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## Black Affairs Annual Pillar Awards

The Black Affairs Advisory Board's Heritage Planning Committee hosted its annual "Community Pillars" awards and scholarship presentation on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020. The event was held via Zoom's virtual platform. If you missed it live, here is an opportunity to watch it. Thanks to everyone who worked hard in order to make it happen.

## The CFW & DVOB partner with Miami Diaper Bank for an extended Diaper Drive



The Commission for Women and the Domestic Violence Oversight Board partnered with the Miami Diaper Bank on a month-long diaper drive. One in three families in South Florida struggle to afford diapers and government assistance cannot be used to help purchase diapers. This need leaves over 125,000 families in our community at risk of not having the supplies they need to keep their babies clean and healthy. The CFW, DVOB, and Miami Diaper Bank also hosted a Diaper Need Town Hall to discuss the need for diapers, especially during COVID-19, and policies that would make diapers more accessible. The CFW and DVOB raised \$2,556 which was matched by an incredibly generous donation of \$2,500 by Commissioner Martinez. The total of about \$5,000 will be used to bring over 30,000 diapers to babies at domestic violence shelters in Miami.

[Read More](#)

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## Miami lit up the night as we commemorated 100 years of Women's Suffrage for #WomensEqualityDay



The Commission for Women coordinated with various landmark buildings in Miami and Coral Gables to illuminate these buildings in purple, gold, and white on the evening of Women's Equality Day, August 26<sup>th</sup>. This was done to commemorate the Women's Suffrage Centennial in the United States. Participating buildings included the Miami-Dade County Courthouse, the Freedom Tower, the American Airlines Arena, the Biltmore Hotel, and Coral Gables City Hall.

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## Miami-Dade County Monitoring COVID-19

Miami-Dade County officials continue to work with local, state and federal agencies in monitoring COVID-19, part of the coronavirus family. The State of Florida has declared a Public Health Emergency.

[Learn More](#)

[List of COVID-19 Testing Sites](#)

### Plasma Donation

As the number of COVID-19 infections rise in Florida, hospitals are facing critical shortages of convalescent plasma for treatment.

The University of Miami Health System is working with OneBlood to collect convalescent plasma to use for a potential treatment option for patients with COVID-19.

**Who can participate in this study?**

A donor must be over 18 years old, have confirmed COVID-19 documents by a laboratory test, or history suggestive of resolved COVID-19 like illness. Participants must also have complete resolution of symptoms at least 28 days before donation and not participated in any COVID vaccine trials for at least the past 12 months.

For more information on the donation process, contact Tom Tanner at 305.243.5621 or via email at [ttanner@med.miami.edu](mailto:ttanner@med.miami.edu)

Transfusing the plasma that contains the antibodies into a person still fighting the virus can provide a boost to the patient's immune system and potentially help them recover. Click [here](#) to learn more on how you can donate today.

**Other sites with more information and updates on COVID-19, visit the following sites:**

**Moving to a New Normal:**

<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/openings.page>

**Miami-Dade County Updates Regarding Coronavirus:**

<http://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/home.page>

**Miami-Dade County COVID-19 Testing Locations and Information:**

<http://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/testing-locations.page>

**IRS Information Regarding the Economic Stimulus Checks:**

<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>

**Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Updates:**

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

**CDC COVID-19 Information:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

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## Census Deadline Approaching

The logo for the United States Census 2020, featuring the text "United States® Census 2020" in white on a dark blue background.

If you haven't completed the [2020 Census](#), you have until Sept. 30. Census data helps direct federal funds for community improvements and services, attracts business investments and determines representation at all levels of government. Submit your information [online](#), [by phone](#) or [by mail](#). It's quick, it's easy and it's our civic duty.

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## It's still Hurricane Season!

Hurricane season is here until November 30th. Get ready and stay ready with the [Miami-Dade County Hurricane Guide](#). Learn how to prepare emergency kits, evacuation plans and more. You may also sign up for Miami-Dade Alerts to receive emergency info via text message.



## Keeping a smile on your face through Community Smiles

Community Smiles is a community-based, fully-accredited, nonprofit dental clinic whose mission is providing oral health education and improving access to dental care for the uninsured, low-income children and families of Miami-Dade County. Check out link for services offered.

- Free dental screening
- Free X-Rays
- Free fillings
- Free extractions

Children and  
youth under  
the age of 20



For additional information visit: [www.csmiles.org](http://www.csmiles.org)

For appointment, contact:  
Community Smiles Dental Clinic  
750 NW 20 Street, Building G, Suite 110  
(305) 363-2222

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## COMMUNITY ADVOCACY BOARD MEETINGS UPDATES

### [Asian-American Advisory Board \(AAAB\)](#)

Program Director: Joshua Ho  
Chairperson: Sharon Fine

**Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 4:30 pm**

This meeting will take place on Zoom

Information regarding how to join meeting will be provided at a later date.

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### [Black Affairs Advisory Board \(BAAB\)](#)

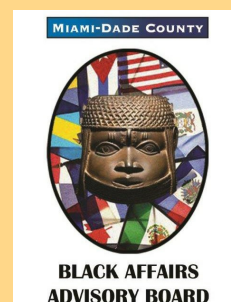
Program Director: Retha Boone-Fye  
Chairperson: Stephen Johnson, Esq.

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 10 am**

Meeting will take place on Zoom

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### [Commission For Women \(CFW\)](#)

Program Director: Monica Skoko Rodríguez  
Chairperson: Sharon Kendrick-Johnson

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 4:00 pm**

This meeting will take place on Zoom  
Information regarding how to join meeting will be provided at a later date.



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### [Community Relations Board \(CRB\)](#)

Program Director: Shirley Plantin, EJD  
Chairperson: John Quick, Esq.

**Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 2 pm**

This meeting will take place on Zoom  
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### [Domestic Violence Oversight Board \(DVOB\)](#)

Program Director: Elizabeth Regalado  
Chairperson: Miguel A. De Grandy, Esq.

**Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 10 am**

This meeting will take place on Zoom  
Information regarding how to join meeting will be provided at a later date.



**Domestic Violence Hotline, call 1 (800) 500-1119**

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### [Elder Affairs Advisory Board \(EAAB\)](#)

Program Director: Katherine Bolt  
Chairperson: Nercy Radcliffe

**Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 10 am**

Elder Affairs Advisory Board  
Join Meeting on Zoom at 10 AM  
Call in Number: (877) 853 - 5247  
Meeting ID: (888) 788 - 0099



[Register to Join Meeting Here:](#)

Miami-Dade County has the largest population in the State of Florida of individuals 60+ years old. With a County population that totals 2.7 million, more than 435,000 of the total population is made up of those 62+. On May 1, 2018 the Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved Ordinance [18-49](#) creating the Miami-Dade County [Elder Affairs Advisory Board](#).

Report elder abuse at 1-800-962-2873

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### [Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board \(HAAB\)](#)

Program Director: Natalie Milian, MPA  
Chairperson: Francesco Duberli



**Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 4:30 pm**

This meeting will take place on Zoom  
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### [LGBTQ Advisory Board](#)

Program Director: Gabriel Paez  
Chairperson: Aiyana Angeni Gonzalez



**Wednesday, October 7th, 2020 at 4:00 pm**

This meeting will take place on Zoom  
Information regarding how to join meeting will be provided at a later date.

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