

ALINA, THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTRODUCTION...

IT'S A PLEASURE TO GATHER HERE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR THE IMPORTANT AND EXCELLENT WORK YOU HAVE DONE TO MAKE OUR UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!

LET ME START BY THANKING HARVE MOGUL FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED WAY AND FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THE UNITED WAY IS ALWAYS LEADING THE CHARGE IN MAKING OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

AS A MAYOR, I KNOW FULL WELL THAT IN ORDER TO MOVE OUR COMMUNITY FORWARD, WE NEED PARTNERS THAT WILL HELP US ACHIEVE OUR GOALS...

AND I AM GLAD TO HAVE THE UNITED WAY AS OUR PARTNER FOR SUCCESS.

WORKING TOGETHER, WE ARE COMMITTED TO DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF ALL OUR RESIDENTS.

THIS COMMON GOAL HAS MADE OUR LONG STANDING PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNITED WAY SUCH A FRUITFUL ONE.

THIS PARTNERSHIP ALSO BENEFITS FROM THE STRONG COMMITMENT OF ALL THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHOSE HARD WORK HAS MADE THIS YEAR'S EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN SO SUCCESSFUL ONCE AGAIN.

THE LUNCH EVENTS, DRAWINGS, BAKE SALES, AND THE LARGE SCALE EVENTS, THEY ALL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR OVERALL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN STRATEGY.

I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE A SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO THE LEADERSHIP CIRCLE FOR THEIR CONTINUED COMMITMENT.

IN 2013, THEIR TOTAL CONTRIBUTION WAS \$312,241.

MANY OF YOU ALSO HAVE A DONATION DEDUCTED FROM PAYROLL FOR THIS WORTHY GOAL.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES HAVE WORKED TOGETHER, AND OUR 2013 EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN HAS RAISED OVER \$1,075,919.

THIS IS AN AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENT AND ALL OF YOU DESERVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

THESE DOLLARS WERE RAISED BY EMPLOYEE PLEDGES AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES...

AND, OF THE OVERALL TOTAL, MORE THAN \$663,748 ARE COMMUNITY PLAN DOLLARS.

AS YOU ALL KNOW, THIS IS THE BACKBONE OF THE CAMPAIGN AS EVERY DOLLAR THAT GOES TO THE COMMUNITY PLAN RECEIVES MATCHING GRANTS THAT MAKE THE \$1 EQUAL \$2.17, MORE THAN DOUBLING OUR INVESTMENT.

LET ME THANK LISA MARTINEZ, ALINA HUDAK, CHRISTINA CRESPI, JACKIE ANGHEL-NOVICK AND BELKIS REYES, ALL DEPARTMENT COORDINATORS, AND EVERYONE HERE...

ON BEHALF OF THE THOUSANDS OF MIAMI-DADE RESIDENTS THAT WERE HELPED BY UNITED WAY FUNDED PROGRAMS...

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS, AND FOR LIVING UNITED.