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DEAR FRIENDS:

It has been a whole year since our President signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and many of the reforms have already begun to help the members of our community. Our hospitals, doctors and health plans are working toward implementation even as those in Washington and Tallahassee continue to debate the merits of some provisions. During this legislative session the state is facing massive budget cuts and intense political drama which will no doubt be felt by providers and patients alike. In the midst of the conundrum and with a great deal of controversy, we’ve witnessed first-hand the impact a downturn in the economy can have on our own Jackson Health System. Beyond all the distractions however, they have provided the people of South Florida more than a half billion dollars of charity care. In addition the community’s other hospitals continue to contribute close to an additional billion in uncompensated care. Today we acknowledge the efforts and initiatives of the South Florida Healthcare community and the affiliated organizations that take part in these efforts.

Although our abundance of outstanding health and medical services are of great pride to South Florida, the area is not without its challenges. We remain one of the highest priced healthcare markets. We are the nation’s undisputed capitol of Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse. Doctors continue to practice overly defensive medicine while avoiding the high cost of liability insurance. And our health status indicators continue to show disparities of access to some services. The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and its Healthcare Committee continue to collaborate with business and community leaders to promote and protect a “healthy” South Florida. One special role we have played for the past several years is recognition of professionals, volunteers and organizations that make heroic contributions to that goal.

The number of nominees for this year’s Health Care Heroes® Awards is a testament to the fact that every day in every way people and programs are having a significant impact on, and contributing to, our community and solving our problems. Today, it is with great pleasure that we salute the nominees, finalists and recipients of this year’s awards. What is so important about these Heroes is that they don’t just do their jobs exceptionally well; what they do is above and beyond the expectations of their job. Their selfless dedication to improving access to quality affordable health care, as well as their commitment to advocating for the well being of the people of our community, is to be commended. We know the community joins with us in expressing gratitude and best wishes to all of you for all you do for the people of our community.

Sincerely,
Linda S. Quick, Chair, Healthcare Committee

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To: Health Care Hero Winners & Nominees
From: More than 800,000 adults age 60 and over in South Florida
Subject: Congratulations and thank you

During Older Americans Month, we wanted to thank you for making a positive impact on health for residents in Miami-Dade County. We, and all residents, are able to live longer, healthier and more engaged lives thanks to your efforts as health care heroes. And of course, we have a special salute to nominee Health Foundation of South Florida and their Healthy Aging Regional Collaborative.

More than 14,000 older adults in Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties have participated in programs offered by the Collaborative that have been proven to be effective in reducing the fear and risk of falling, increasing physical activity levels and managing chronic conditions. And when we are active and involved in our communities, everyone benefits.

Thank you again. Together, we all have a vital role in ensuring a vibrant and healthy community.

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**AXA ADVISORS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT**

**James Roderick Jude, M.D.**
Co-Inventor, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)  
Retired, Cardiac and Thoracic Surgeon

In this 50th year anniversary recognition of the development of what is today’s modern CPR, it is most fitting that James R. Jude, M.D., be awarded the AXA Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award, as he is one of the three individuals that is credited with its development. Over the past 50 years, CPR is estimated to have saved 2 million people worldwide and that amounts to thousands of people in south Florida.

Over his lifetime, Dr. Jude served in the Naval Reserve, as well as the U.S. Public Health Service Reserve Corps. While at Johns Hopkins, he also spent two years in the Public Health Service with the National Institutes of Health. It was also during his time at Johns Hopkins that he along with two others discovered modern CPR.

Dr. Jude came to Miami from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine to become professor of surgery and chief of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery at the University of Miami School of Medicine and Jackson Memorial Hospital in 1964. During his time at the University of Miami School of Medicine and continuing afterward, he volunteered for the Sir Victor Sassoon Heart Foundation, setting up a clinic to diagnose and operate on indigent children and adults. He also volunteered as president of the American Heart Association in Miami, during which time he started Walk for Your Heart and Healthy Eating with Women for Heart. After Hurricane Andrew, he volunteered his medical services in Homestead.

Dr. Jude established the open heart program at Mercy Hospital, operating on adults and children. He also served as chief of cardiovascular services.

