



**EMERGE  
BROWARD**



# 2025

## YEAR IN REVIEW



# Our Mission

Emerge Broward is an independent 501(c)3 organization specifically designed to meet the unique needs of young professionals aged 21-35 in the community by promoting leadership and personal development through networking, community involvement, and educational opportunities.

To identify the emerging leaders and young professionals of Broward County, connect them with each other and current leaders in the community, develop their ability to serve as community trustees, and engage them within the community.



# Our Vision

To be the leading organization for young professionals dedicated to maximizing the impact on our community by:

- Promoting personal, professional, and leadership development
  - Fostering a strong, engaged community network
- Facilitating personal connections and professional partnerships
  - Serving as a catalyst for economic growth



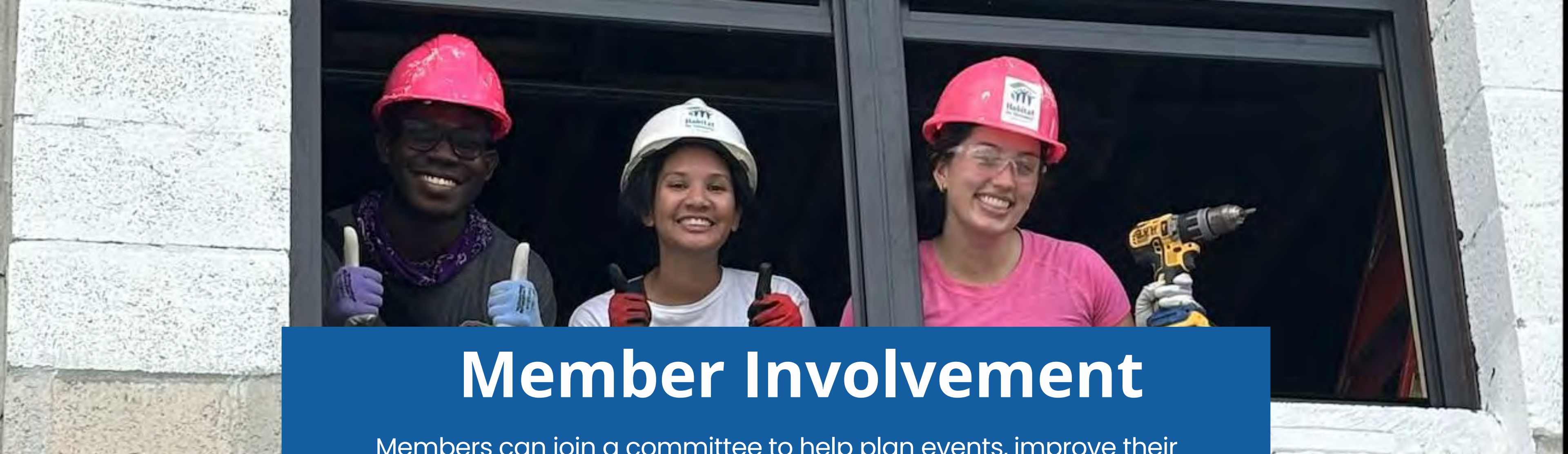
# 2025 Overview

350+ Members

74 events total this year

Over 1,500 total event participants

Through community engagement events, over 130 young professionals have contributed more than 5,000 hours of service



# Member Involvement

Members can join a committee to help plan events, improve their leadership skills, and build new relationships!

