



Honorary Chairs

Paul and Kathy Leone



Mr. and Mrs. Leone have been unwavering champions in the fight against ACEs and trauma, lending their support to our mission to build resilience and promote well-being for children and families. Over the years, their generosity and leadership have been instrumental, including hosting pivotal educational events with experts like Dr. Gabor Maté, at The Breakers to raise awareness and inspire action within our community.

Mr. Leone serves as CEO of the 128-year-old, privately held Breakers Palm Beach, Inc. and its parent company, Flagler System, Inc. Mrs. Leone has been actively involved in our community as a passionate advocate for foster care reform for over thirty years. Their dedication is making a profound impact in our community, helping to pave the way for a brighter future for all children in Palm Beach County and Florida.

Paul Leone

Mr. Leone serves as CEO of the 128-year-old, privately held Breakers Palm Beach, Inc. and its parent company, Flagler System, Inc. The Breakers is the only large, historic luxury resort in the country still in the hands of its original owners and is one of the longest continuously operating businesses in the state of Florida. Leone was exposed to the hospitality industry at a young age, working in his family's motels and restaurants. He went on to earn his BS in accounting from the University of Kentucky and became a licensed CPA. He practiced public accounting for four years with the Big Eight accounting firm Coopers and Lybrand. In 1985, he joined The Breakers as hotel controller, rising to the position of president in 1994 at age 36. In 2016, he was appointed CEO, the first non-family member in the history of the company to hold this post. Since his appointment, Mr. Leone has been credited with engineering and sustaining the turnaround of one of the greatest resorts in the world by creating and fostering a unique company culture and achieving best-in-class employee fulfillment, guest satisfaction, community service and financial performance. He is actively involved and widely recognized for his work with numerous civic and professional organizations, and he and his wife, Kathy, have four sons.

Kathy Leone

Upon graduating from Cornell University in 1980, Kathy Leone began a career in the hotel resort industry. In 1985 she moved to Florida from Chicago to join The Breakers Palm Beach as Director of Incentive Sales. In 1988, she joined the Boca Raton Resort & Club as Vice President of Sales, where she worked until 1994 when she retired to raise a family.

Kathy is the proud mother of four sons with her husband, Paul. Kathy has been actively involved in our community for over 30 years and she is a passionate advocate for reform of the Foster Care System in Palm Beach County and the State of Florida. Kathy has been involved with the Center for Child Counseling since 2019, joining our fight to mitigate the impact of adversity and trauma on children, families, and communities.