

Heart of the Community Award is presented to

Friends of Will (FOW)

Mission: The Friends of Will (FOW) charitable organization promotes awareness and fundraises for organizations that help individuals with physical and / or mental disabilities overcome challenges and live life to the fullest, as well as advance breakthrough research in this space. FOW intends to honor Will Schupler and the reminder he provides to his "friends" (FOW) and family of what is truly meaningful and important in life.

The "Friends of Will" slogan was originally created in honor of Will Schupler to raise funds for the Miami Children's Hospital, where Will underwent three brain surgeries. Will, now 17, has life altering special needs, is non-verbal, severely intellectually delayed, suffers epilite seizure leaving him unable to live life independently. Although Will faces extreme challenges he is one of the happiest people you will ever meet.

