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### **Honoring A Community of Leading Men With Caring Hearts**

May 12, 2011 Boca Raton, FL. Woodfield Country Club was the perfect setting for the 10th Annual Men with Caring Hearts Awards Luncheon benefiting Florence Fuller Child Development Centers (FFCDC). More than 400 attendees came to pay tribute to an outstanding group of men nominated by 32 non-profit organizations for their exceptional dedication to making a difference in the lives of others. This year's luncheon raised \$175,000 to support the comprehensive programs provided by FFCDC for children from low-income families.

The 10<sup>th</sup> year was certainly a charm! All previous event records were broken, including attendance (up 25%) and the number of nominees that were honored doubled. Doug Paton, FFCDC's CEO, explains, "The event's successes can be attributed to our generous Presenting Sponsors, Clifford and Jill Viner Family Foundation and AVM, LP along with and our hardworking co-chairs, Carrie Rubin and Mark Wyllie. We were also fortunate to have a generous Biggest Heart Award winner, Cliff Viner, a legendary Lifetime Achievement recipient, Harold Perper and 26 of the most amazing Outstanding Service Award nominees we have ever had." Paton adds, "We are honored to recognize all of these gentlemen for everything they do for the community."

Jay DiPietro, SOS Children's Villages – FL nominee, was awarded the "2011 Tiffany Outstanding Service" honor. An independent panel of judges reviewed all the applications and determined DiPietro's involvement and support of many local charities exemplified a man who is generous of his time, talent and resources for the betterment our community.

Six young men who are the philanthropists of the future were recognized in a new category called Youth in Philanthropy. Lucas Metropolis was selected as the 2011 Tiffany Youth in Philanthropy winner. Lucas recently graduated from Saint Andrews School and is nationally known for his award winning dedication to "*Fishing for Families in Need*," an organization he created to teach low-income kids to fish and provides fish for a local soup kitchen.

For four decades, Florence Fuller Child Development Centers has made a positive difference in the lives of young children from economically challenged families in our community. Florence Fuller Child Development Centers provide quality childcare, early education, family support programs and the only Head Start preschool in Boca Raton. FFCDC prepares children for a lifetime commitment to learning and social achievement, while empowering their families to build a brighter future. For more information call (561) 391-7274 or visit [www.ffcdc.org](http://www.ffcdc.org).

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