

South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Names Step Up For Students Non-Profit of the Year

MIAMI – Step Up For Students was named the Non-Profit of the Year by the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at the chamber's 17th Sunshine Awards luncheon at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables on November 3, 2011.

Step Up earned the recognition because of the organization's positive impact on the South Florida community, by providing low-income scholarship recipients the chance to attend the school that best fits their academic needs, said chamber President Lillian Lopez.



"The scholarships make a huge difference in the lives of the selected students," she said. This year, Step Up awarded scholarships to more than 12,000 students who live in South Florida. The scholarship is available to students who would qualify for free or reduced-price lunch in public schools.

"Step Up is passionate about giving low-income students the chance to learn at schools that are right for them," said Step Up For Students President Doug Tuthill. "We're humbled that the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce chose to recognize our work."

About the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

The South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SFLHCC) is committed to promoting the businesses, Florida's tourism industry and to enhancing the quality of education in the public school system. The South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, composed of young, committed, dynamic professionals, since its foundation, has been identified with successful entrepreneurs and as an organization that meets the demands of the rapid-growing and constant-changing businesses. Its Board of Directors is composed of members specializing in different business sectors. The SFLHCC has a Minority Business & Education Enhancement Program. This program provides business information, training, and technical assistance for small businesses. It also provides annual scholarships and paid internships to both high school and college students. The SFLHCC sponsors business workshops, seminars, lunch and learns, luncheons with high profile speakers, networking receptions, and an annual golf tournament benefiting its scholarship program. These chamber activities have the reputation of being the best networking events of South Florida. The leadership of the SFLHCC strongly believes that by promoting our businesses and our tourism industry we are keeping our economy strong and vibrant. For more information, visit www.sflhcc.com.

About Step Up For Students

Step Up For Students is the nonprofit organization responsible for administering the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship program. The scholarship program is available to students who qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch and provides tuition assistance to the private school of their parents' choice or transportation help to an out-of-district public school. Scholarships are funded by corporations that receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for their contributions. For more information, visit www.stepupforstudents.org.