Additionally, Dr. Jude established cardiovascular services at St. Francis Hospital by opening the cardiac cath lab and building an entire floor for cardiac care. He also served as chief of cardiovascular services.

Dr. Jude has committed his lifetime to the medical field, making a tremendous impact in healthcare and people’s lives, especially in south Florida.

**HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS**

**G. Patricia Cantwell, M.D.**
Director, Division of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine  
Holtz Children's Hospital  
Professor, Clinical Pediatrics,  
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

As the director of the Division of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at Holtz Children’s Hospital, Dr. Cantwell cares for some of the sickest children in south Florida. She not only helps to nurse many back to health through months or years of recovery, but also helps to ease the pain of those who may never fully recover. When one patient was too ill to leave his hospital room to celebrate his birthday after five months of treatment, for example, Dr. Cantwell brought live fish and bait in large coolers to the patient’s room so that he could cast a reel from his hospital bed. She also arranges for hospitalized children to visit the Miami Seaquarium to give them the chance to just be kids and not patients for a few hours. Dr. Cantwell has championed Holtz’s palliative care practices and been involved with TiLLi kids, an organization that aims to maximize the overall quality of life for children with terminal illnesses.

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**Ronald DeMeeo, M.D., and**  
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HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Dr. Jose J. Centurion  
Cardiologist  
Mercy Hospital

Dr. Centurion has been a member of Mercy Hospital’s medical staff for more than 20 years. As a member of the Order of Malta, he provides care to poor and sick individuals globally, making at least six trips each year to the Dominican Republic treating patients in a mountainside hospital that he helped build in 2001. He also orchestrates and accompanies teams of doctors on medical trips to Haiti and routinely visits impoverished communities in Lourdes, France, treating illnesses and delivering medical care. In Florida, Dr. Centurion has served as a volunteer and board member with Camillus House and has bolstered and expanded efforts of the St. John Bosco Clinic (SJBC) in East Little Havana, which facilitates free medical care for thousands of homeless, uninsured and underprivileged adults and children. Dr. Centurion also orchestrates annual health fairs at SJBC and St. Ann’s Mission Catholic Church in Naranja, offering education and medical services to those in need. At St. Ann’s, Dr. Centurion has been the driving force behind the recent creation of a dental clinic for impoverished children which now treats between 10 and 15 patients free of charge each week.

John A. Rock, M.D.  
Founding Dean & Sr. Vice President for Medical Affairs  
Florida International University, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

As the guiding force behind the creation and development of the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Dr. Rock has effectively imparted his vision for community-based care, creating a novel approach to medical education that will undeniably shape the future of medical education in the United States. Through the Medicine and Society curriculum, students participate in the NeighborhoodHELP program, working with individuals in specific households not just to provide diagnoses, but to look at many of the health and social factors in their patients’ lives. As the only medical school program that lets students track patients and households in underserved communities over the course of their medical educations, this curriculum trains them to work with households to identify health care needs and bridge gaps in services by serving as both doctor and advocate. In addition to providing a source of free preventative care for needy families, reducing emergency room visits and improving health literacy for patients, this program also ties students into the local community with the hopes of keeping them in the area after graduation, the economic value of which is estimated to be in the millions of dollars.

VITAS applauds the Health Care Heroes, especially our own Claudine Brutus, LPN

Thank you, Claudine, for your dedication and passion for quality end-of-life care and the many patients and families we serve.

What’s more, your missions to provide much needed medical care to earthquake victims in Haiti - at your own expense - demonstrates the depth of your compassion. We salute you!

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LEADING US INTO THE FUTURE

Congratulations to Dr. John Rock and Dr. Anuradha Godavarty on their selection as finalists for the 2011 Health Care Heroes Awards.

As Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs of the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Dr. Rock’s leadership has created a new paradigm in medical education in this country.

As a Professor in the College of Engineering and Computer Science’s Department of Biomedical Engineering, Dr. Godavarty and her team of student researchers have invented a hand-held, 3-D imaging device that may one day aid in the detection of breast cancer.

Their passion for people and doing good in this world reflect the very best of the FIU spirit.

