

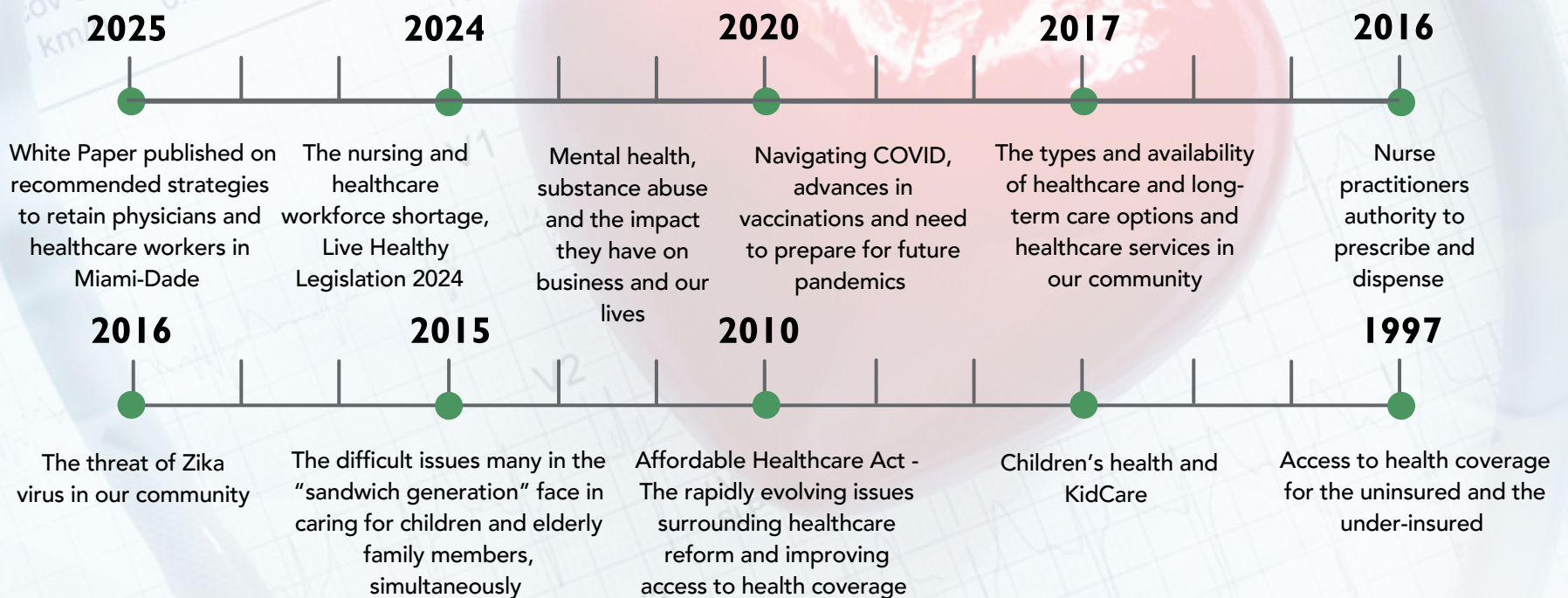


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The Healthcare Committee helps empower Chamber members to provide the most appropriate health and wellness programs for their employees; supports community efforts to build healthcare programs necessary to improve the local workforce; and advance policy and legislation necessary to improve South Florida’s position as a world-class place to live, work, and play.

Through advocacy, educational programming, outreach, and how-to guides for small businesses, the Healthcare Committee has advanced:



We are looking forward to many more years delivering value to our members and the Community of South Florida.

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Eneida O. Roldan, MD, MPH, MBA
Executive Dean, College of Health Professions and Medical Sciences
Barry University



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Evelyn Terrell, OTD, MSHA, OTR/L, FACHE
Associate Vice President,
Strategy and Network Services
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PAST COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Bryan Stewart 2021-2023
Cliff J. Bauer 2019-2021
Matthew I. Pinzur 2017-2019
Stephen Siegel 2015-2017
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Conchita Ruiz-Topinka, 2013-2014
Chris B. Dudley 2011-2013

Linda S. Quick 2009-2011
Rolando Rodriguez 2007-2009
Marilu Rios, 2006-2007
Rudy Moise, 2005-2006
John Messer, 2004-2005
Tom Rozek, 2000-2004
Josie Romano Brown 1997-2000

HEALTH CARE HEROES AWARDS[®]

PAST RECIPIENTS

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2025

William W. Culbertson, IV, MD
Bascom Palmer Eye Institute
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2024

Nelson L. Adams, III, MD, FACOG

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2023

Daniel Armstrong, PhD
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2022

Roberto C. Heros, MD, FACS
Jackson Health System / University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2019

Charles L. Vogel, MD, FACP
Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center
University of Miami Health System, Miller School of Medicine

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2018

Mary Bartlett Bunge, PhD
University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2017

Eugene R. Schiff, MD
UHealth-University of Miami Health System/
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2016

Thelma Vernell Anderson Gibson
Theodore Roosevelt Gibson Memorial Fund,
Thelma Gibson Health Initiative

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2015

Col. Brodes Hartley Jr. (Ret.)
Community Health of South Florida, Inc.

