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Amigos For Kids Elects Nicole Valls as Board Chair and Announces 2017 Board of Directors

MIAMI, FL - [Amigos For Kids](#), a non-profit organization dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect, elected Nicole Valls as board chair and announced the slate of its 2017 Board of Directors. The Board provides strategic direction for the organization and its multiple programs, as well as assists with resource development. Valls succeeds longstanding Amigos For Kids volunteer, and chief operating officer of El Dorado Furniture, Pedro Capó, as board chair.

“Amigos For Kids is fortunate to have extremely dedicated and talented individuals on our Board,” said Rosa Maria Plasencia, president and CEO of Amigos For Kids. “For many years, Nicole Valls has been an ardent supporter of our mission of child abuse prevention and violence free families. Her volunteerism, leadership, and dedication have been instrumental to the growth of Amigos For Kids, and her election as board chair as we commemorate our 25th anniversary is extremely gratifying.”

“We would also like to thank Pedro Capó for his extraordinary service as board chair for four years, and commend our new slate of board members. Each of them embodies the giving spirit of our organization, and we are thankful for their invaluable stewardship and support to Amigos For Kids cause,” added Plasencia.

Nicole Valls was born and raised in Miami, Fla., and is a third-generation entrepreneur serving as vice president, operations and public relations director for Valls Group and Global Miami Joint Ventures. She oversees all aspects of the operations and communications for Miami’s iconic Versailles Cuban Restaurant, the La Carreta Cuban Restaurant chain, CasaCuba Restaurant, famed Spanish restaurant Casa Juancho, as well as various concessions at Miami International Airport.

Valls is also an exemplary civic leader in the South Florida community. In addition to her service to Amigos For Kids, she is an active supporter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and the American Cancer Society. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management and Organization from the University of Miami.

Amigos For Kids 2017 Officers:

Nicole Valls, Board Chair
Jorge A. Plasencia, Chairman Emeritus
Pedro Capó, Immediate Past Chair
Maggie Fresen Zulueta, Vice Chair
Nilda R. Pedrosa, Esq., Secretary
Alex Sueiro, CPA, Treasurer
Rosa Maria Plasencia, President & CEO

Amigos For Kids 2017 Board Members:

Adrienne Arsht, Chairman Emerita, TotalBank*
Andres Asion, Founder/Broker, Miami Real Estate Group
Pedro A. Capo, Chief Operating Officer, El Dorado Furniture
Eddie Diaz, Esq., Partner, Holland & Knight*
Lissette M. Calderon, CEO, NEO Group
Roxana Fernandez, President, Imagen -The Marketing Agency*
Maggie Fresen Zulueta, Vice President, Academica Corporation
Ingrid Hoffmann, Celebrity Chef
Yosbel A. Ibarra, Shareholder, Greenberg Traurig, P.A.
Miguel Larrea, Senior Account Executive, Clear Channel Outdoor
Carlos Leyva, Vice President, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines
Michael A. Márquez, Managing Director, Bessemer Trust
Gustavo J. Membiela, Esq., Partner, Hunton & Williams, LLP
Marcel Monnar, President, One on One Learning
Jackie Nespral, Anchor, WTVJ-NBC Miami*
Nilda Pedrosa, Deputy Chief of Staff, Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi
Jorge A. Plasencia, Chairman and CEO, República
Victoria T. San Pedro, Esq., Associate, Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell P.A.
Alex Sueiro, CPA, Partner, Perez-Abreu, Aguerrebere, Suiero & Torres, LLC
Pamela M. Silva Conde, Anchor, Univision Network
Jose Triana, Major Accounts Manager, FPL
Nicole Valls, Vice President, Valls Group

*Honorary Board Members (Ex-Officio)

ABOUT AMIGOS FOR KIDS- [Amigos For Kids](#) is a 501(C) 3 non-profit corporation founded in 1991 to respond to the diverse needs of South Florida's abused, abandoned, neglected, and less-fortunate children and their families, through education, abuse prevention, and community involvement. To fulfill its mission, Amigos relies on the support of dedicated volunteers and donors throughout the community. Throughout the year, the organization creates awareness of its cause through public service campaigns, fundraising events, and community efforts such as the Amigos For Kids' There's NO Excuse for Child Abuse!® Campaign. @amigosforkids

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