We salute them for their Worlds Ahead commitment to our community!
Claudine Brutus, LPN
VITAS Innovative Hospice Care

Claudine Brutus was born and raised in South Florida but has many family members in Haiti. As a hospice LPN at VITAS Innovative Hospice Care, she learned of Project Medishare of Haiti, which is dedicated to sharing its human and technical resources with its Haitian partners. After the devastating earthquake in January, Ms. Brutus volunteered her services to the organization.

During her first visit to Haiti, she was assigned to a pediatric area set up in the open air, where she delivered a baby alone on her first day with no experience. This later led to daily deliveries, including a set of twins. Because medications and wound care supplies would often run out and treatments continually had to be altered, Ms. Brutus became very creative at devising ways to hang IVs.

On her second stint in April, Ms. Brutus stayed another week, working 12-hour nights tending to adults who needed medical care. Through her actions, dedication and extraordinary efforts following the Haitian earthquake, she continues to inspire other nurses at VITAS.

“Claudine's efforts were truly heroic in the face of such devastating events. Her contribution to the Haitian people is invaluable, both here in Miami as well as in Haiti. Though only one human being, she made a tremendous impact collectively with other volunteers.”

Patty Perry, RN
Patient Care Administrator
VITAS Innovative Hospice Care

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Dr. Rock today is honored as a Health Care Heroes finalist by the Greater Miami Chamber. In addition to his many other accomplishments, his guidance and experience are an indispensable part of the partnership between Florida International University and the new West Kendall Baptist Hospital.

We congratulate Dr. Rock for having received such a prestigious honor and are proud he is part of the Baptist Health family.

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**Ann-Lynn Denker, Ph.D., A.R.N.P.**
Director, Center for Nursing Excellence
Jackson Health System

Ann Lynn Denker has worked at Jackson Health Systems since 1974, a hospital that serves the needs of many medically indigent and underserved people in the Miami area. As a pediatric clinical nurse specialist, Dr. Denker was in the forefront of areas in pediatric cardiology and pediatric AIDS, and later had an influence on the provision of nursing services throughout the entire health system as the director of the Center for Nursing Excellence. A self-proclaimed “political junkie,” Dr. Denker volunteers her time on local, state and national campaigns and supports candidates that she feels will advocate for the health care needs of individuals. She has served on the American Nurses Association Political Action Committee and the Florida Nurses Association Political Action Committee. Passionate about helping the community, Dr. Denker has served as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, the Guardian Ad Litem program and the Human Services Coalition of Dade County. She also served as a nurse practitioner on a medical mission to Ethiopia. Committed to nursing excellence on all levels, Dr. Denker has served several times on the board of the Florida Nurses Association and currently serves on the Florida Board of Nursing.

**Marc A. Buoniconti**
President
The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis / University of Miami Health System
The Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis

The son of former Miami Dolphin Nick Buoniconti, Marc Buoniconti serves as the president of The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis and The Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis, the Miami Project’s fundraising arm. Although he has always been the face of both organizations, Mr. Buoniconti has never been paid for his contributions. His solitary motivation is to help those suffering from spinal cord injuries (SCI) regain the sensation and function that he himself lost 15 years after suffering a football accident. After a long, agonizing recovery, including seven months on a ventilator, Mr. Buoniconti mastered the breath-controlled wheelchair that provides his only mobility. He committed his remaining energy to raising funds for The Miami Project’s revolutionary strategy; to gather in one institution the finest minds in neuroscience and launch an all-out assault on SCI. With the completion of the Lois Pope Life Center in 2000, the Miami Project was finally housed under one roof, promoting increased collaboration between scientific and clinical researchers working to find a cure for paralysis. As president of The Buoniconti Fund, Mr. Buoniconti has served as a catalyst to raise more than $300 million for The Miami Project.

