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U.S. Century Bank Hosts Scholarship Award Reception for HACER



MIAMI, **June 09, 2009** – The Doral headquarter office of U.S. Century Bank, located at 2301 NW 87 Avenue, recently welcomed local McDonalds restaurant owner/operators and recipients of the **2009 HACER scholarships** . Each year, the Ronald McDonald House Charities/Hispanic American Commitment to Education Resources (RMHC/HACER) awards scholarships to high school seniors of Hispanic descent . Since 1985, RMHC/HACER has awarded more than \$12 million in scholarships to more than 11,000 Hispanic students in the U.S. Recipients are selected on the basis of academic achievement, financial need and community involvement. The 11 scholarships awarded were funded by McDonalds restaurant owners/operators in the Miami area.

“As a community bank headquartered in Miami, it’s important for us to work with local organizations that are impacting our hometown,” said Armando Trabanco, SVP, Regional Manager for U.S. Century Bank. “At U.S. Century Bank we have embraced education as one of

our most important causes and through the year, we support a number of initiatives that are enabling the youth of our community to attain their educational goals. We welcome the students who are recipients of these HACER scholarships and applaud the local McDonalds owners/operators who are making these students' dreams become a reality," he added.

"The HACER scholarship program has grown and has helped thousands of Hispanic students pursue their educational goals thanks to the generous donations of McDonald's owners/operators in Miami," said McDonald's owner/operator Yoyi Rodriguez. "We are pleased to have helped so many Hispanic students achieve their educational goals."

Established in 2002, U.S. Century Bank is one of the 10 largest community banks headquartered in Miami, with assets of \$1.8 billion. Through its network of 24 branch locations and its online banking platform, it offers its customers a wide range of financial products and services. U.S Century Bank is the recipient of the **2008 Beacon Award** in Financial Services, and a **2009** as well as **2008 Outstanding Minority Business Award** from the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. The Bank has received the highest ratings from independent bank

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RMHC/HACER is a program of Ronald McDonald House Charities and its local chapters. The program is supported through the efforts of McDonald's owner/operators, and other local and national community leaders and institutions. Local chapters of RMHC operate HACER programs in 47 markets throughout the nation, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Ronald McDonald House Charities, a non-profit, 501(c) 3, creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well being of children worldwide. Its goal is to make an immediate, positive impact on as many children as possible through its global network of 179 local Charities in 46 countries.

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