

## NANAY Celebrates 17<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary

Miami, Florida – Nov 22, 2011



Andre Pierre, Mayor of North Miami, presented a Proclamation honoring NANAY on the occasion of its 17th Anniversary Gala which was held at Signature Grand, Davie, Florida on November 4, 2011 by more than 200 guests. The highlight of the event was the Awards Ceremony honoring the following individuals and institution because of their dedicated community service.

Daniella Levine, Founder of Human Services Coalition of Dade County and Catalyst Miami, was honored as the Most Distinguished Pioneer for being on the cutting edge of service, for meeting the needs of families and communities through public education, advocacy and dialogue on critical social and economic issues, for creating a shared management infrastructure and efficiency among nonprofit organizations, and for exemplifying the true meaning of community service.



Lauren Book received the Most Distinguished Community Advocate Award for her advocacy in preventing childhood sexual abuse through awareness and education, for reinforcing the message, "It's OK to tell", for advocating child protection laws that prohibit sex offenders

from living within 2,500 feet of schools and playgrounds, for supporting legislative measures to eliminate time limits for filing criminal and civil cases for sex crimes involving children, and for establishing a funding mechanism for a state-wide network of treatment centers.

Best Buy was recognized as the Most Distinguished Corporate Partner for helping NANAY create a computer classroom environment where youth can access after-school educational programs; for installing new technology throughout the NANAY Center that facilitates group learning; and for creating a public/private partnership that empowers our elders and youth through advanced computer technology.

Two health professionals, Marlene (Pinky) Chance and Marites Dalmacio, were honored for their many years of unwavering support and untiring voluntary service to provide health promotion, health support and health education to the community through NANAY, for faithfully carrying out NANAY's mission of improving the life of elders, and for exemplifying the true meaning of service to the community.

Ernesto Ramos, Sang Whang and Dennis Murasaki were honored posthumously for many years of unselfish dedication to the community, for serving as Governing Board member of NANAY during its formative years, and for his unwavering support to promote NANAY's mission of serving the elders and youth during their lifetime.

Dr. Joy Bruce, Founding President of NANAY, recounted the hardships and challenges faced by organization in raising funds and providing community service, thanked the sponsors and donors for the supporting NANAY's Capital Campaign and building renovation, and presented the staff members, executive officers and members of the Governing Board for enabling NANAY to serve the community.



A silent auction was also held as part of NANAY's fundraising program.

The Gala night allowed NANAY's guests to learn and understand the value of community service. It was, indeed, an evening well spent.

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