

# THE ALLIANCE UPDATE

Winter 2007

## Greetings from the Executive Director

A new year has begun bringing promise of innovation and enhancement to the world of human services in Miami-Dade County. At the Alliance for Human Services staff is busily working on several projects, just to name a few:

- The Human Services 3 year NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) will be available for release by mid-winter and will present opportunities for funding some new and creative projects. Announcements will be made in the newspaper and on our website as to when and where grant applications will be available. There will be several preparatory sessions in addition to bidder's conferences and all applicants are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these training opportunities.
- By the time you read this article we should have completed a funding inventory. This is a compilation of thirty-five government agencies and non-governmental organizations which funded human services in Miami-Dade County during 2006. The data will be able to show us, where funding is coming from, which grantees receive funding, which human services substantive area the funding addresses, and where along a continuum of care model the funding falls. The Alliance intends to refine and update the data on a continuing basis.

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## Building a Livable Community for ALL: The 4th Annual Institute Proves to be a Success

Perhaps it was the invigorating speech delivered during breakfast by Mayor Carlos Alvarez that created a buzz of excitement during the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute, or maybe it was the delicious stuffed chicken and sautéed vegetables catered at the Miami Beach Convention Center, that aided in folks leaving the event feeling satisfied, whatever the reason, the Institute themed: Building a Livable Community for ALL was a wild success, creating a positive energy among the Miami-Dade community.



Mayor Alvarez accepts award of appreciation from Executive Director, Mark Buchbinder.

Held on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the Institute brought in two highly anticipated speakers including Rosa Sugrañes, Chairman of the Board of Iberia Tiles. This helped to attract approximately 350 attendees to the event. She spoke at lunch on the linkages between the long-term prosperity of Miami-Dade County's business community and the effectiveness of our human services system, using examples from her personal experiences. ...continued on page 4

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