## Identify

Meet and Greet socials and recruitment events

## Connect

Unique social events for members

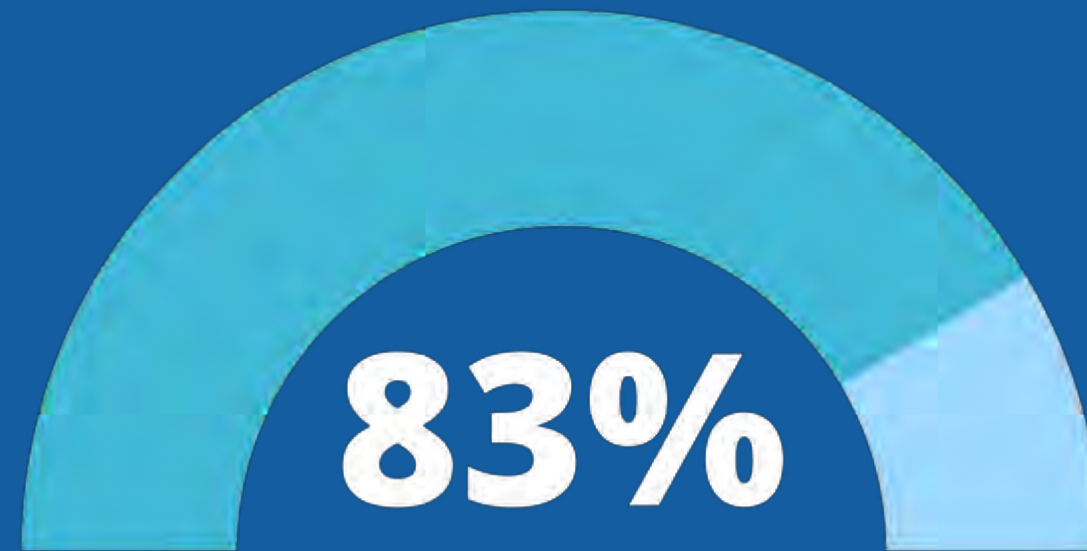
## Develop

Personal and professional development experiences

## Engage

Community engagement activities

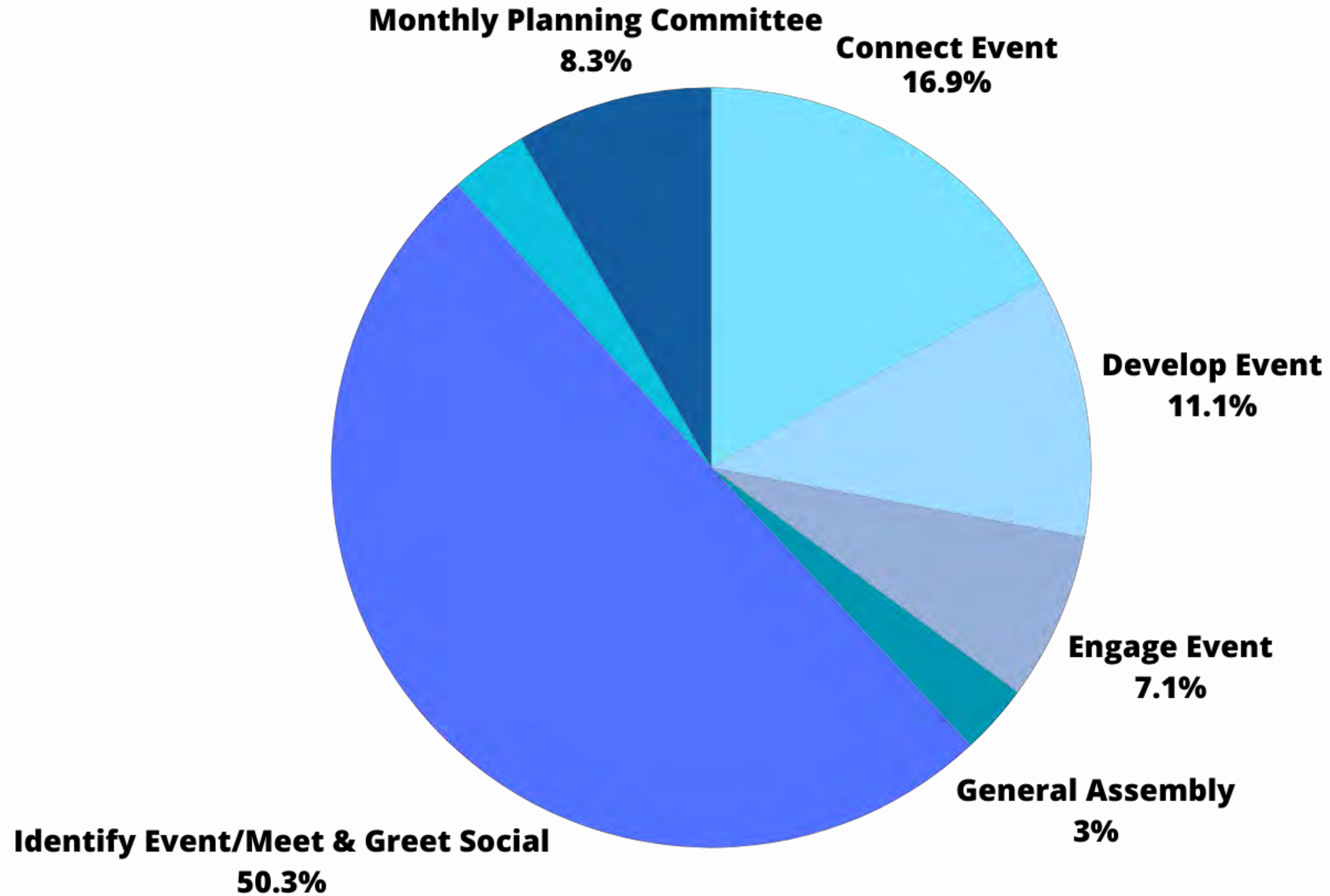
# Membership Engagement Report



■ 186 Members Engaged

■ 54 Members Not Engaged

# How Are Our Members Engaged?



# Event Highlights

## Identify

- Monthly Meet & Greet Socials
  - Nube Rooftop
  - Livia Bar & Grill
- Block 40 in Hollywood
  - The Fitz Bar
- Fords Garage in Plantation
  - Rooftop IWLO
- Baoshi Food Hall in Pembroke Pines
  - Escape Rooftop Bar
  - Patio Bar & Pizza
- Chima Steakhouse
  - Bodega
- American Social
- Batch Kitchen
- Laudy Bar

## Connect

- Wine Tasting
- Karaoke Night
- Beach Billiards Ugly Christmas Sweater Party
- Self-Defense with Krav Maga
  - EB at the Miami Open
- Saddle Up Sundays at the Wharf
  - EB Movie Night in the Park
  - Ice-a-Palooza
- EB's Pickleball Takeover at the Fort
  - Tarpon River Trivia Night
  - Gulf Stream Distillery & Brewery Tour
- Inter Miami CD Matchday

## Develop

- Resources for First-Time Home Buyers
- How to Plan an EB Event
- Public Speaking Workshop with Dr. Ralph Hughes
- Develop over Drinks with Scott Lesnick
- Where to Share Your Content
