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# WAVES OF CHANGE

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARD



## Welcome to the 10th Annual Waves of Change Women's Leadership Celebration!

What started as a way to celebrate Centre for Women founder **Helen Gordon Davis** has become one of Tampa's most anticipated events.

Today, we not only honor extraordinary women who make their mark on the world—we also officially launch the **50th Anniversary Year** of *The Helen Gordon Davis Centre for Women*. As we enter this milestone year, we celebrate five decades of empowering women and strengthening families across Tampa Bay, and we look ahead with bold vision for the next fifty.

We are deeply honored to recognize our **national honoree, Broadway superstar and two-time Tony Award winner Sutton Foster**, whose talent, authenticity, and generosity continue to inspire women everywhere. We are equally proud to celebrate our **local honoree, Jeanne Tate**, one of the nation's leading adoption advocates and a lifelong champion for children and families. Both women exemplify the spirit of leadership, courage, and purpose that *Waves of Change* was created to uplift.

Our celebration would not be possible without the generous support of our **Presenting Sponsors — the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino**, and our heartfelt thanks to past Waves recipient **Julie Weintraub of The Gold & Diamond Source** and **Hands Across the Bay** and to **Valley Bank** for their incredible support.

Thank you for being part of this landmark moment in our history. Here's to an afternoon of inspiration—and to a golden year ahead for women and families in Tampa Bay!

*Ann W. Madsen*

Executive Director  
The Helen Gordon Davis Centre for Women

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DOES  
make a  
difference.





# HGD HELEN GORDON DAVIS

When Helen Gordon Davis told her own story, there was no bragging, just the brass tacks of what it was really like to be one of the first women to be elected to the Florida legislature in the 1970s. It was literally the struggle to be heard: she famously stood on the floor of the Florida House for hours, defiantly holding the floor microphone aloft while she stood waiting to be recognized, utterly ignored by the presiding chair.

Helen discovered early that life is unpredictable. As a child, Helen's family lost everything in the market crash of 1929 and her father died when she was nine. Helen watched her mother fight through the daily pain and humiliation of poverty, inequality, and lack of opportunity for women.

Helen founded The Centre for Women to help women in the Tampa region who face enormous challenges and uncertain futures for themselves and their families. For some, it is a place of last resort or new beginnings, where women find inspiration and learn how to achieve their personal and professional goals. Through the years, our programs have evolved and expanded to meet the needs of women and our community.

Helen Gordon Davis demonstrated that one person can make a difference in the lives of so many others.



“As a spokesperson for so many disadvantaged, I knew it was worth the effort because there were so many people who needed a voice.”

The Honorable Helen Gordon Davis



# HELEN GORDON DAVIS

*As We Remember Her*

- H** heroic
- E** exceptional
- L** loving
- E** enterprising
- N** noble
  
- G** generous
- O** open
- R** resilient
- D** devoted
- O** outgoing
- N** nonconforming
  
- D** dedicated
- A** adventurous
- V** valiant
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### CELEBRATING A DECADE OF WAVES

**Ann W. Madsen**

*Executive Director*

### A MOMENT WITH THE MAYOR

**The Honorable Jane Castor**

### LEADERSHIP WITH A LAUGH

*Special Guest **Tami Evans***

### THE 2026 WAVES AWARD PRESENTATION

*Introduction by Board President Betsey Hapner  
**Jeanne T. Tate***

### A CONVERSATION WITH SUTTON FOSTER

*Moderated by Deiah Riley*

### THE HELEN GORDON DAVIS WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION

### CLOSING REMARKS

*Deiah Riley*

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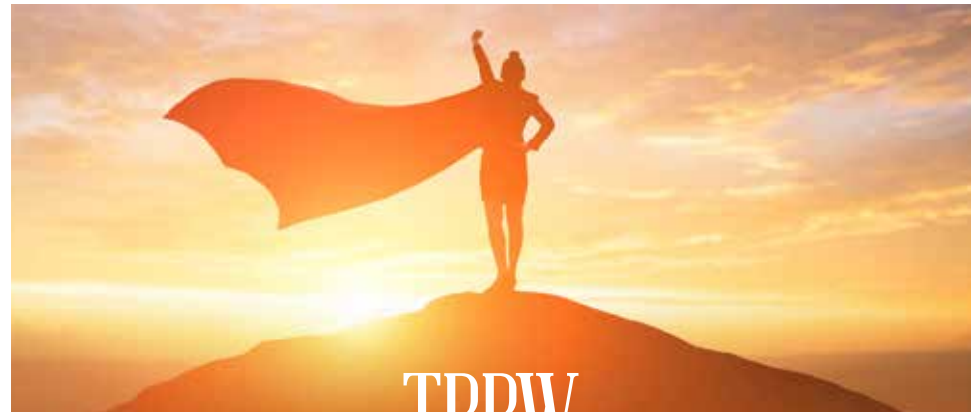
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2026 WAVES OF CHANGES HONOREE

