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MIAMI-DADE POLICE CHIEFS COME TOGETHER TO HONOR 2014-2015 DO THE RIGHT THING PROGRAM WINNERS United States Senator Bill Nelson Sends Video Tribute to Honorees

MIAMI, FL – JUNE 9, 2015 – With police agencies under fire nationwide, the Miami-Dade law enforcement community is coming together in a showing of support for the national policing initiative known as Do The Right Thing at the program's annual UAIC/DTRT Summer Salute Awards Night, June 10th at Jungle Island from 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. The event will bring local police officials and youths together as the program's Top 10 winners of the 2014-2015 school year are honored and the program celebrates its 25th year in operation.

From overcoming extreme adversity such as losing a parent or battling cancer to outstanding acts of kindness and community service, 90 student winners are selected each year out of 7,000 nominees to be recognized monthly at Miami Police headquarters. This past school year, the program initiated the Law Enforcement Partners Campaign to involve police departments throughout Miami-Dade in the program's efforts to foster positive relationships between cops and kids.

All student winners will be presented with certificates signed by Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado and Police Chief Rodolfo Llanes along with tickets to the July 12th Miami Marlins game where they will be honored on the field during the pre-game ceremony. The Do The Right Thing Program will also announce the Do The Right Thing Schools of the Year, Nominator of the Year, Coordinator of the Year and Students of the Year in which the top elementary, middle and senior high school students out of 5,000 nominees will be announced. Additionally, the winner of the Senior Police Executive Angel Calzadilla/Do The Right Thing Police Memorial Scholarship will be announced. The scholarship is awarded annually to a high school senior interested in a career in law enforcement in the amount of \$6,000 to attend the Miami Police Academy. It honors the memory of Angel Calzadilla, a beloved officer at the Miami Police Department who passed away from cystic fibrosis in 2011 at the age of 48.

Do The Right Thing of Miami, Inc. is a non-profit organization, operating in cooperation with the City of Miami Police Department and other local law enforcement to recognize and reward children for positive behavior, accomplishments and good deeds. Since its inception in July 1990, the program has directly impacted over 220,000 students in Miami-Dade County alone. The Miami-based initiative has been so successful that 59 other law enforcement agencies in the United States, one in London, England and three in Germany have implemented their own Do The Right Thing programs.

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