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Amigos For Kids Holds Fourth Annual Celebration of Friendship

Awards Luncheon and Children's Fashion Show Honors JP Morgan Chase Foundation and Miami Dade County School Board Chair, Perla Tabares Hantman while creating Awareness of Child Abuse Prevention

MIAMI, FL- [Amigos For Kids](http://www.amigosforkids.org), a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect, will host its Fourth Annual Celebration of Friendship Awards Luncheon and Children's Fashion Show on Sunday, March 16, at 12 p.m. at the JW Marriott Marquis Miami.

Recent data shows that over 3.7 million cases of abuse or neglect are reported each year; tragically, four children die every day as a result of abuse or neglect. With these alarming statistics, Amigos For Kids has committed itself for over 20 years to the prevention of child abuse by valuing children, strengthening families and educating communities.

Launching the 2014 Blue Ribbon Awareness Campaign, the Fourth Annual Celebration of Friendship Awards Luncheon and Children's Fashion Show recognizes donors, sponsors and collaborators who have supported Amigos For Kids and its efforts, such as the Amigos For Kids After-School Program and the *There's NO Excuse For Child Abuse!* Campaign.

This year, Amigos For Kids is calling the community to see "The World Through The Eyes of a Child". The event will recognize JP Morgan Chase Foundation with the Amigos For Kids Celebration of Friendship Award and Miami Dade County School Board Chair, Perla Tabares Hantman with the Amigos For Kids Lollipop Award for their outstanding commitment and support in advancing Amigos' mission. Past recipients of these awards include Bacardí U.S.A., The Capó Family, The Gloria Estefan Foundation, Sara B. Herald, Dr. William F. Lambert, Jorge A. Plasencia, the Honorable Rebeca Sosa, David Lawrence, Jr., and Dr. Eduardo J. Padron.

"The JP Morgan Chase Foundation and Perla Tabares Hantman are the personification of seeing 'The World Through The Eyes of a Child' with their unyielding support of the Amigos For Kids mission and their instrumental dedication to strengthening families and educating our community. Organizations and individuals like them help us make a difference in the lives of children," said Rosa Maria Plasencia, Amigos For Kids President & CEO.

For more information regarding tickets and reservations, please contact Amigos For Kids at (305) 279-1155, or visit us at www.amigosforkids.org.

ABOUT AMIGOS FOR KIDS- [Amigos For Kids](http://www.amigosforkids.org) is a 501(C) 3 nonprofit 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.

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