

NANAY Celebrates 10 Years of Community Service

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Funders, founders, government officials, activists, officers of homeowners' associations, board members, staff, volunteers and supporters were among the more than 280 well-wishers who attended the highly successful NANAY's 10th Anniversary Banquet at the Broward Convention Center on November 6, 2004.



New Orleans Philippine Honorary Consul Cielo Martinez presented the NANAY awards to retired Judge John Gaudiosi and Ricardo Garcia (Most Distinguished Philanthropists), John Stokesberry (Most Distinguished Eldercare Services Pioneer), Banal na Pag-aarial (Most Distinguished Volunteers), Congresswoman Carrie Meek (Most Distinguished Legislator) and City of North Miami (Most Distinguished Community Service).

"What you, as a group, have done in the past 10 years is highly commendable, and I know that none of this would have been possible without your compassion, commitment, motivation, hard work, and your genuine willingness to provide help to others unselfishly," said Dr. Susana Bruce, youngest among the Bruce Founders of NANAY who flew from Texas, along with 4 other sisters from California, to personally witness the NANAY activities.

Dr. Joy Bruce, Founding President and CEO, acknowledged all the supporters and gave a PowerPoint presentation of the history , financials and accomplishments of NANAY over

the last 10 years, highlighting the acquisition of the NANAY Community Center Building and the recent opening of the NANAY Health Center in North Miami. NANAY has provided free transport, counseling, computer classes, recreational activities, health support, workshops and intergenerational programs to hundreds of elders and youth from Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, and now has active regional affiliates in San-Francisco/Bay Area and Michigan that are replicating its services.



NANAY's vision for the next 10 years was also highlighted, including a healthier and happier community through supportive services, preventive and primary health care, the renovation and expansion of the NANAY Community Center to incorporate a Computer Clubhouse and Homeownership/Job Counseling office, and a "NANAY Village" that can provide supportive housing to elders and assisted living facility to those with special health needs.

Dr. Bruce emphasized the role that community, staff, volunteers, and supporters must play to realize the ambitious, yet achievable vision. The \$15,000 raised from the event will be used for roof repairs at the NANAY Community and Health Centers.

More than 100 guests and elders who did not make it to the Saturday Banquet attended the lunch reception at the NANAY Community Center the next day, to meet and socialize with funders who reiterated their commitment to support NANAY. Following the dance presentations, both funders and some clients expressed their sentiments and shared the effect that NANAY had on their lives.

Dr. Joy Bruce and Bennie Trinidad, NANAY's Regional Executive Director, later met with Dr. Ming Young, Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Miami School of Medicine who suggested forming an "Asian American Health Professional Association of South Florida" and setting up an "Asian-American United Health Service Center", using NANAY Health Center Facilities as a site to serve all underserved Asian Americans in South Florida. Community.

"We all are inspired, touched and moved by Dr. Joy Bruce's endless devoting to serve the underserved Asian-American people in this community," said Dr. Young, along with at least seven other medical faculty members and specialists are interested in supporting the NANAY Health Center. He will be coordinating with Dr. Tony Wong, Chairman of the NANAY Health Board.

Flu shots were also provided at the NANAY Community Center on Nov 12, at no cost to seniors 65 years and older with Medicare/Medicaid, the underinsured, and the uninsured. A new batch of Flu vaccines will again be available on Tuesday, Nov 23, co-sponsored by Maxim Health Systems, Health Foundation of South Florida and NANAY, Inc.

NANAY, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) community-based organization whose mission is to promote the health, welfare and well being of elders, youth and community. NANAY Health Center, Inc. is an affiliate organization of NANAY that provides affordable preventive and primary health care to the community.

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