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2014

Bernard J. Fogel, MD
University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2013

Michael S. Gordon, MD, PhD
Michael S. Gordon Center for Research in
Medical Education UHealth /University of Miami Miller School
of Medicine

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2012

Thomas J. Balkany, MD, FACS, FAAP,
UHealth / University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2011

James Roderick Jude, M.D.
Co-Inventor of CPR and Retired Cardiac and Thoracic Surgeon

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2010

W. Jarrard Goodwin, M.D., F.A.C.S.,
Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center/UMHC, University of
Miami Health System/Miller School of Medicine

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2009

Barth A. Green, M.D.
University of Miami Health System/University of Miami Leonard
M. Miller School of Medicine and The Miami Project to Cure
Paralysis

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2008

Kathie Sigler, Ed.D.,
Miami Dade College Medical Center Campus

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2007

Evalina W. Bestman, Ph.D.,
Community Mental Health Center, Inc.

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2006

John G. Clarkson, M.D.
UM Miller School of Medicine

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2005

Gerard A. Kaiser, M.D.
Jackson Health System

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2004

Jay W. Weiss (posthumously)

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2003

Leonard A. Wien, Sr.
Mount Sinai Medical Center

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2002

Hubert L. Rosomoff, M.D., D. Med.Sc., F.A.A.P.M.

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2001

Rosebud Lightbourn Foster, Ph.D.

Equitable Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award | 2000

Pedro J. Greer, Jr., M.D

First Responder | 2024

Willie Williams

First Responder | 2023

Robbie Meek, EMT
CDR Health Care, Inc

First Responder | 2022

Keith Tyson
Firefighter Cancer Support Network

First Responder | 2019

Mario Gonzalez

First Responder | 2018

Julio Puentes

Bio Medical | 2017

H. Thomas Temple, MD
Nova Southeastern University

Bio Medical | 2016

Elizabeth J. Franzmann, MD
Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer
Center

Bio Medical | 2015

Richard Cote, MD
UHealth-University of Miami Miller
School of Medicine

Bio Medical | 2014

Mary Bartlett Bunge, PhD
UHealth – University of Miami Miller
School of Medicine

Bio Medical | 2013

Joshua M. Hare, MD, FACC, FAHA
UHealth /University of Miami Miller
School of Medicine

Bio Medical | 2012

Anuradha Godavarty, Ph.D.
Florida International University

Bio Medical | 2011

Ronald DeMeo, M.D., M.B.A.,
Meridian Spine & Interventional Pain
Medicine

Bio Medical | 2010

Norma Sue Kenyon, Ph.D.,
University of Miami Health
System/Miller School of Medicine

Bio Medical | 2009

William P. Murphy, Jr., M.D.,
Founder and Former Chairman,
Cordis Corporation

Bio Medical | 2008

Leonard Pinchuk, Ph.D., D.Sc.,
Innovia LLC and Affiliates

Bio Medical | 2007

Mel Rothberg
Rothberg Associates, Inc

Bio Medical | 2006

Camillo Ricordi, M.D.,
UM Miller School of Medicine

Bio Medical | 2005

Neil Flanzraich
IVAXCorporation

Bio Medical | 2004

Healthcare Professional | 2024
Nicholas Namias, MD, MBA, FACS,
FCCM

Healthcare Professional | 2023

Lilian Abbo, MD, FIDSA,
Jackson Health System / UM Miller
School of Medicine

Healthcare Professional | 2022

Joseph Lamelas, MD,
University of Miami Health System

Healthcare Professional | 2021

Reynald Jean, MD, MPH, MSN,
AGPCNP-BC
Florida Department of Health in Miami-
Dade County

Healthcare Professional | 2018

Rodrigo Vianna, MD, PhD,
Miami Transplant Institute, UM/Jackson

Healthcare Professional | 2017

Hansel Tookes III, MD,
Jackson Memorial Hospital Jackson
Health System

Healthcare Professional | 2016

Lillian Rivera, RN, MSN, PhD
Florida Department of Health in Miami-
Dade County

Healthcare Professional | 2015

Eduardo H. Bancalari, MD
Jackson Memorial Hospital/University
of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Healthcare Professional | 2014

