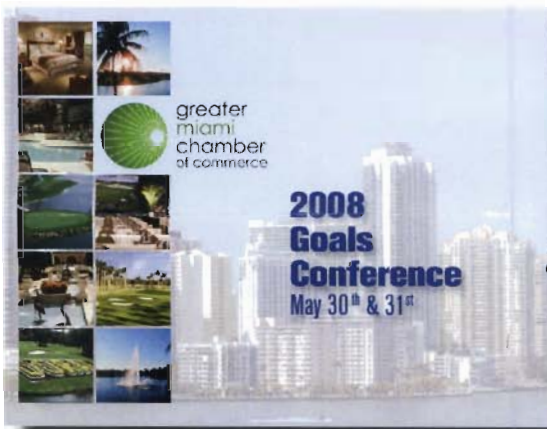


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BE PART OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PLANNING EVENT OF THE YEAR -- 2008 GOALS CONFERENCE AT DORAL

Join 1,000 members at the Greater Miami Chamber's most important planning event of the year -- the 2008 Goals Conference! Celebrate this year's achievements and help create our Program of Work for 2008-2009 on May 30-31 at the Doral Golf & Resort & Spa, A Marriot Resort. On Friday the Chamber showcases top companies from the tri-county region at the "Good to Great" Awards. Saturday introduces the "Spotlight On Capitol Hill" luncheon and the third annual, "A Salute to Miami's Leaders" reception and dinner.

For sponsorship opportunities, contact Clare Whelan at 305-577-5429 or cwhelan@miamichamber.com. For event information, contact Special Events at 305-577-5433 or spevents@miamichamber.com.

MAKE MONEY, MAKE FRIENDS, GO TO VEGAS!

There is a terrific opportunity for you to support your Chamber. On March 27, the Chamber launches its "Campaign for a Stronger Chamber." It's not just a membership campaign. It's a total resource campaign -- all levels of membership, sponsorship and advertising opportunities are for sale. During Campaign '08, team participants will be compensated in cash! Plus, all who sell \$10,300 during the campaign will travel on a Greater Miami Chamber trip to Las Vegas (sell \$13,300 and bring a friend). In addition to those incentives, the Chamber will pay commissions on renewals next year that are sold during this campaign. For information about Campaign '08 and how you can participate, contact Daniel Galindo at 305-577-5440 or dgalindo@miamichamber.com.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS... Join us at our April Reward Sessions: April 3 @ Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County, April 10 @ Miami Seaquarium, April 17 @ TBA, and April 24 @ Miami City Ballet.



FROM D.C. TO TALLAHASSEE, CHAMBER ADVANCES SOUTH FLORIDA'S AGENDA

The Greater Miami Chamber's Advocacy Group rounded out February with a visit to Washington D.C. to present the Chamber's 2008 Federal Legislative Package to key members of Congress, congressional staffers and agency officials. The next advocacy stop is the State Capital, April 9-10. The trip, held in conjunction with Miami-Dade Days, gives the Chamber an opportunity to present its 2008 State Legislative Package which includes: economic development, health care, education, transportation, criminal justice, cultural arts, workforce housing, natural resources, and insurance and property tax reform.

TRUSTEES SPOTLIGHT

Goldstein Schechter Koch merges Goldstein Schechter Price Lucas Horwitz & Co., a full service accounting, tax, audit and consulting firm, with Hollywood, FL based accounting tax, audit, consulting and investment firm, Koch Reiss & Company, P.A. For nearly 60 years these accounting firms have served quality clients and now look forward to integrating as a stronger firm to serve all of South Florida. *Carlos Garcia, Howard Lucas and Sandy Horwitz of Goldstein Schechter Koch stand with Chamber President/CEO Barry Johnson.*



Vicki Simmons-Hinz, a partner with the firm of Berenfeld Spritzer Schechter & Sheer LLP, an accounting firm based in Coral Gables, was presented with the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. A true believer in community service, Ms. Simmons-Hinz is a past president of the PACE Center for Girls, an educational facility for at-risk young women in our juvenile justice system; and treasurer of The Women's Alliance, a national organization that addresses the needs of career skills training and related services to low-income women seeking employment. *Vicki Simmons-Hinz stands with Chamber President/CEO Barry Johnson.*

CHAMBER SALUTES TOP SOUTH FLORIDA MINORITY BUSINESSES

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce recognized 100 and honored 11 minority businesses during the third annual Top 100 Minority Business Awards luncheon on March 18 at Jungle Island.



