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Foundation gives \$5,000 service award to Kakki Talianchich of the West St. Tammany YMCA

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COVINGTON, LA - Today, the [Northshore Community Foundation](http://NorthshoreCommunityFoundation.org) is proud to announce that the recipient of the **Fifth Annual Dick Knight Award** is Kakki Talianchich of the West St. Tammany YMCA for her more than 35 years of nonprofit service to the Northshore. The award is given annually in honor of the late Richard F. "Dick" Knight, a founding and beloved board member known for his authenticity and commitment to service, said Susan Bonnett Bourgeois, CEO of the Foundation. "We honor Dick's legacy by recognizing the steadfast servant leadership Kakki has demonstrated throughout her long career. Her remarkable, unwavering commitment to the mission of the YMCA, perfectly represents the spirit in which Dick lived his life," said Bourgeois.

Talianchich has worked in the nonprofit sector in the region for more than 35 years, nine of which were in the role of Associate Director of the West St. Tammany YMCA. Having never had a desire to pursue the executive director position, she is a true servant of the people and shines in that role. Originally from New Orleans, she recently retired from the 10th Street YMCA to spend more time with her granddaughter.

"Kakki is one of the most selfless people I know. She has been the backbone of our facility, the heart of our mission and the hope that people often need to hear to get through the day," said Joey Roberts, Executive Director of the St. Tammany YMCA. "She thinks that she is ordinary but proves daily that "ordinary" people can do extraordinary things. I am ecstatic that she was chosen for this honor and I appreciate everyone that carries the weight of the nonprofit world in their hearts."

Talianchich received \$5,000 as recognition of her commitment and service to the nonprofit sector and the Foundation would like to thank [Resource Bank](http://ResourceBank.org), the [Gia Maione Prima Foundation](http://GiaMaionePrimaFoundation.org) and the [Fund for Bogalusa](http://FundforBogalusa.org) for the contributions to making this year's award possible. To learn more, visit northshorefoundation.org/knight-award

The Dick Knight Award recognizes individuals for their commitment and service to the nonprofit sector in our four-parish region. The spirit of the award recognizes nonprofit staff who have significant tenure in service-based work and have a body of accomplishments that reflect that success. Previous winners include Rev. Steve Holzhalb of Christwood Retirement Center, Ola Magee of Regina Coeli Child Development Center, Dianne Baham of STARC and Myrna Jordan of Our Daily Bread Food Bank.

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