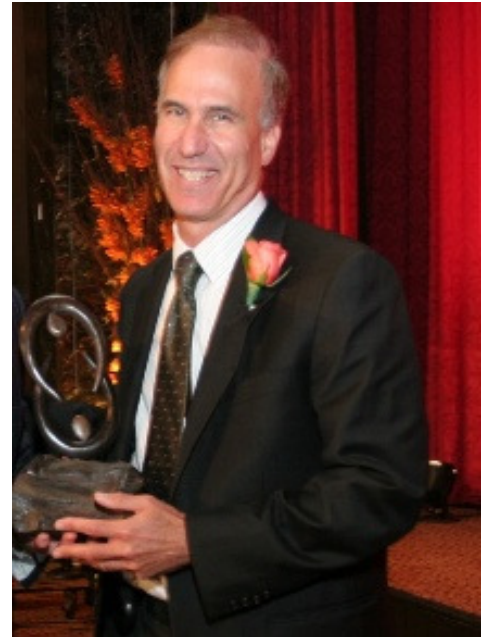


## Richard England, Jr. CFP® – Volunteer of the Year

Earlier this month Madison's own Richard England was named "Volunteer of the Year" by Invest in Others Charitable Foundation and *InvestmentNews*. The award honors the financial professional who most demonstrates the volunteer spirit and makes a lasting impact on a charitable organization in his/her community.

Nearly 500 nominations were received for this year's four Community Leadership Award categories. In August, Rick was selected as one of three finalists for the Volunteer of the Year award. Award winners were announced at a gala dinner for all the finalists and 450 industry representatives in New York City on September 9th.

In announcing the winners *InvestmentNews* explained, "The Volunteer of the Year award went to Richard England, Jr., a senior wealth advisor at Madison Wealth Management in Bethesda, Maryland. He has served as a mentor to homeless youths through the Latin American Youth Center in Washington for 15 years."



Richard England, Jr., CFP®

"I've been on other non-profit boards, and I've never found one that's better in terms of the enthusiasm and energy involved," said Rick. "The people who come to us have no money. They're in a strange country. They don't know anybody. We are their families."

The Latin American Youth Center (LAYC) serves more than 4,000 Latino, African-American and multicultural low-income youths and families through a variety of multilingual, culturally sensitive programs that encourage things like academic achievement, career skills, community involvement and healthy habits to avoid risky behaviors. The LAYC operates in the District of Columbia and Maryland with a \$15 million budget, over 200 staff, and is a recognized leader in the field of youth development.

According to *InvestmentNews*, "Mastery of Spanish led to something Richard England, Jr. never anticipated. Interested in using his Spanish skills to help others, Mr. England 15 years ago began serving as a mentor to homeless youths through the Latin American Youth Center in Washington. It wasn't long before his volunteerism attracted attention and he was asked to serve on the center's board."

"For the last 10 years, Mr. England has served as the board's treasurer, which has enabled him to help with business office practices, preparation of the center's budget and guidance with audits. He also has been a leading donor to the organization. When the center conducted a \$3 million capital campaign for a new facility, Mr. England contributed and made sure family and friends did the same until the last dime was raised."

***"I encourage everybody to find some organization or some cause in your community in which you can express your passion. You will find it to be incredibly rewarding!"***

*Richard England, Jr.*

Most recently, Rick came up with the idea of creating a \$5 million fund to help ensure the center's financial health and stability. Through support from Mr. England's family foundation and a personal gift, the fund was launched. "It really makes me feel good to help those who don't have the same [advantages] that many of us have," Rick said.

Rick received a number of letters of support for his nomination. In her letter, Barbara Lubran, President of the Estelle Gervis Charitable Foundation and Founder of the Jewish Youth Philanthropy Institute, wrote "Rick has and continues to make a significant impact in the community bettering people's lives and creating opportunities. He is well respected in the giving community and serves a very positive role model for area philanthropists, both young and old."

Daniel Solomon of the Naomi and Nehemiah Cohen Foundation added that "Rick has also taken a leadership role among the local grantmaking community. Rick does not view grantmaking as charity; rather, he invests in organizations to help them build their capacity and strengthen their impact."

Lori Kaplan, the Latin American Youth Center's Executive Director, who nominated Rick for the award, explained that "Rick has truly served with distinction, while always demonstrating humility, dedication and compassion for others. LAYC would not be where it is today were it not for his commitment over the years. While no one is counting, I am sure that Rick's volunteer hours are now well into the thousands. He loves hearing from the young people themselves about the difference LAYC has made in their lives. This is his reward." Rick's award earned the Latin American Youth Center a reward in the form of a \$10,000 donation in recognition of Rick's efforts.



Rick England, Jr. with Suzanne Siracuse, Publisher of *InvestmentNews* and Bob Noelle, Director of the Private Wealth Group, Lord Abbett & Co.

Rick's colleagues at Madison share Lori's enthusiasm when she says "Rick is truly an amazing person and most deserving of this award and recognition. Rick's low-key and quiet but extremely effective demeanor is central to his success. He demonstrates calm wisdom and consistent clarity of thought, along with a relentless desire to meet our goals no matter how long it takes." This same approach carries over to the work Rick performs with our clients at Madison. Congratulations to Rick! We are very proud of you.

To learn more about the Latin American Youth Center or how to make a gift yourself, please contact Rick at (301) 657-7637 or visit [www.layc-dc.org](http://www.layc-dc.org)