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### **NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 15TH ANNUAL DON QUIJOTE AWARDS**

#### **WHAT:**

The deadline to submit nominations for the most prestigious recognition in the Central Florida Hispanic business community is **Friday, September 14, 2012.**

For the 15<sup>th</sup> time, the Hispanic Business Initiative Fund of Florida (HBIF) and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Orlando (HCCMO) will come together to host the Don Quijote Awards.

#### **AWARD CATEGORIES:**

The public can nominate an individual or business in one of six categories:

- Hispanic Business of the Year - Five Years or Less\*
- Hispanic Business of the Year - More Than Five Years\*
- Professional of the Year\*
- The Excellence Award
- The Hispanic Community Champion Award, which recognizes the contributions of a non-Hispanic individual who has significantly contributed to the development of the Hispanic community in Central Florida
- The Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes an individual who has made significant and lasting contributions to the development and empowerment of the Hispanic community in Central Florida

\*Must be a member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Orlando or a client of HBIF.

#### **TO NOMINATE:**

To nominate a business, individual or Hispanic entrepreneur who has made a positive impact in Central Florida, please call 407-428-5872 or complete the online nomination form at [www.DonQuijoteAwards.com](http://www.DonQuijoteAwards.com).

#### **EVENT INFORMATION:**

Via the Don Quijote Awards, HBIF and HCCMO honor those who demonstrate extraordinary abilities in their field of work—hardworking, innovative entrepreneurs and community leaders who exhibit the spirit of Don Quijote: visionaries, dreamers and business men and women who are willing to take risks in order to achieve those dreams.

To date, 70 individuals have been honored with the prestigious Don Quijote Award.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Don Quijote Awards will take place on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at Epcot's World Showplace Pavilion.

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