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Statewide Recognition for South Florida Youth Christopher Page's Literary Advocacy
Page recognized as the 2025 Youth Advocate Recipient for his
dedication to improving childhood literacy

**TALLAHASSEE**, **FL** – **March 27**, **2025** – Christopher Page has been honored with the 2025 Youth Advocate Award by Children's Week Florida<sup>™</sup> for his efforts to enhance childhood literacy. This distinguished award celebrates young leaders who have made a significant impact on the lives of children, particularly through educational initiatives and advocacy.

Page, the president of Page by Page, a youth-led literacy organization, has worked tirelessly to provide books and educational resources to children in underserved communities, helping to ensure that every child has access to the tools necessary for academic success.

The Miami teen's commitment to childhood literacy stems from his personal experiences growing up in a community where books were scarce. Motivated by the challenges he faced, he spearheaded multiple projects for Page by Page, including book drives and pop-ups, virtual libraries and encouraging a love of reading among children who otherwise would have limited access to educational resources. Through this initiative, Christopher has impacted over 30,000 children annually, giving them the opportunity to develop literacy skills and achieve academic success.

This recognition is particularly meaningful as it highlights a family tradition of service. Christopher's sister, Lauren Page, was a past recipient of the Youth Advocate Award in 2022, further cementing the Page family's longstanding dedication to supporting children's education.

"Christopher's dedication to childhood literacy is truly inspiring," said Erin Smeltzer, President and CEO of the Children's Forum. "We know books play a critical role in early education and child development. His innovative approach to overcoming these access barriers and his passion for helping children will leave a lasting impact on countless communities."



The Youth Advocate Award will be presented at the Annual Children's Week Florida Advocacy Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Monday, April 14, where state leaders, policymakers and child advocates gather to celebrate those shaping the future for Florida's youth.

For more information about Children's Week Florida<sup>™</sup>, please visit <u>childrensweek.org</u> or call 850-487-6300.

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