

Holocaust Center Honors Tony Jenkins on behalf of Florida Blue and the Florida Blue Foundation with the 2023 Tess Wise White Rose Award

Orlando, FL (May 2, 2023) – The Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida (HMREC) honors Florida Blue and the Florida Blue Foundation, led by Central Florida Market President, Tony Jenkins, with the 2023 Tess Wise White Rose Award. The award was presented during the annual White Rose Tribute Event held on April 27, 2023, at the Orlando Science Center. To view video and images from the event visit: <https://www.holocaustedu.org/white-rose-tribute-event-2023/>.

The Tess Wise White Rose Award, created in 1989, honors individuals and organizations who magnify the values of inclusiveness and respect and who demonstrate that through participation we can build a better home for all Central Floridians. This remarkable list of past honorees includes icons such as Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel, and the center's founder and Holocaust survivor Tess Wise ([who passed in October 2022 at age 99](#)).

"We were proud to celebrate Florida Blue and the Florida Blue Foundation for their focused efforts to improve the lives of people and communities. We were excited to present this year's Tess Wise White Rose Award to Tony Jenkins who so skillfully leads the Central Florida market." **says Talli Dippold, CEO, HMREC**

The White Rose Tribute Event helps raise funds to support the Center's vital educational programs. Thanks to many generous community leaders, the Center's programming will continue to expand leading up to the grand opening of the new 43,000-square-foot [Holocaust Museum for Hope & Humanity](#), which will be located on the site of the former Chamber of Commerce building in downtown Orlando.

About Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida and Holocaust Museum of Hope & Humanity

Established in 1981, the Holocaust Memorial Resource & Education Center of Florida strives to build a just and caring community free of antisemitism, prejudice and bigotry. Its internationally recognized educational and cultural programs and exhibits showcase the history and lessons learned from the Holocaust to drive critical reflection and action. To meet growing needs for character education, it plans to launch the Holocaust Museum for Hope & Humanity. The new museum will highlight the voices of people who lived through the Holocaust, honoring their legacy and reminding us all why we must stand up to prejudice and hate. For additional information, visit www.holocaustedu.org or call 407-628-0555. Stay connected with the Holocaust Center on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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