- Navigating Employment Law: What Every Young Professional Should Know
- Finance Your Future with Northwester Mutual
- Burnout Recovery for Young Professionals

## Engage

- Coastal Cleanup
- Dunn's Run with Boys & Girls Club
  - Thanksgiving Basket Brigade with CDTC
- Challenge Air Fly Day
- Team Build with Habitat for Humanity
- Volunteering with Life Net 4 Families
  - Handy Field Day: Carnival Edition
  - Walk like Madd 5k
  - Feeding South Florida
- Ice Cream & Karaoke with SOS Children's Village

# IDENTIFY

The Identify Committee is responsible for membership recruitment and retention. This includes promoting Emerge Broward in the community, hosting quarterly Meet and Greet socials, hosting additional membership cultivation events, conducting ongoing outreach to targeted groups and businesses, and coordinating membership renewals.

**11 EVENTS HOSTED THIS YEAR**

The Fitz



**Batch New  
Southern  
Kitchen & Tap**



**Ford's Garage**



**Escape Rooftop**



Laudy Bar



# Patio Bar & Pizza



**Brew it Cafe**



**Bodega**



# American Social





# Chima Steakhouse

**Baoshi Food  
Hall & Bar**



**The Rooftop @  
IWLO**



# CONNECT

The Connect Committee plans and implements regularly scheduled events for members that provide fun and interactive social experiences and meaningful networking opportunities with a unique learning component.

