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CORAL GABLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 12TH ANNUAL DIAMOND AWARDS

Coral Gables, FL – The Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce hosted its 12th Annual Diamond Awards on November 13, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Coral Gables. This year's Diamond awards were extra special as we celebrated 12 years of outstanding business achievement with our Chamber's signature awards program for top companies in the Coral Gables community. Over 200 people attended to support and recognize the businesses being honored. Set among an ambience of sparkling diamond décor and with Sarah Nesbitt Artecona, Chamber Chair and Assistant Vice President of Business and Finance at the University of Miami, the awards luncheon was a luminous recognition of excellence in business.

"The annual Diamond Awards are our Chamber's way of recognizing outstanding companies that are doing luminous work in our community, as well as reward those organizations that are achieving stellar success in the workplace," said Mark A. Trowbridge, President & CEO of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce.

The prestigious Diamond Awards honored businesses in eight different categories. These brilliant businesses were recognized for their outstanding performance among five criteria: business achievement, business involvement, community involvement, customer service and workplace environment. The new award category honored this year was Restaurant/Retail, in addition to the Small, Medium, Large, Diamond-in-the-Rough, Go Green, Minority-Owned and Non-Profit businesses.

The winners of the 12th Annual Diamond Award Winners are:

- **Go Green Category –** American Airlines Arena – The HEAT Group
- **Diamond-In-The-Rough Category –** Law Offices of Robert L. Parks
- **Non-Profit Business Category –** Hands on Miami
- **Princess of Hearts Small Business Category** - Kirksey Architecture
- **Montica Ideal Cut Medium Business Category -** Original Impressions
- **Minority-Owned Category –** U.S. Century Bank
- **(2WINNERS)Hearts on Fire Large Business Category -** Berenfeld, Spritzer, Shechter & Sheer and Zyscovich Architects
- **Restaurant/Retail Category –** Rene Ruiz Couture

The Chamber congratulates all of the winners and finalists for their achievements and endeavors.

The 12th Annual Diamond Awards Luncheon was presented by Montica Jewelry and sponsored by City of Coral Gables and Turnberry Bank. Program booklet sponsor was Photo Offset.

The Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce is a 1,400 member, not-for-profit business association whose mission is to foster and enhance the economic interests and quality of life in the Coral Gables community.