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Recognizing Dottie Berger MacKinnon

It's often said that Tampa lacks the private-sector leadership of yesteryear, when a handful of businessmen could make things happen over lunch at the University Club.

But if you look closely, bright lights have surfaced in private leadership, and no one better exemplifies this new era than Dottie Berger MacKinnon, who last week was awarded the Parke Wright III Award for outstanding service and dedication to the Tampa Bay region. The award is given by Leadership Tampa Alumni.

Berger MacKinnon is a former Hillsborough County commissioner who since leaving public office has never walked away from an opportunity to continue helping her community.

She may be best-known for helping

found Joshua House, a nonprofit group home for abused and neglected children,



but she's also on the board of Tampa General Hospital and works with many organizations, including the Florida Health Sciences Center and the Environmental Protection Commission. Recently she started Kids Charity of Tampa Bay to

raise money for needy kids.

And she is helping to raise money for a referendum to let voters decide if they want a county mayor.

A smart, thoughtful woman, Berger MacKinnon is a part of the connective tissue that makes Tampa a great community. We're lucky she's here.