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AMIGOS FOR KIDS EARNS COVETED 4-STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR

(MIAMI, Oct. 17, 2013) – **Amigos For Kids**, a Miami-based nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect by valuing children, strengthening families and educating communities, has received Charity Navigator’s prestigious (4-star) rating for sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency.

Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator has awarded Amigos For Kids its 4-star rating four times in the last six years; and the organization is one of only thirteen in Miami-Dade County to currently have this distinction.

“Amigos For Kids continuously strives to exceed in the quality of programming and services we provide to the community. We take great pride in this four star recognition, and it’s important for us to demonstrate to our donors, whose support is the foundation of our success,” said Rosa María Plasencia, president and CEO of Amigos For Kids. “Our dedication to improving all the areas of our work, and in particular the commitment to ethical fiscal and governance responsibilities.”

“Amigos For Kids’ coveted 4-star rating puts it among a very select group of high-performing charities,” according to Ken Berger, president and CEO, Charity Navigator. “Out of the thousands of nonprofits Charity Navigator evaluates, only one out of four earns 4 stars, a rating that, now, with our new Accountability and Transparency metrics, demands even greater rigor, responsibility and commitment to openness. Amigos For Kids’ supporters should feel much more confident that their hard-earned dollars are being used efficiently and responsibly when it acquires such a high rating.”

Since 2002, using data-driven analysis, Charity Navigator has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a 4-star rating. In 2011, Charity Navigator added a second dimension of Accountability and Transparency (A&T) to its rating methodology, and now reviews 17 governance and ethical practices as well as measures of openness; therefore, providing information on its web site for each of the charities it evaluates. The A&T metrics, which account for 50 percent of a charity’s overall rating, reveal which charities have “best practices” that minimize the chance of unethical activities and whether they freely share basic information about their organization with their donors and other stakeholders.

Amigos For Kids rating and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge on www.charitynavigator.org.

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About Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org)

Charity Navigator is the largest charity evaluator in America and its website attracts more visitors than all other charity rating groups combined. The organization helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the Financial Health and Accountability & Transparency of roughly 5,500 mid-to-large sized charities that garner roughly 50% of all private contributions made in the USA each year (not including houses of worship). Charity Navigator accepts no advertising or donations from the organizations it evaluates, ensuring unbiased evaluations, nor does it charge the public for this trusted data. As a result, Charity Navigator, a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization itself, depends on support from individuals, corporations and foundations that believe it provides a much-needed service to America's charitable givers. Charity Navigator, can be reached directly by telephone at (201) 818-1288, or by mail at 139 Harristown Road, Suite 201, Glen Rock, N.J., 07452.

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 For Kids relies on the support of dedicated volunteers and donors throughout the community. The organization creates awareness through public service campaigns and high-profile fundraising events such as the ING Miami Celebrity Domino Night. To become an Amigo by donating your time or other resources to children in need, please call 305-279-1155 or visit www.amigosforkids.org.

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