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***Hollywood Chamber Celebrated 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner  
In Black & White***

**HOLLYWOOD, FL** – The Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards & Board Installation Dinner on Friday, March 13, 2009 at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood.

The premiere event featured CBS 4 Reporter, Jorge Estevez as the master of ceremonies as well as a myriad of local business and community leaders.

Considered to be the second largest Chamber in Broward County, the Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has been organizing this event for over 45 years!

The grand ceremony also featured an awards ceremony, which honored the community's business leaders.

This year's honorees were:

**2009 Chamber President**

*Beth Kroll, Valley Bank*

**2008 Chamber President**

*Dr. Barry Kay, Hollywood Eyes*

**Community Service Awards**

**Public:** *Hollywood City Manager Cameron Benson*

**Private:** *Gino Paperella, Gino's Italian Market*

**Community Partnership Award**

*Patrick Mason, SUN Credit Union*

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***The Stepping Up Award***

*James Conway, Jimmy Jam Productions*

***Economic Impact Award***

*Max Osceola, Seminole Tribe*

***Glass Ceiling Award***

*Kari Hess, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital*

***Ambassador of the Year***

*Fran Nathanson, Regions Bank*

***Small Business Person of the Year***

*Mayra Hernandez, Bitner Goodman*

One particular, which ended up bringing the entire room to a stand, was the Community Service Award – Public Sector. The recipient, Hollywood City Manager Cameron Benson, graciously accepted the award and dedicated it to fallen Hollywood police officer Alex Del Rio, who died in the line of duty late last year. Del Rio's mother, Myriam Fernandez, was present to accept the recognition on behalf of her son.

This year's event also marked the first time "The Stepping Up Award" was awarded. This award was introduced by the Chamber staff, and the recipient, James Conway of Jimmy Jam Productions, was selected based on his time, efforts and dedication to the Chamber.

Another new-comer to the award list was the Economic Impact Award. Seminole Tribe Tribal Council Representative Max B. Osceola Jr. was selected as the Chamber's first honoree.

Both were introduced by 2009 Chamber President Beth Kroll.

The event's Presenting Sponsor was Hollywood's Community Redevelopment Agency.

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