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## **HISPANIC BUSINESS INITIATIVE FUND HOSTS ANNUAL CLIENT RECOGNITION EVENT**

**(ORLANDO, FL) September 12, 2012** – Three local Hispanic-owned companies were honored today at the Hispanic Business Initiative Fund of Florida’s (HBIF) Success Stories luncheon. The event is the organization’s yearly fundraiser to recognize the most successful entrepreneurs who have received assistance from the Central Florida-based nonprofit organization.

The theme of this year’s event was “Faces of Progress,” focused on the small business owners HBIF helps year-round. Nearly 450 Central Florida government, business and community leaders joined the volunteers and clients of HBIF for the event. City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer and Orange County Mayor Teresa Jacobs spoke during the event, as did representatives from annual HBIF contributor Wells Fargo and event host sponsors Orlando Health, the Orlando Magic and Walt Disney Parks & Resorts.

The businesses honored at the event were selected based on business growth and economic impact. “Assisting Hispanic entrepreneurs in becoming successful business owners is what HBIF is all about,” said Christina Pinto, Incoming Chair of HBIF’s statewide Board of Directors. “As you see the faces and hear the stories of accomplished local entrepreneurs you see the level of passion, commitment, hard work and resourcefulness that has enabled them to turn their dreams into thriving businesses.”

These were the three local Hispanic-owned businesses recognized:

- **DRC ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS LLC (Owners: David & Michelle Ramírez)**  
Specializing in electrical systems for retail, shopping malls, restaurants and medical facilities (based out of Clermont).
- **G&C AMBIENTPETROL V, INC. (Owner: Carmen Nieves)**  
Offers a line of proprietary 100% organic bioremediation products and other proprietary bio-based eco-friendly technology (located in East Orlando).
- **SUNDAX FLORIDA (Owners: Dáxel López & Ana Teresa Rodríguez)**  
Specializes in the design and manufacturing of uniquely differentiated, hand-made awards such as plaques, mementos, trophies, and corporate gifts (located in Winter Garden).

The 2012 Success Stories Luncheon was made possible thanks to these sponsors. Host Sponsors: Bank of America, Orlando Health, the Orlando Magic, Walt Disney Parks & Resorts, and Wells Fargo. Champion Sponsors: AT&T, CenturyLink, Chase, Florida Blue, Florida Hospital and the University of Central Florida.

Honorary Sponsors: Conrad Santiago & Associates with Ameriprise Financial, El Osceola Star and Popular Community Bank.

The Hispanic Business Initiative Fund of Florida (HBIF) is the leading Hispanic economic development, nonprofit organization specializing in providing free bilingual assistance to Hispanic entrepreneurs trying to establish or expand their businesses in the state of Florida. For more than 20 years HBIF has promoted the Hispanic entrepreneur, offering programs and creating partnerships to advance economic development and foster job creation. HBIF is headquartered in Orlando and has offices in Miami, Tampa and Kissimmee. For more information, visit [www.HBIFFlorida.org](http://www.HBIFFlorida.org).

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