**20 EVENTS HOSTED THIS YEAR**

# Self Defense with Krav Maga





## Holiday Party & Classroom Adoption

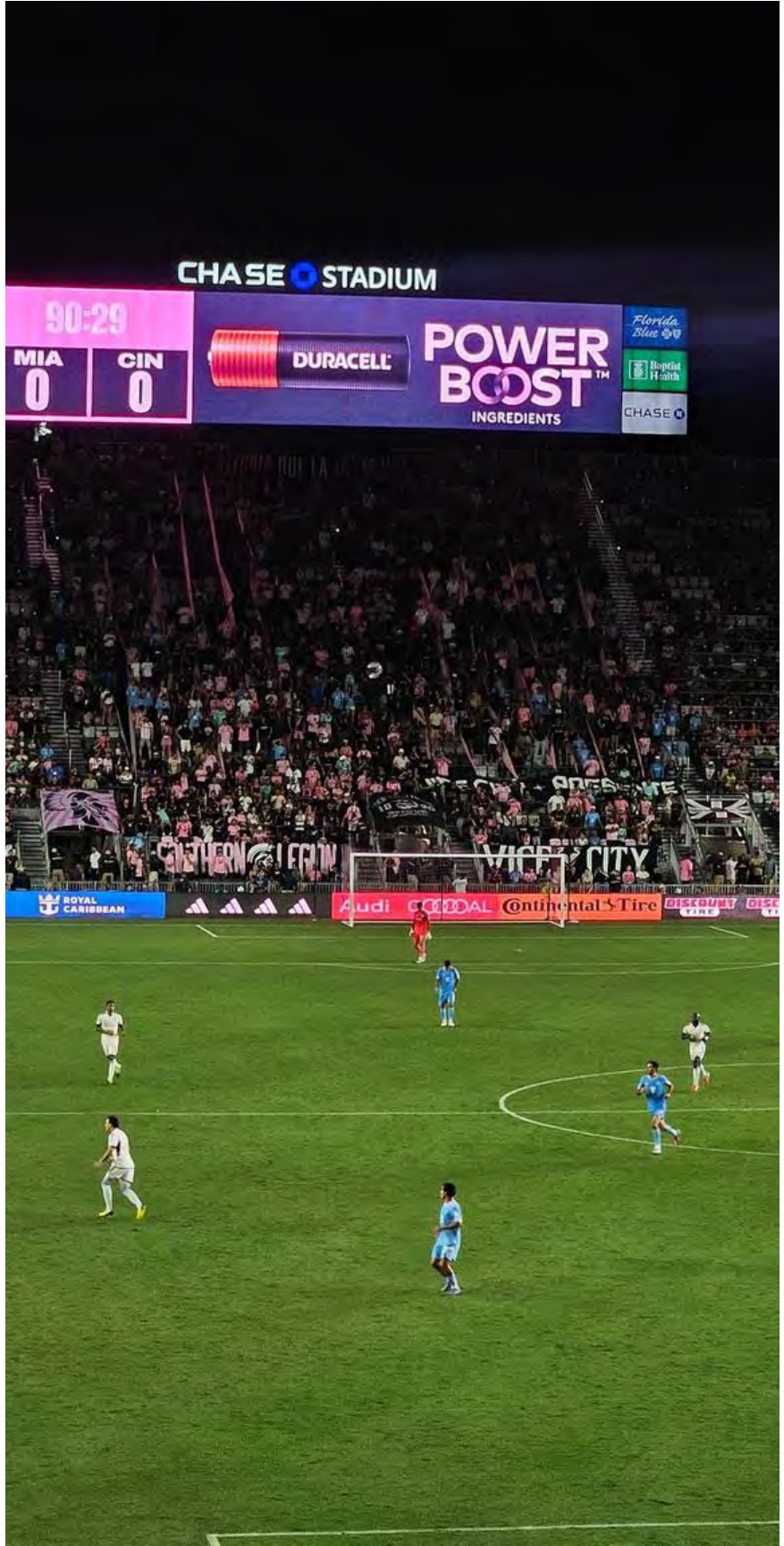
**We Run  
Pompano:  
Pier to Beer Run**



**Saddle Up  
Sundays at The  
Wharf**



# Inter Miami CF Matchday Experience



# EB's Pickleball Takeover at The Fort



**Pasta Making  
Class at  
Scolapasta**



**Gulf Stream  
Distillery &  
Brewery Tour,  
Tasting, and  
Music Bingo**





**EB Takes on  
Tarpon River  
Trivia**

**Emerge Beach  
Workout w/  
MADabolic**



**Movie Night in  
The Park**



**Opening  
Weekend at the  
Miami Open**



# DEVELOP

The Develop Committee provides on-going, quality educational opportunities that target the development of skills and knowledge necessary to achieve personal and professional excellence.