Tina Carroll-Scott, MD
South Miami Children's Clinic

Healthcare Professional | 2013

Erin Kobetz-Kerman, PhD, MPH
Jay Weiss Institute for Health Equity at
Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer
Center, UHealth /University of Miami
Miller School of Medicine

Healthcare Professional | 2012

Cathy Herring, CTRS
Jackson Rehabilitation Hospital

Healthcare Professional | 2011

G. Patricia Cantwell, M.D.
Holtz Children's Hospital and University
of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Healthcare Professional | 2010

Athena C. Pefkarou, M.D.
Miami Children's Hospital and UOTS
Cancer Camp

Healthcare Professional | 2009

Judy Schaechter, M.D.
University of Miami Health System/
Miller School of Medicine

Healthcare Professional | 2008

Fatima Zafar, M.D.
Jessie Trice Community Health Center,
Inc

Healthcare Professional | 2007

Si Mai Pham, M.D.
UM/Jackson Memorial Medical Center

Healthcare Professional | 2006

Daniella David, M.D.
Miami VA Healthcare System

Healthcare Professional | 2005

Janvier Gasana, M.D., Ph.D.
Florida International University

Healthcare Professional | 2004

Moises Simpser, M.D.
Miami Children's Hospital

Healthcare Professional | 2003

Robert Schwartz, M.D.
UM School of Medicine

Healthcare Professional | 2002

Barbara Russell, R.N.
Baptist Hospital of Miami

Healthcare Professional | 2001

George Battle, M.D.
Private Practice

Healthcare Professional | 2000

Walter Livingstone
Miami-Dade Health Department

Healthcare Professional | 2000

John Hall Bowker, M.D.
UM School of Medicine

Healthcare Professional | 2000

Walter F. Lambert, M.D.
UM Children Protection Team

Healthcare Professional | 1999

Arnon Krongrad, M.D.
Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Healthcare Professional | 1999

Carolina Calderin
Pan American Hospital Health
Network

Healthcare Professional | 1998

Theodore I. Malinin, M.D.
UM School of Medicine Tissue Bank

Healthcare Professional | 1998

Ira C. Clark
Public Health Trust

Individual of Merit | 2024

Jayne Sylvester Malfitano

Individual of Merit | 2023

Bridget Lisa McKinney
Professionals Sharing with a Purpose
and Scott Lake Elementary

Individual of Merit | 2022

Tiffany Field, PhD
University of Miami Health System

Individual of Merit | 2019

Michael Fux
Nicklaus Children's Health System

Individual of Merit | 2018

John A. Rock, MD
Florida International University Herbert
Wertheim College of Medicine

Individual of Merit | 2017

Linda S. Quick
Quick Bernstein Connections Group

Individual of Merit | 2016

Juan Manfredi
Holtz Children's Hospital Jackson
Health System

Individual of Merit | 2015

Fred Lippman, RPh, EdD
Nova Southeastern University's Health
Professions Division

Individual of Merit | 2014

Carlos A. Migoya
Jackson Health System

Individual of Merit | 2013

Sonia Perez
Angel's Pediatric Heart House

Individual of Merit | 2012

Pete Gutierrez, MD, MMS, PA-C
Miami Dade College Medical Center
Campus

Individual of Merit | 2011

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

Individual of Merit | 2010

Constance Collins Margulies
The Sundari Foundation, Inc.

Individual of Merit | 2009

Lawrence S. Forman
Comprehensive Rehabilitation
Consultants and Children's Rehab
Network

Individual of Merit | 2008

Paul R. Ahr, Ph.D.
Camillus House

Individual of Merit | 2007

Ira C. Clark
Public Health Trust

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Public Health Trust

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Jayne Sylvester Malfitano

Individual of Merit | 1994

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Individual of Merit | 1993

Tiffany Field, PhD
University of Miami Health System

Individual of Merit | 1992

Michael Fux
Nicklaus Children's Health System

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John A. Rock, MD
Florida International University Herbert
Wertheim College of Medicine

Individual of Merit | 1990

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Holtz Children's Hospital Jackson
Health System

Individual of Merit | 1988

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Nova Southeastern University's Health
Professions Division

Individual of Merit | 1987

Carlos A. Migoya
Jackson Health System

Individual of Merit | 1986

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Angel's Pediatric Heart House

Individual of Merit | 1985

Pete Gutierrez, MD, MMS, PA-C
Miami Dade College Medical Center
Campus

Individual of Merit | 1984

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

Individual of Merit | 1983

Constance Collins Margulies
The Sundari Foundation, Inc.

