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U.S. Century Bank Hosts 14th Annual HACER Scholarship Awards Reception, 11 Minority Students Receive Scholarships

MIAMI, June 12, 2012 – 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 2012 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 \$13 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. Each year, HACER South Florida distributes more than \$20,000 to local high school students; each student received \$2,000 to assist them with their studies.



“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 largest community banks headquartered in Miami, with assets of \$1.3 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 has received numerous awards from The Beacon Council, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, the Minority Chamber of Commerce and South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for its leadership in our community.

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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