**10 EVENTS HOSTED THIS YEAR**

**Finance Your  
Future with  
Northwestern  
Mutual**





**Meet the Author:  
From an Idea  
to a Book**

# Pivoting Careers with Purpose



**Where to Share  
Your Content: A  
Strategic Guide**



**Navigating  
Employment  
Law: What  
Every Young  
Professional  
Should Know**



# How to Plan an EB Event



**Develop over  
Drinks**



# General Assembly





**Monthly  
Planning  
Committee  
Meetings**

# Leadership Launch



# ENGAGE

The Engage Committee provides members access to charitable and/or community based organizations throughout Broward County in an effort to build community trusteeship and improve the quality of life for our community.

**13 EVENTS HOSTED THIS YEAR**

**Challenge Air  
Fly Day**



**Walk like  
Madd 5k**



# SOS Children's Village Ice Cream & Karaoke Party



**Emerge x Handy  
Field Day:  
Carnival Edition**



# Volunteer with Emerge Broward at Feeding South Florida



# Team Build with Habitat for Humanity & Emerge Broward



# International Coastal Cleanup with EB



# Volunteering with Ann Storck Center



# International Coastal Cleanup with EB



# PUBLIC RELATIONS

The PR Committee develops and implements strategies focused on promoting the organization in the community, advertising upcoming opportunities, and recognizing members.



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Andrew Caksackkar



Avesta Shaygannik



John Xanthos



Ian Thurston



Janice James



Maggie Gunther



Nicole Almeida



Prahasi Kacham



Lesli Franco



Kaya Suarez



Chase Kulp



Shawn Oden



Kaya Suarez



Daniel Mazloum



Ilene Rothman

# THANK YOU TO THE 2025 LEADERSHIP TEAM

## LEADERSHIP TEAM CO-CHAIRS



Ilene Rothman

## IDENTIFY CO-CHAIRS



Edner Geffrard

## CONNECT CO-CHAIRS



Greg Connor

## DEVELOP CO-CHAIRS



Aziza Mustafa

## ENGAGE CO-CHAIRS



Nathan Tache

## PUBLIC RELATIONS CO-CHAIRS



Grant Blackburn



Daniel Mazloum



Jessica Morales



John Gilbert



Alexander Bailey



Justin Friedland



Jennifer De La Cruz



Luckson Abraham



Calvin Antonetty



Brent Mattocks



Adara Adams



Sarah Brodsky



Nicole Anderson



# Board Engagement

Board Engagement is a signature program of Emerge Broward that provides insight and experience in nonprofit board service

Open only to Emerge Broward members, the purpose of the Board Engagement program is to provide community-minded young professionals the opportunity to serve on a local nonprofit Board of Directors

As part of the program, participants will receive training regarding the role of a board member, the basics of nonprofit governance, and best practices in board service.

# Congratulations to our 2025 Board Engagement Participants



**Luckson Abraham**

Second Chance Society, Inc.



**Sarah Brodsky**

Ann Storck Center



**Emmanuella Jean-Jacques**

Children's Harbor, Inc.



**Jordan Montgomery**

Stonewall National Museum,  
Archives, & Library



**Brady Alexander**

Historic Stranahan House  
Museum



**Tuere Daniels**

INNATA



**Ashley Kozich**

Women in Distress of  
Broward County, Inc.



**Janeil Morgan**

Take Stock in Children of  
Broward County, Inc.



**Nicole Almeida**

Boys & Girls Clubs of  
Broward County



**Angelo J. Gasparri**

Equine-Assisted Therapies of  
South Florida



**Hannah Leahy**

New City Players



**Yasha Riley**

Second Chance Society, Inc.



**Christina Appadoo**

Take Stock in Children of  
Broward County, Inc



**Melissa Hyman**

First Call for Help of Broward, Inc.  
211 Broward



**Daniel Mazloum**

Boys & Girls Clubs of  
Broward County



**Michael Sommer**

Voices for Children of  
Broward County



**Kaitlin Berry**

The Broward Public  
Library Foundation



**Dr. Egheosa  
Igbinoba**

Glamatically Correct, Inc.



**Casey McNamee**

The Pride Center at  
Equality Park



**Eric Winn**

Seraphic Fire, Inc.



**Jessica Branston**

Equine-Assisted Therapies of  
South Florida



**Janice James**

Neighbors4Neighbors



**Marica Mitchell**

Dream in Green



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