Individual of Merit | 1982

Lawrence S. Forman
Comprehensive Rehabilitation
Consultants and Children's Rehab
Network

Individual of Merit | 1981

Paul R. Ahr, Ph.D.
Camillus House

Individual of Merit | 1980

Ira C. Clark
Public

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PAST RECIPIENTS

Individual of Merit | 2007

Thelma V. Anderson Gibson
Theodore R. Gibson Memorial Fund, Inc.

Individual of Merit | 2006

Judge Steven Leifman
Miami-Dade County Court 11th Judicial
Circuit of Florida

Individual of Merit | 2005

Paul G. Hale
Miami Children's Hospital Foundation

Individual of Merit | 2004

Marisel Losa
St. John Bosco Clinic

Individual of Merit | 2004

"Grandma" Patty Wilson
Jackson Memorial Hospital

Individual of Merit | 2003

Thomas C. Doherty
Miami Veterans Affairs Med. Ctr.

Individual of Merit | 2003

Mayra R. Lichter & Cecile Sardo
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Foundation

Individual of Merit | 2002

Ambassador David M. Walters
Miami Children's Hospital Foundation

Individual of Merit | 2002

Kevin Packman, Esq.
ALS Recovery Foundation

Individual of Merit | 2001

David Lawrence, Jr.
The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation

Individual of Merit | 2001

Ady Viera
Mercy Hospital

Individual of Merit | 2000

Lois B. Pope
Leaders in Furthering Education

Individual of Merit | 2000

Annie Taylor
Cedars Medical Center

Individual of Merit | 1999

John H. O'Neil, Jr.
Health Foundation of South Florida

Individual of Merit | 1999

Irving Cypen
Miami Jewish Home & Hospital for the Aged

Individual of Merit | 1998

Bessie Garrett
Miami VA Medical Center

Individual of Merit | 1998

The Student Body
UM School of Medicine

Organization/Program | 2024

Baby Steps: Nurse-led Transition of Care for
NICU Infants & Caregivers

Organization/Program 2023

Miami Transplant Institute, Jackson Health
System/University of Miami Health System

Organization/Program | 2022

Florida PACE Centers at Miami Jewish
Health

Organization/Program | 2019

Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center at
Jackson Memorial Hospital

Organization/Program | 2018

Jackson Health System

Organization/Program | 2017

Community Outreach Program to Miami
Rescue Mission, Broward Outreach Centers
at Barry University

Organization/Program | 2016

The University of Miami/Jackson Memorial
Burn Center

Organization/Program | 2015

Chapman Partnerships Miami Hope Clinic

Organization/Program | 2014

Miami Children's Hospital Intensive Care Units

Organization/Program | 2013

PATCHES (Pediatric Alternative Treatment,
Care, Housing & Evaluation Services)

Organization/Program | 2012

Angel Flight Southeast

Organization/Program | 2011

Health Foundation of South Florida

Organization/Program | 2010

Miami-Dade County Health Department

Organization/Program | 2009

Ryder Trauma Center, University of
Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center

Organization/Program | 2008

Miami Beach Community Health Center, Inc.

Organization/Program | 2007

Mitchell Wolfson, Sr. DOCS Program, UM
Miller School of Medicine

Organization/Program | 2006

Jackson Health System Primary Care Initiative

Organization/Program | 2005

Baptist Health Expands Charity Care Program

Organization/Program | 2004

Community Health of South Dade, Inc.

Organization/Program | 2003

Pediatric Intensive Care Unit-Holtz Children's
Hosp.