**Peter Gutierrez, M.D., MMS, PA-C**
Dean, School of Health Sciences
Miami Dade College
Medical Center Campus

Dr. Peter Gutierrez served as the pivotal point person in the establishment of the Miami Rescue Mission Health Clinic which opened its doors in August of 2009. Since its opening, the clinic has helped 5,500 underserved and homeless individuals. In addition to hiring and oversight of the clinical staff, Dr. Gutierrez has personally volunteered nearly 2,000 hours since 2008 to advance the clinic and its operations, overseeing the volunteer program, assisting in getting licensing for the clinic from the state and helping to raise nearly $50,000 in funds. In addition, Dr. Gutierrez has worked within the health care community to provide volunteer doctors, nurses, students, medical laboratories, funding, medications and more, serving not just as a “walking, breathing ambassador” for the Miami Health Clinic, but also for the Miami Dade College Medical Center campus. Because of the clinic’s success, the Miami Rescue Mission has been able to duplicate the clinic in its North Broward Center for the Homeless, and plans are now in place to open another clinic in the Hollywood Center for the Homeless, providing free care to thousands of men, women and children.

**Kate Callahan, BSN, MPA, Ph.D.**
Associate Professor, University of Miami School of Nursing
Partner, The Huntington Consulting Group
Adjunct Professor of Ethics, Barry University

As a nurse for over 38 years, Dr. Callahan is dedicated to the service of others. Moving to Miami four days after Hurricane Andrew, she and her husband, who were set to participate in the Hawaiian Ironman Triathlon, obtained sponsors to pay them for every mile they completed – raising $5,000 for hurricane relief. During that time, Dr. Callahan would also drive down to Homestead to aid hurricane victims. That same year, Dr. Callahan began volunteering for Camillus Health Concern, where she still volunteers her time. At Camillus, Dr. Callahan was instrumental in designing and implementing a preventive disease education program for street and shelter use and implementing several multicultural collaborative community projects for HIV/AIDS/TB/STD prevention and homeless assistance. After Hurricane Katrina, Dr. Callahan volunteered to work in Mississippi, helping to care for more than 1,500 victims, and she presently volunteers one day a week as a staff nurse at the Camillus Health Concern. In addition to her service on numerous boards and forums, Dr. Callahan is also a noted speaker on end-of-life care and is the coauthor of the nationally acclaimed FIVE Wishes Advance Directive document.

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for those not receiving diversion and reentry assistance. Twenty-five percent, compared to a rate of 75 percent or higher among program participants has held steady at 15 to 20 percent, compared to a national average of 37 percent. The organization is committed to working to end the AIDS epidemic through prevention, research and advocacy; providing the finest medical care; partnering with organizations to ensure appropriate outreach and continuity of care; and advocating for the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS. In May of 2010, the AHF Magic Johnson Healthcare Center was opened on the campus of Jackson North Hospital in North Miami Beach and now serves approximately 570 clients; AHF recently announced that it will be opening a second facility in Miami Beach to serve more south Florida AIDS patients. Active in all 67 counties in Florida, AHF operates health care centers; pharmacies; a Public Health Division that provides free HIV and STD tests and treatment; a managed care organization for people with HIV; a disease management program providing services to Florida's HIV-positive Medicaid population; Out of the Closet Thrift Stores and advocacy programs—and no one is ever denied services because of an inability to pay.

Criminal Mental Health Project of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida

The Eleventh Judicial Criminal Mental Health Project (CMHP) was established in 2000 to divert individuals with serious mental illnesses or co-occurring serious mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders away from the criminal justice system and into housing, comprehensive community-based health care including behavioral health treatment, and support services. Individuals have the opportunity to achieve successful recovery resulting in reduced recidivism to jail and emergency room visits. The program works by improving access to health care, eliminating gaps in services and by forging productive, innovative relationships among all stakeholders who have an interest in the welfare and safety of one of the community’s most vulnerable populations. Its outcomes are impressive: 92 percent of the CMHP participants who apply for benefits using its best practice model SOAR (SSI/SSDI, Outreach, Access and Recovery) are approved on initial application, compared to a national average of 37 percent. CMHP’s post-booking jail diversion programs have facilitated more than 3,000 dispositions of defendants with mental illness from the county jail into community-based crisis stabilization, housing, treatment and support services. Recidivism to jail among misdemeanors program participants has held steady at 15 to 25 percent, compared to a rate of 75 percent or higher for those not receiving diversion and reentry assistance.

