

NEW CFFK SPECIAL CHAIR'S AWARD FUND

Granted to Friends of the AIDS Memorial

Past CFFK board chairman, Jon Allen, has been volunteering his extensive leadership experience to the Community Foundation since 2006. As a board member and two-term Chairman of the Board of Governors, he has been an integral part of the visionary and the practical work of the foundation.

When Jon recently stepped

down at the end of his term as the Chairman of the Board, his efforts were recognized with the creation of a special recognition, the CFFK Special Chair's Award Fund. Members of the CFFK Board of Governors made contributions to create the fund which grants \$500 to the non-profit organization of choice by the outgoing Chairman. "I was honored to be the first recipient

of the Chairman's award. I felt both undeserving and deeply appreciative at the same time."

Jon Allen chose the Friends of the AIDS Memorial, a 501(c)(3) organization that raises funds on behalf of the Key West AIDS Memorial.

The Key West AIDS Memorial, which is located at the foot of the White Street Pier, is a unique and beautiful tribute to the more than 1000 men and women in Key West who have died in the AIDS epidemic. The Friends of the AIDS Memorial raises funds to provide regular cleaning and repair of the memorial, funds the engraving of new names on the memorial, maintains the website for the memorial, and coordinates the World AIDS Day observance held annually at the memorial at which each name is read aloud by community leaders and loved ones.

"The Community Foundation is having significant impact for good in our community through its support for non-profit organizations," shares Jon Allen. "That positive impact will grow as more of us entrust CFFK to help manage our philanthropy."



Alan Eckstein and Jon Allen

In a recent conversation, Jon Allen shared his thoughts on becoming a member of the Community Foundation Board of Governors:

"Why CFFK? Good question. I get asked to join many boards. Very flattering, and understandable, since in a small community like ours the pool of potential and useful board members is pretty small. When I'm asked to join a board I ask myself some questions:

1. Do I have the time? I won't

join a board unless I can make a significant contribution.

2. Is it important to the community? Here's where CFFK won out because by helping non-profit organizations and their boards become more effective, it's really helping the whole community.

3. Is their need consistent with my skills? I'm more of a strategy, transformation, change-agent kind of person. If what they need is day to day management, that's not for me."