The 2008 recipients are (by category):

Commitment to Diversity - Cherokee Enterprises, Inc.
Corporate Citizenship (small) - Link Construction Group, Inc.
Corporate Citizenship (large) - Adorno & Yoss, LLP
Highest Employee Growth Rate - Navarro Discount Pharmacies
Highest Revenue Growth Rate - Arellano Construction Co.
Innovation for a small business - Avisena, Inc.
Innovation for a large business - KIRA, Inc.
Outstanding Expansion Plans - U.S. Century Bank
Special Judges' Award - RCC Associates
Best Overall Minority Business (small) - Victoria & Associates
Best Overall Minority Business (large) - Brightstar Corporation

Among the winners, the Chamber also recognized the following 100 finalists: Adonel Concrete Adorno & Yoss, LLP Advantage Realty Group ADX Technologies, Inc. American Cap Exchange Inc. American Sales & Management AmeriCooler, Inc. Architectural Design Collaborative, Inc. Arellano Construction Co. Avisena, Inc. Baby Abuelita Productions, LLC BDI Construction Company BE, Inc. (BariatricEating.com) BEA International Bilmor With Advertising Specialties, Inc. Blackstone Brightstar Corp. CareersUSA CAREERXCHANGE Carlos Albizu University Central Concrete Supermix, Inc. Cherokee Enterprises, Inc. Colonial Press International, Inc. Compuquip Technologies, Inc. Concepcion, Sexton and Martinez, P.A. Costex Tractor Parts CRB Mortgage Corp. Creative Mindworks Cypress Capital Advisors, LLC DATACORP delancyhill P.A. Design Management Services, Inc. DRsre, P.A. (Diverse Realty Services) Echeverria Design Group Express Travel Fidelity Quickpay, LLC Future Force Personnel Services Garcia, Espinosa, Miyares & Co., LLP Headquarter Toyota HNGS Assoc. Consulting Engineers Holt Communications, Inc. Home Equity Mortgage Corporation Home Financing Center, Inc. Inktei Direct Corp. Innovica, Inc. Insurance Marketers Inc. Intermarket Corp. International Consulting Group, Inc. Ivan A. Gomez, P.A. Jordan Castellon Ricardo P.L. Judson & Partners Key Transportation Services Corp. KIRA, Inc. Larkin Community Hospital Link Construction Group, Inc. Lopez & Partners, LLC M. Gill & Associates, Inc. Magnum Construction Management Corporation Marvelous Catering MasTec, Inc. McKinley Financial Services MD - Websites MGE Architects Milton Construction Co. Navarro Discount Pharmacies Nextworks, Inc. NuAge PC Palmetto Ford Truck Sales, Inc. Perez-Abreu Aguerrebere Sueiro & Torres, P.L. Photo Offset an Impressions of Miami Company Professional Contractors Services, Inc. Radaca Int'l Inc. Random Media LLC RCC Associates Readix, Inc. red design group, LLC Rey's Cleaners Robayna and Associates, Inc. Rojas Law Firm LLP Safety Source International Inc. Silva + Pardo Advertising Sir Winston Garments Inc. Smooth Sailing Executive & Life Coaching SRS Engineering, Inc. T & G Constructors Terra Group The Balsera Communications Group The Closing Company The Executive Hunters Group The Simplex Group Thomas W. Ruff & Co. Tire Group International, Inc. TSAO Design Group Inc. United Data Technologies, Inc. U.S. Century Bank uVium, Inc. Verdeja & De Armas, LLP Verification Bureau, Inc. Victoria & Associates Career Services, Inc. Wolfberg Alvarez & Partners

THANK YOU, Top 100 Minority Business Awards sponsors -- presenting sponsor: **Bank of America**; gold sponsor: **FedEx**; silver sponsors: **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, Johnson & Wales University College of Business, and The Miami Herald/El Nuevo Herald**; bronze sponsors: **Florida International University College of Business Administration, Goldstein Schechter Koch, Holsen Inc. Merchandising, and International Consulting Group Inc.**; and supporting sponsor: **Future Force Personnel Services.**

GREATER MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

THE BILLION DOLLAR SECRET: HOW NONPROFIT BUSINESSES SPEND THEIR MONEY

ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING BUSINESS SECTORS

Wednesday, April 9, 2008 | 5:30 p.m.

Four Seasons Hotel
1435 Brickell Avenue, Miami, FL

\$30 per person

*Nonprofits will have their entrance fee waived when they refer two or more for-profit vendors to register.

FOR PROFITS, ARE YOU GETTING A PIECE OF THE ACTION?

Nonprofit businesses are among South Florida's fastest growing business sectors, and have a purchasing power of more than \$1 billion, according to a report by the Dade Community Foundation.

This workshop will focus on:

- Discover an untapped source of business leads
- Get "best buy" tips from professional buyers
- Understand how nonprofits make buying decisions
- Learn tricks of the trade from vendors selling to nonprofits
- Make the most out of in-kind donations
- Build profits and partnerships
- Become part of C-One's consultant and vendor referral directory

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