Health Foundation of South Florida (HFSF)

The Health Foundation of South Florida (HFSF) is a nonprofit grantmaking foundation committed to expanding access to affordable, quality health care for under- served individuals in Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties. By any measure, HFSF’s contributions are extraordinary. Since 1993, they have awarded more than $84 million in grants and program support, and currently support more than 100 initiatives. The number of individuals receiving critical care and services who would otherwise go without is in the millions. The programs they fund range from the support of blind babies whose parents lack insurance at the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, to the Senior Wellness Program at the Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center, to the support of Kristi House, which provides a healing environment for child victims of sexual abuse. The Foundation also supports academic programs, such as nursing scholarships at Florida International University and Miami Dade College and cervical cancer screening and mental health research at the University of Miami. Transcending geography and language, the Foundation also funds programs such as La Promesa, which extends health care to the Hispanic population of West Miami and an outreach and screening program at the Haitian American Association Against Cancer.

AIDS Healthcare Foundation

The AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) helps people with HIV live longer, healthier lives. For over 20 years, AHF has cared for more than 100,000 people with HIV and AIDS, and provided more than 36,000 free HIV tests in the last year alone. The organization is committed to working to end the AIDS epidemic through prevention, research and advocacy; providing the finest medical care; partnering with organizations to ensure appropriate outreach and continuity of care; and advocating for the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS. In May of 2010, the AHF Magic Johnson Healthcare Center was opened on the campus of Jackson North Hospital in North Miami Beach and now serves approximately 570 clients; AHF recently announced that it will be opening a second facility in Miami Beach to serve more south Florida AIDS patients. Active in all 67 counties in Florida, AHF operates health care centers; pharmacies; a Public Health Division that provides free HIV and STD tests and treatment; a managed care organization for people with HIV; disease management program providing services to Florida’s HIV-positive Medicaid population; Out of the Closet Thrift Stores and advocacy programs—and no one is ever denied services because of an inability to pay.
Ronald DeMeo, M.D., M.B.A.
Medical Director
Meridian Spine &
Interventional Pain Medicine

World-renowned surgeon, scientist, entrepreneur and inventor Ronald DeMeo is the scientific trailblazer behind Demron, manufactured by his company Radiation Shield Technologies (RST), a world leader in the development of technologies to protect against ionizing and nuclear radiation.

As a physician in the 1990s, Dr. DeMeo successfully invented this breakthrough technology after becoming concerned that nurses, doctors and technicians were being exposed to radiation on a daily basis. Dr. DeMeo later invented and secured 12 national and international patents for Demron, the world’s only fabric scientifically proven to offer total radiation protection.

The fabric is now used in numerous medical applications, as well as other patented personal protection systems for the military, first responders, health care providers, patients and others concerned about potential radiation exposure. More than 200 full-body nuclear radiation protection suits have been donated to aid power plant workers and rescue teams in Japan.

In the past 18 months, Dr. DeMeo has expanded the Demron-M and Demron-W products to include several new garments, including the Demron-P Bra prototype, designed to reduce the amount of ionizing radiation exposure from the outside environment from entering into breast tissue, essentially reducing the risk of breast cancer.

Anuradha Godavarty, Ph.D.
Associate Professor and Lead Researcher,
Department of Biomedical Engineering at the Optical Imaging Laboratory
Florida International University, College of Engineering and Computing

After a decade of focusing research efforts on breast imaging, Dr. Anuradha Godavarty and her team recently invented the first hand-held optical device capable of 3-D tumor detection, which is showing early promise in improving the diagnosis of breast cancer. Best used in conjunction with standard diagnostic imaging tools, the new device is non-invasive and portable, and the patient experiences no pain or discomfort from breast compressions. Since optical imaging tools are relatively inexpensive and portable, this innovative device also makes diagnostic testing more feasible and affordable for most patients. In the past year, Dr. Godavarty was recognized with a Career Award from the Wallace H. Coulter foundation, and in 2009, was recognized by Florida International University with the Top Scholars Recognition Award and the Kauffman Professor Award for Entrepreneurship.

