

Holocaust Center Honors Dr. Rita Bornstein with Tess Wise White Rose Award

First female and 13th president of Rollins College celebrated at annual fundraiser

ORLANDO, Fla. (April 14, 2022) – The Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida honored Dr. Rita Bornstein, the first female president of Rollins College with the 2022 Tess Wise White Rose Award at a private event held last night on the back lawn of the Rollins Museum of Art.



From Left to Right (Linda Chapin, Dr. Rita Bornstein, Peg Cromwell, Grant Cromwell)

The Tess Wise White Rose Award, created in 1989, honors individuals 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 and “Night” author Elie Wiesel, as well as the Center’s founder and Holocaust survivor Tess Wise.

"We are so proud to celebrate Dr. Bornstein, a true pillar of our community in Central Florida," said Linda Chapin, Holocaust Center Board Member. "It is hard to imagine a more deserving recipient of this award."

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.

At the conclusion of the event, the Center unveiled to the public renderings of the new museum, which will be the first-ever Holocaust Museum built around the stories of survivors. The Holocaust Museum for Hope & Humanity marks the first time USC Shoah Foundation has teamed with a Holocaust Museum to design and implement a ground-up and permanent museum-wide exhibition.

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

Founded in 1981 as a series of conferences on the Holocaust and its contemporary meaning, the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida opened its current museum in 1986, founded by Holocaust Survivor and local philanthropist, Tess Wise. Located in Maitland, just outside Orlando, the Holocaust Center attracts visitors from around the world. Its mission is to use the history and lessons of the Holocaust to build a just and caring community free of antisemitism and all forms of prejudice and bigotry. Through its outreach of educational and cultural programs and exhibits, the Center teaches the principles of good citizenship and strives to instill compassion in people of all ages, religions, races, sexual orientations, abilities, and backgrounds. The Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center will transform into the Holocaust Museum of Hope & Humanity, a lakefront museum in Downtown Orlando and the first-ever built from the ground up in partnership with the USC Shoah Foundation. To learn more about the Holocaust Center, visit www.holocaustedu.org.

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