Elaina Vasta
4. Shelter Volunteer of the Year 2025 Karen Colgain with Shelter CEO Linda Oberhaus



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STARTER	ENTRÉE	DESSERT
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Submit your pet photo using the QR code before Sunday, June 29th by 11:59pm!

Voting will take place July 1-5, 2025 to choose the winners in 3 categories. 3 FIRST PLACE WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A \$50 GIFT CARD

Pet Photo Contest!

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