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What: FANM's Annual Fundraising Gala!

Who: Miami Herald Reporter Jacqueline Charles, our 2018 distinguished Honorees: Councilman Alix Desulme, Jean Mecknic Derisca, Assistant DCPS Superintendent Carl Nicoleau, Dr. Naomie Mirville, MSNEd, CDMS, Yanick Landess, Community Justice Project, and guest!

When: Saturday, March 10, 2018, 7 PM

Where: FIU-North Campus, WUC Ballroom

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(Miami)- Saturday, March 10, 2018, Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami (Haitian Women of Miami) will convene 400 hundred members of the South Florida community, including funders, donors, and political, corporate, and philanthropic leaders for its Annual Gala at FIU –North Campus. This year's Gala, its largest fundraiser of the year, is themed "Building Strong Communities: One Family at a Time".

This gala is being held at a very difficult time for the family members that we serve said Marleine Bastien. I have never seen such a high level of confusion, uncertainty, and fear". March 8 is International Women's Day! This year's theme is: #PressingForChange. This change must include a gender inclusive, equitable, and peaceful world, where parents can raise their children without the fear of deportation, racial profiling, and violence.

FANM's work of providing quality services in the domain of mental health, domestic violence intervention, access to healthcare, adult education and computer training , immigration , youth services and leadership training, in addition to advocacy/organizing work pertaining to immigration, gentrification, affordable housing, statelessness in the Dominican Republic et al. FANM has been internationally recognized for its visionary approach of combining quality services that enrich and save lives, with advocacy and organizing. It has become the lifeblood of low to moderate income families in Miami Dade County.

The gala will consist of a silent auction of famous Haitian artists Turgo Bastien and Louis Rosemond's work, live auction by famous auctioneer Andre Pierre (former Mayor of North Miami) , a full course dinner, songs by Christina Ponthieux and Princess Merriah Dessous, folkloric dance by Sosyete Koukouy Dance Group, Music by Aroze Twoubadou with special guest Kapi of Tabou Combo.

We look forward to welcome you at this auspicious fundraising event.

FANM's mission is to empower Haitian women and their families socially, politically and facilitate their adjustment to South Florida.