Organization/Program | 2002

Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged

Organization/Program | 2002

HSC's Comprehensive Health Outreach
Program

Organization/Program | 2001

Miami Children's Hospital

Organization/Program | 2001

University of Miami/R.R. Moton Health Center

Organization/Program | 2000

San Juan Bosco Clinic

Organization/Program | 2000

Maternal/Child Case Management Program

Organization/Program | 1999

Good News Care Center

Organization/Program | 1999

Camillus Health Concern

Organization/Program | 1998

Visiting Nurse Association

Organization/Program | 1998

Pediatric Mobile Clinic

Nurse | 2024

Elizabeth Joseph, APRN-BC, MPH

Nurse | 2023

Tami Thomas, PhD, RN, APRN-CPNP, FAANP,
FAAN

Nurse | 2022

FIU Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing &
Health Sciences

Nurse | 2022

Bridget Pelaez MA, BSN, RN, EMT-P, CEM®
Florida International University

Nurse | 2016

Beverlin Allen, PhD, ARNP
Sister Emmanuel Hospital

Nurse | 2015

Kimberly Juanico, RN, BSN, CHPPN
Jackson Health System

Nurse | 2014

Shakira Henderson PhD(c), DNP(c), MS,
MPH, MSN, RNC-NIC, IBCLC

Baptist Health South Florida - South
Miami Hospital

Nurse | 2013

Nancy Auster, RN, BSN, CHPN
VITAS Innovative Hospice Care

Nurse | 2012

Kris Kist, RN,
South Miami Hospital, Baptist Health
South Florida

Nurse | 2011

Ann-Lynn Denker, Ph.D., A.R.N.P.
Jackson Health System

Nurse | 2010

Annette R. Gibson, M.S.N, ME.d, R.N.
Miami Dade College Medical Center
Campus

Nurse | 2009

Carrie Feinroth, R.N., M.S.N.
Holtz Children's Hospital, Jackson
Health System

Nurse | 2008

D. Jane Mass, RN, MSN, CNAA,
Jackson Health System

Nurse | 2007

Dorothy J. Thomas, RN, BSN, CIC
Miami Children's Hospital

Nurse | 2006

Nilda P. Peragallo, Dr. P.H., R.N.,
F.A.A.N.

Nurse | 2006

UM School of Nursing and Health
Studies

Nurse | 2005

Connie Barden, RN, MSN, CCRN, CCNS
Mercy Hospital

Nurse | 2004

Frances Aronovitz, RN, Ph.D.,
MDC School of Nursing

Youth Volunteer | 2025

Jasmine J. Williams
Student, The Children's Trust
Youth Advisory Committee

Youth Volunteer | 2024

Aiden Barreras, Special Olympics
Unified Partner

Youth Volunteer | 2023

Shawn Martinez
AVUS Connect & Belen Jesuit
Preparatory School

Youth Volunteer | 2022

Justice Garcia
American Senior High School

Youth Volunteer | 2019

Isabella Allen
Holtz Children's Hospital, Jackson
Health System

Youth Volunteer | 2018

Maritza Allen-Brown
American Red Cross and Coral Reef
Senior High School

Youth Volunteer | 2017

Megan Zou
Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Student,
Ransom Everglades High School

Youth Volunteer | 2016

Lilyveth Mesa
Miami Springs Senior High

Youth Volunteer | 2015

Dimitri A. Godur
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Youth Volunteer | 2014

Sima Vazquez
Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart

Youth Volunteer | 2013

Cesar Castillo
Miami Springs Senior High School, Medical Hawks
Club, HOSA

Youth Volunteer | 2012

Jamie Henschel
National Psoriasis Foundation

Youth Volunteer | 2011

Diamond Sims
Miami Central Senior High School

Youth Volunteer | 2010

Samantha DePriest-Capparelli
Coral Reef Senior High School

Youth Volunteer | 2009

Stephannie Berrios
Miami Springs Senior High School

Youth Volunteer | 2008

Michelle Wu
Mercy Hospital

Youth Volunteer | 2007

Elsa Cassandra Santillana
VITAS Innovative Hospice Care

Youth Volunteer | 2006

Sarah S. Shafi
Miami Beach Senior High

Youth Volunteer | 2005

Patrick Jean Baptiste
BEAM Academy NMB High

Youth Volunteer | 2005

Harley Gould
Cleveland Clinic Florida

Youth Volunteer | 2004

Marre Smith
NMB High

Youth Volunteer | 2004

Uzma Gulamali
Coral Gables High

Youth Volunteer | 2003

Carlos Larcada
Belen Jesuit Preparatory School

Youth Volunteer | 2002

Tina Fregeolle
MAST Academy

Youth Volunteer | 2001

Kyle T. Amber
Palmetto Middle School

Youth Volunteer | 2000

Fahim Siddiqui
South Miami Senior High School

Youth Volunteer | 1999

Heather J. Wilson
college student

Past Honorees (1992-1993)

Pedro J. Greer, Jr., M.D.
Overtown Community Health Center
(Leonard Turkel) Baptist Hospital
Miami Project to Cure Paralysis
Jose Cancela (Chairman, Public Health Trust)
Lourdes Auila (Director, La Liga Contra El Cancer)
Bernard Fogel, M.D.
Daniel Seckinger, M.D.
Wayne Brackin
Rev. Hugh Westbrook