

## **Laura Aker Bio**

Young Professionals for Covenant House Board President 2007-present  
Covenant House Florida Young Professional of the Year 2007  
Miami's 50 Savviest Singles 2007 Winner

Laura Aker grew up in Michigan and was educated at Southwestern Michigan College, where she received an Associates of Applied Science in Medical Office Administration, and at Grand Valley State University, where she received a Bachelor and Masters Degree in Public Administration. She also spent a semester abroad at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia, studying Urban Planning in Australian Growth and Development and International Comparative Administration.

After college, Ms. Aker became licensed as a Nursing Home Administrator and spent time working in health care administration, ultimately deciding to move to the warmer climate of Fort Lauderdale. Since then, Laura has pursued a career in public service. From the fall of 2003 through July 2006, Ms. Aker was employed as a Budget and Management Analyst for the Broward County Office of Management and Budget. Beginning in July 2006, Ms. Aker is a Senior Business Management Analyst for the Broward County Clerk of Courts.

A natural leader with a charismatic presence, Ms. Aker took on the role of President of the Young Professionals for Covenant House in July of 2007. Her main goal is to increase membership and community awareness of Covenant House Florida through different and unique approaches, such as more activities, sports tournaments, etc. In addition, Ms. Aker is also a weekly volunteer tutor at Covenant House Florida with the GED program.

Ms. Aker is a recognized leader in the young professional community in South Florida. In addition to serving on the Covenant House Florida Board and as the President of Young Professionals for Covenant House, Laura was honored as one of Miami's 50 Savviest Singles in 2007 for her community involvement and as Young Professional of the Year in 2007.

Ms. Aker enjoys sports, especially scuba diving, and is an active participant on a co-ed softball team and volleyball league in addition to participating in and supporting other charity social groups in Ft. Lauderdale such as Pet Set, Junior Achievement and Cystic Fibrosis Society.