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## **GREATER MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HONORS 2010 HEALTH CARE HEROES® AND ANNOUNCES AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Miami, FL, May 20, 2010 – Today, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's Healthcare & Bioscience Committee honored the 2010 Health Care Heroes® whose acts of heroism represent a display of dedication to excellence in their area of expertise beyond the scope of their profession. The 13<sup>th</sup> annual awards luncheon, held at Jungle Island, honored the collective actions of the individuals, institutions and programs that have made an extraordinary impact in the South Florida health care community.

The recipients of the 2010 Health Care Heroes® Awards are (by category):

- *AXA Advisors Lifetime Achievement:* **W. Jarrard Goodwin, M.D., F.A.C.S.**, Chief Medical Officer, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center/UMHC – University of Miami Hospital & Clinics, Sylvester Professor, Department of Otolaryngology, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, UHealth – University of Miami Health System
- *Bio-Medical:* **Norma Sue Kenyon, Ph.D.**, Martin Kleiman Professor of Surgery, Microbiology & Immunology, and Biomedical Engineering; Director, Wallace H. Coulter Center for Translational Research; Co-Director, Executive Research Council, Diabetes Research Institute, University of Miami Health System/Miller School of Medicine
- *Health Care Professional:* **Athena C. Pefkarou, M.D.**, Associate Director, Division of Hematology-Oncology, Miami Children's Hospital, Director, Sickle Cell Comprehensive Care Center and UOTS Cancer Camp
- *Individual of Merit:* **Constance Collins Margulies**, Founder and President, The Sundari Foundation, Inc.
- *Institution/Program:* **Miami-Dade County Health Department**
- *Nurse:* **Annette R. Gibson, M.S.N, ME.d, R.N.**, Professor, School of Nursing, Miami Dade College Medical Center Campus
- *Youth Volunteer:* **Samantha DePriest-Capparelli**, Student, Coral Reef Senior High School

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**About the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce**

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce is an association of businesses and professions organized to create economic progress in Miami-Dade County. To carry out its mission, the Chamber serves as the voice of business enterprise and involves the private sector in community leadership. For more than 100 years, the Chamber is widely recognized and respected for its extraordinary record of economic development and community improvement. The Greater Miami Chamber is an activist chamber. Its program of work is organized in five areas: Advocacy, Domestic Business Development, International Business Development, Leadership Programs and Marketing & Member Services. The Chamber has an award-winning website, [www.MiamiChamber.com](http://www.MiamiChamber.com); holds the license to the Miami Free Trade Zone, Inc.; and is widely recognized as one of the Top 10 Executive Speaking Forums in America.

**About the Miami-Dade County Health Department:**

*The Miami-Dade County Health Department is part of the Florida Department of Health. The mission of the Miami-Dade County Health Department is to promote and protect the health of our community through prevention and preparedness today, for a healthier tomorrow.*

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