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**Central Florida's Helen Von Dolteren-Fournier of AEGIS Advisors, LLC Honored for Philanthropic Contributions to Valencia College & Valencia College Foundation**

Winter Park, FL – July 20, 2015, Helen Von Dolteren-Fournier, volunteer for Valencia College & Valencia College Foundation in Orlando, FL, received Honorable Mention for philanthropic excellence in the ninth annual Invest in Others Community Leadership Awards.

The Invest in Others Charitable Foundation established the Community Leadership Awards to recognize the philanthropic achievements of financial advisors and financial services firms in communities across the country and around the world.

Financial advisors are nominated by their peers for actively giving back to non-profits to improve their communities and make a difference in the lives of others. Hundreds of inspirational nominations for the Community Leadership Awards were received this year and reviewed by a diverse panel of leaders in the financial services industry. Those earning Honorable Mention were selected based on their leadership, dedication, contribution, inspiration, and impact on a non-profit and the community it serves.

Helen's roots in philanthropy and community run deep in Central Florida. She plays an indispensable role as one of Valencia Foundation's key leaders and is the longest and among the top contributors. Her history as a volunteer at Valencia goes back more than twenty years when she became involved with Valencia's displaced homemakers' program in the 1990s.

Helen has helped the foundation thrive through even the most challenging of circumstances. Under her leadership as chair of the board's finance committee, Valencia Foundation implemented a new, comprehensive investment policy, revised financial policies, addressed audit issues, developed new financial strategies and continued to raise monies, meeting a \$2.5 million first-year external funding goal and more than \$31 million in seven years. Under her leadership, the endowment has increased from \$15.8 million in 2001 to more than \$60 million in 2008.

In 2003, she spearheaded a campaign to raise \$50,000 to name Valencia's gallery in memory of a gifted faculty member, Anita Wooten. Her personal contributions top \$125,000 to support the arts, women in transition, Valencia's Paralegal Program and Honors College, the Association of American Women in Community Colleges and scholarships that support access for all. She is gifted at cultivating new donations, bringing in American Express, and other major corporations in support of the foundation.

A master of nurturing new relationships, Helen uses the foundation's special events as an opportunity to gather dozens of friends and colleagues and expose them to the goodness of Valencia - throughout the years, they have all become donors. As an estate planning attorney and certified financial planner, she is in a unique position to help people reassess their priorities by giving to a cause whose mission the individual shares. In fact, she makes this a part of every presentation to show how charitable giving not only feels good but it also makes good fiscal sense. Her savvy in uniting people for collaboration has been of great benefit to Valencia and the foundation. She created the Frances Millican Two Plus Two Scholarship in 2007, named in honor of the wife of UCF's founding president, to help build a financial bridge for Valencia students to the University of Central Florida.

When you mention Helen's name in philanthropic circles, many images come to mind - fiscal savvy, designer hats for all occasions, boundless energy, 1,000 innovative ideas converging at the same time and a hand always raised when you seek a volunteer. Helen is a professional with great expertise who is willing to do whatever it takes. In the words of Valencia Community College's president, Dr. Sanford Shugart, "Valencia Foundation is honored to have the passion, knowledge and friendship of this one-of-a-kind treasure."



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The annual Invest in Others Community Leadership Awards Gala, a premier event attended by over 400 financial advisors and financial services executives, is September 30, 2015 in New York City. Awards will be presented in the following categories: Catalyst, Community Service, Global Community Impact, Volunteer of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, and Corporate Philanthropy.

### **About the Invest in Others Charitable Foundation**

The Invest in Others Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that was founded by the financial services industry to amplify the charitable work of financial advisors and the institutions they work for. To realize our goals, we recognize philanthropy, inspire volunteerism, and educate the investing public about the positive impact made by advisors and their firms in their communities. Today, Invest in Others is the premier non-profit that objectively recognizes philanthropic achievement and facilitates charitable involvement through meaningful programs and events. For more information, visit [www.investinothers.org](http://www.investinothers.org).

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