# Sutton Foster

**Tony Award-winning actress, singer, and dancer**  
who has made her mark on both Broadway and television

**Sutton Foster is a two-time Tony Award-winning actress, singer, and dancer—and one of Broadway's most beloved leading stars.**

With seven Tony nominations and acclaimed performances in *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Anything Goes*, *The Music Man*, *Sweeney Todd*, and most recently *Once Upon a Mattress*, she continues to shine as a defining voice in American musical theatre. On screen, she is adored for her lead role as Liza Miller on the hit series *Younger*, and her memoir *Hooked* offers an inspiring look at creativity, vulnerability, and personal growth.

Foster was recently cast as Loretta Lynn in the new Broadway-bound musical *Coal Miner's Daughter*, further expanding her remarkable career.

A generous mentor and advocate for arts education, she exemplifies resilience, authenticity, and the power of women supporting women—qualities that align beautifully with Waves of Change. Sutton Foster is a radiant example of leadership, creativity, and grace across generations.



# JEANNE TATE

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**Jeanne T. Tate is one of the most decorated and respected adoption attorneys in the country.**

She is ranked as one of the top ten attorneys in Florida by Super Lawyers. Jeanne has devoted over four decades to representing adoptive families, agencies, and professionals in all aspects of adoption.

She is the founder of Jeanne T. Tate, P.A., and now a leading attorney at Tate Healey Webster, the largest law firm in Florida dedicated solely to adoption and assisted reproductive technology law. She owns her own adoption agency, Heart of Adoptions, Inc. and also founded Heart of Adoptions Alliance, Inc., a non-profit adoption agency dedicated to finding adoptive parents for children languishing in foster care.

Her work has been featured nationally on CNN, 20/20, and ESPN, among others.



# CASEY PHILLIPS

TEAM REPORTER  
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Casey Phillips just finished her eleventh season as the Buccaneers Team Reporter, which includes hosting two weekly TV shows and two weekly radio shows and podcasts, emceeing events, and providing video content for the Buccaneers website and social media channels.



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In 2017, Wagner was promoted to Vice President of Casino Marketing and Hospitality, then In 2021, Wagner was promoted to Vice President and Assistant General Manager.

A Las Vegas native, Wagner has more than 25 years of hospitality experience.





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Founded in 1977, **The Helen Gordon Davis Centre for Women** has been operating for nearly 50 years. We serve thousands of individuals and families through a comprehensive, holistic approach, with six distinct yet interrelated programs, all focused on empowering women and their families. The Centre is a nonpartisan organization whose mission is to help women and their families in the Tampa Bay region succeed personally and professionally. When women succeed, their families, neighborhoods, and workplaces benefit.

Our programs and services empower, educate and elevate. Our dedicated staff and loyal volunteers are involved in helping more than 4,000 people each year through our programs and services.

**PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:**

- The Tampa Bay Women's Business Centre
- Tampa Bay Works for Women
  - Success Strategies for Employment
  - Women Building Futures
  - The Pat Collier Frank Women's Leadership Institute
- Counseling & Wellness
- Construction Services
  - Senior Home Improvement Program (SHIP)
  - Hillsborough County's Owner Occupied Rehab



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# OUR PROGRAMS

## THE TAMPA BAY WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTRE

Our Women's Business Centre is part of a national network of WBCs dedicated to helping entrepreneurs to launch and grow their businesses. Funded in part through the Small Business Administration's Federal Office of Women's Business Ownership, our team of professionals helps women with training and coaching in entrepreneurial readiness, business planning, networking, career transitions and access to capital. It is the only SBA-designated women's business centre on the west coast of Florida. Multilingual staff members provide services in both English and Spanish.

## TAMPA BAY WORKS FOR WOMEN

### Success Strategies for Employment

One of our core programs, Success Strategies provides employment services to help women to prepare for jobs and overcome barriers for success. Coaching and training include resume writing, interviewing skills and guidance on finding meaningful employment.

