

Bernadette Schultz, CEO of Grace's Way Recovery

Ms. M. Bernadette Schultz, better known as Bernie, is the CEO of Grace's Way Recovery, located right here in West Palm Beach where she is fortunate to work with her son David (also her business partner) as well as her nephew William - both of whom are in recovery from addiction. Bernie grew up in the Washington DC area and since her youth has travelled between West Palm Beach and the Washington DC area with her family. Bernie is also a proud mother of two sons David and John. She was lucky enough to have married her high school sweetheart Eric Schultz (her biggest cheerleader), a former Combat Helicopter Pilot and her husband of over 33 years.

Prior to joining the addiction treatment field she was the proud owner and operator of Bernie Schultz Realty Inc., which has been in business for over 22 years. Her company was best known for real estate acquisition, development, construction, joint venture, management and sales in the Greater Washington DC area. Bernie Schultz Realty was the first woman-owned New Home Market Business in the Washington DC area. Hers was the first woman-owned building company to win a Custom Home Builders award through the Maryland National Capital Building Industry and she was also awarded *Women's Advocate of the Year* from the Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce. Among her several other awards and accomplishments in the local DC/Maryland area, Bernie has also been a nationally recognized motivational speaker, focusing on self-improvement and empowerment.

Given that Bernie's passion has always been to bring people together and build communities that help foster strong social bonds, her transition into the addiction treatment field seemed a perfect fit. She and her son David began a passion project four years ago and today proudly soldier forward in their labor of love – a drug and alcohol treatment program committed to helping not only addicted individuals but also their families ravaged by addiction. Despite having been the recipient of several prestigious awards and accolades over her career, Bernie often says, she is blessed and that none compares to the gratitude she feels for the opportunity to do what she does, working with her family by her side. Bernie's passion to help heal families from the wounds of addiction is unwavering, as is the family's unrivaled commitment and dedication which is born from deep-rooted personal experience. Her favorite quote is from her mother who spent her career as a Relocation Specialist with the Department of Defense and with the Wounded Warriors at Walter Reed Medical Center; she always says: "Turn your scars into stars."