Margaret A. Fischl, M.D., FACP
Professor of Medicine, Director, AIDS Clinical Research Unit
Associate Director, UM Developmental Center for AIDS Research
University of Miami Health System/
Miller School of Medicine

For the past 30 years, Dr. Margaret Fischl has made it her life mission to control the epidemic known as HIV/AIDS. As professor of medicine and director and principal investigator of the AIDS Clinical Research Unit at the University of Miami Health System, she has been involved in HIV/AIDS research since the beginning of her medical career. She was one of the first clinical scientists to describe the heterosexual transmission of HIV, specific manifestations of AIDS, and the presentation of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis in patients with HIV infection.

In addition, she has been a pioneer in anti-retroviral research and has led numerous studies dealing with HIV/AIDS and Kaposi’s Sarcoma, including the first studies evaluating AZT combination drug regimens and lower doses of nucleoside analogues for toxicity for HIV infected patients. She was the first physician to demonstrate that use of trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole in the prevention of HIV-related pneumocystis carinii pneumonia improved survival rates. One of the first to educate the public about the transmission of the HIV virus, in 1987, Dr. Fischl was instrumental in developing AZT, a breakthrough that provided the first effective antiviral medicine that stopped AIDS from killing nearly all of its victims.

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Co-Inventor, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
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We love you and are so proud of you!
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Dr. Godavarty’s determination to improve medicine and directly impact the health of women to help saves lives makes her a health care hero in our community.”

Olga Connor, Director
Office of Communication and Legislative Affairs
Miami-Dade County Health Department

Congratulations Dad!

E-mail your editorial submissions
to judy@hospitalnews.org
**YOUTH VOLUNTEER RECIPIENT**

**Diamond Sims**  
Student  
Miami Central Senior High School

Diamond Sims has shown outstanding resilience, determination, perseverance and tenacity to excel academically in spite of having a hurtful past and living in a toxic environment from a young age. Diamond is a senior at Miami Central who has worked diligently and consistently to excel academically, matriculating to a university to major in English and Literature. She holds a 4.5 GPA and ranks in the top 1 percent of her class. She volunteers with her grandmother working with at-risk and troubled students in grades one through six to help them understand and realize that they can achieve just like she has if given the opportunity, and has also participated in the Youth Violence Prevention Summit, the Shoe Drive for Haiti, and the Silver Knight/National Honors Society. As a result of her academic achievements and community service, Ms. Sims was selected to represent Miami Central as a 2010 Miami Herald Silver Knight nominee in the category of English and Literature. "Diamond comes from a very troubled background, where both parents have lost custody of her and her four siblings because of their inability to be parents. In order to turn this negative situation into something positive, she has surrounded herself with individuals who will empower and motivate her to achieve more; and that’s exactly what she has accomplished.”  

Stephanie Pitts  
College Advisor  
Miami Central Senior High School

**YOUTH VOLUNTEER SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**Maria A. Campos-Hernandez**  
Student  
Miami Springs Senior High School

Maria Campos-Hernandez has been at the top of her 11th grade honors classes all year, and is frequently among the top scoring students in her classes; her projects have been presented across the curriculum for the edification of others. At the beginning of the school year, Ms. Campos-Hernandez chose to make autism the focus of a school project, and asked Daniela Foley, the mother of a son with autism, if she could become a champion for her son, Kaden, and for Kaden’s Krusaders, the family’s Walk Now for Autism Speaks team. Ms. Campos-Hernandez taught herself about the disease and in doing so, raised awareness and donations of more than $500 for Autism Speaks. She galvanized a movement among her peers to walk at the annual Miami Walk Now for Autism Speaks, and has gone to great lengths to promote autism awareness and raise funds. She has participated at an Autism Awareness table at different venues, and organized fundraising activities at local grocery stores, including holding a car-wash with all proceeds going to Autism Speaks. It is because of Ms. Campos-Hernandez’s activities that Kaden’s Krusaders is the top fundraising team in Miami-Dade County to date. "Ms. Campos is a leader among her peers and is always the first to volunteer for any task. She can often be found on her own time volunteering for a variety of different causes, whether is it here at school or in the community at large.”  

Daniela Foley, Mother and Autism Advocate  
Kaden’s Krusaders

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