

**GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!**

**ON BEHALF OF THE 2.7 MILLION RESIDENTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, I'M PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU TO THE ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS.**

**I HOPE YOU'RE ALL HAVING AS GREAT OF A TIME HERE AS I AM.**

**AND WE WOULDN'T ALL BE TOGETHER TONIGHT TO ENJOY THIS GALA IF IT WEREN'T FOR ADRIENNE ARSHT.**

**ADRIENNE, WE'RE SO GRATEFUL FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.**

**THE VERY GENEROUS GIFT YOU MADE MORE THAN EIGHT YEARS AGO, HELPED SECURE THE FINANCIAL FUTURE OF ONE OF OUR NATION'S GREATEST PERFORMING ARTS CENTERS.**

**MOST OF YOU ARE PROBABLY AWARE OF THE \$30-MILLION GIFT ADRIENNE MADE TO THE CENTER IN 2008.**

**BUT HER GENEROSITY TO MIAMI-DADE'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER BEGAN LONG BEFORE THAT.**

**AND HER COMMITMENT CONTINUES TO THIS DAY.**

**I'M SO PROUD OF WHAT THE ARSHT CENTER HAS BECOME OVER THE PAST DECADE.**

**AND WHAT IT'S BECOME, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IS A BEACON FOR THE ARTS AND A SOURCE OF CIVIC PRIDE THAT BRINGS COMMUNITIES TOGETHER.**

**ADRIENNE, IT'S FITTING THAT WE HONOR YOU THIS EVENING. YOU'VE HAD A DEEP AND LIFE-LONG DEVOTION TO THE ARTS.**

**YOU KNOW THAT THE ARTS MATTER AND THAT THEY MAKE COMMUNITIES BETTER.**

**SO, ON BEHALF OF ALL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER AND FOR HELPING TO  
MAKE MIAMI-DADE A WORLD-CLASS COMMUNITY  
FOR GENERATIONS OF MIAMIANS.**

**ADRIENNE, BECAUSE OF ALL THAT YOU'VE  
DONE FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND MILLIONS OF  
VISITORS, IT'S MY HONOR TO PRESENT YOU  
WITH THIS VERY LIMITED-EDITION 10<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY GIFT ON BEHALF OF THE ARSHT  
CENTER.**