### Women Building Futures

The basic construction training program, which is accredited by the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER), is a 15-week course which includes experiential learning. Participants also graduate with OSHA certification.

## The Pat Collier Frank Women's Leadership Institute

The Women's Leadership Institute is a strategic initiative designed to help women develop skills and strategies to foster advancement into leadership roles. The curriculum is designed to

provide training from experts and local leaders with a focus on essential skills and personal traits needed to move women forward into leadership roles.

## COUNSELING & WELLNESS

For five decades, The Centre's Counseling & Wellness Program has been a lifeline for individuals and families navigating life's most difficult challenges. We provide accessible, compassionate, and professional mental health support. The program empowers clients to deal with everyday emotional issues, heal from trauma, build resilience, and reclaim hope.

Licensed and Master's prepared counselors help individuals negotiate everyday challenges such as job loss, divorce, death, parental and child issues, domestic violence, and depression.

Services are provided at our Hyde Park Ave. headquarters and at our Kathy Castor Centre for Counseling & Wellness on Sligh Ave. This year, we have launched the StrongMoms Maternal Mental Health initiative supporting the well-being of pregnant women and new mothers.

## CONSTRUCTION SERVICES and SENIOR HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A wide range of construction services including our flagship Senior Home Improvement Program (SHIP) are funded by Hillsborough County's Affordable Housing Division and Senior Connection Services, to enable income-eligible homeowners to maintain their homes and enjoy independent living. The program is directed by a licensed general contractor and construction work is done by experienced crews of both women and men.

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This fabulous food fest draws more than 1,000 people each year who enjoy signature dishes from Tampa Bay's finest restaurants and beverage purveyors.

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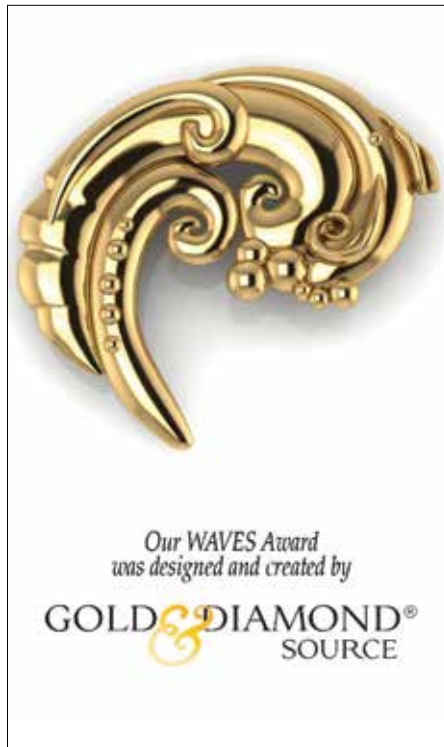
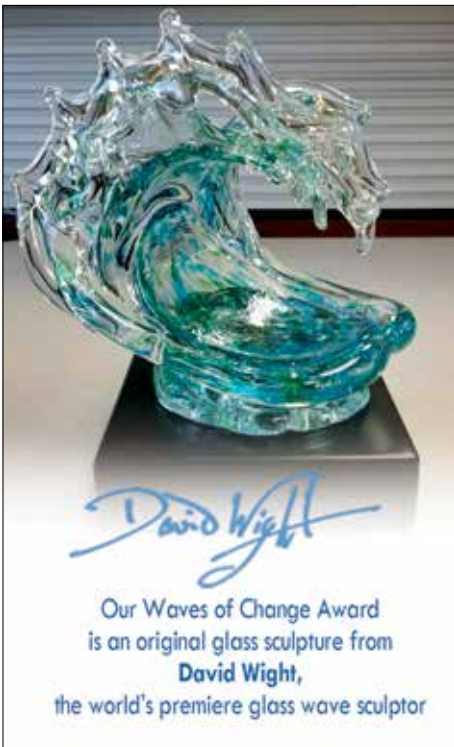


Get ready for Tampa Bay's most anticipated celebration — the **Golden Gala, November 2026**, honoring The Centre for Women's **50th Anniversary!**

Plan to join us for this once-in-a-lifetime celebration. It will be a fashioned-focused evening of glamour, powerhouse women and men, surprise guests, and celebration as we honor five decades of empowering entrepreneurs, strengthening families, championing wellness, boosting careers, and helping seniors live safely and independently.

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