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Community Tampa Bay marks 35 years of ANYTOWN® at 2026 Transformations, honors regional leaders

TAMPA, Fla. (May 7, 2026) — Community Tampa Bay will celebrate the 35th anniversary of its nationally recognized ANYTOWN® youth leadership program at its annual Transformations luncheon, honoring Councilwoman Gwendolyn Henderson, Clark Jordan-Holmes, Esq. and WMNF 88.5 FM with its highest honor, the Silver Medallion Award.

The event will take place Thursday, May 7, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Rusty Pelican, bringing together business, civic and community leaders to recognize efforts to advance inclusion and strengthen relationships across differences in the Tampa Bay region.

Since 1970, Community Tampa Bay has presented the Silver Medallion Award to individuals and organizations demonstrating outstanding leadership in fostering dialogue, understanding and respect across communities.

This year's honorees include:

Councilwoman Gwendolyn Henderson — A public servant and educator whose work has expanded access to opportunity and strengthened civic engagement throughout the region.

Clark Jordan-Holmes, Esq. — A legal professional and community leader recognized for his commitment to mentorship, equity and leadership development.

WMNF 88.5 FM — An independent community radio station that has amplified diverse voices and critical issues in Tampa Bay for decades.



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“This milestone year reflects the lasting impact of ANYTOWN® and the importance of investing in the next generation of leaders,” said Quenita W. Oats. “Our honorees exemplify the leadership and commitment needed to build a more connected and inclusive community.”

Transformations offers attendees an opportunity to hear directly from program participants and support Community Tampa Bay’s ongoing work to create spaces for dialogue and leadership development.

For more information or to register, visit www.communitytampabay.org.

About Community Tampa Bay

Community Tampa Bay is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building inclusive leaders through dialogue and cross-cultural engagement. Its programs, including ANYTOWN®, equip youth and adults with the skills to foster understanding, challenge bias and create positive change in their communities.