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**PHILANTHROPISTS JORGE LUIS AND MARILE LOPEZ, TO BE AWARDED THE
CHARLES “BEBE” REBOZO HUMANITARIAN AWARD BY
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF MIAMI-DADE AT ‘WILD ABOUT KIDS’ GALA**

Saturday, Nov. 8th at the JW Marriott Marquis

MIAMI, FL – October 14, 2014 – Philanthropists Jorge Luis and Marile Lopez will be awarded one of Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade’s highest honors, the **2014 Charles “Bebe” Rebozo Humanitarian Award**, for their vision, leadership and dedication to the well-being of the children in our community.

Their work will be honored at the **8th Annual “Wild About Kids” Gala** on **Saturday, November 8th** at the JW Marriott Marquis. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception. The program, dinner, live entertainment and dancing take place from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. followed by an after-party until 3 a.m. This year’s gala chairs are Dr. Robert and Eris Thomas.

The Charles “Bebe” Rebozo Humanitarian Award honors a person, family or organization that has shown overwhelming support and constant dedication to the children in our community. It is their compassion, wisdom and love of helping others, especially the Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade children and youth that make them a special humanitarian.

“Mr. & Mrs. Lopez have helped change, guide and save the lives of hundreds of thousands of children in Miami-Dade County. We are truly grateful for their continued support and are pleased to honor them with this award,” stated Alex Rodriguez-Roig, president of Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade.

Jorge Luis and Marile Lopez are well known for their philanthropic work in the community, both serving on diverse boards of charitable and faith-based not-for-profit organizations. They were awarded the James W. McLamore Outstanding Volunteer Award by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, last year.

“We are deeply honored to be receiving this award,” said Jorge Luis and Marile Lopez. “As dedicated parents, we see the effect that supportive and positive learning environments have on children. We hope that our actions will inspire others to support this wonderful organization that offers these opportunities so many children in Miami-Dade County.”

Jorge Luis Lopez is the principal at the Coral Gables-based Jorge Luis Lopez Law Firm. He serves on the boards of the Miami-Dade Cultural Affairs Council, American Red Cross of Greater Miami & Keys, the Executive Board of the Boys & Girls Club of Miami-Dade and Catholic Association of Latino Leaders. He is a Diamond Society Member of the Miami Children's Health Foundation and the Florida Division Director for the American Cancer Society. He is also Chair of the Citizens' Oversight Committee under the auspices of the Interlocal Agreements for Public School Facility Planning in Miami-Dade County (ILA) and is the Founding Chair of the American Cancer Society - Laureate Society.

Mrs. Lopez is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at The Lopez Law Firm and dedicates time to serve the community through leadership roles in a number of non-profit organizations in the Miami-Dade and South Florida community. She is the Chair for the Miami Children's Health (MCH) Foundation serves on the board of the American Cancer Society's Miami-Dade unit. She has acted as Chair to the fundraising events of Miami Children's Hospital, American Cancer Society and the National YoungArts Foundation. Currently, she sits on the American Red Cross Ball committee, where she and Mr. Lopez will serve as the 2015 Ball Chairs.

For more information, please visit www.lopezgovlaw.com or call 305-444-6102. For information about "Wild About Kids" sponsorship and underwriting opportunities, in-kind gift donations, and tickets, please contact Kati Foley, director of special events & development, at 305-446-9910 ext. 30 or kfoley@bgcmia.org.

About Jorge Luis Lopez Law Firm

Jorge Luis Lopez Law Firm is a Miami-based law firm specializing in governmental affairs. The firm represents Florida 100 and Fortune 500 companies at the federal, state and local levels. As legal experts with more than 23 years of governmental affairs experience, the firm represents clients on the development and response to government regulations, contracts, procurements, land use and zoning. In addition to their dedication to serving clients, firm members are also highly involved in the community, serving on the boards of such reputable community organizations as the American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, Miami-Dade Cultural Affairs Council, The Beacon Council and Miami Children's Health Foundation.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade

Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade has been serving youth in the community since 1940. What once was a single building and site for boys has grown to five Clubs serving thousands of boys and girls year round, providing programs in the areas of character and leadership development, educational enhancement, career preparation, health and life skills, cultural arts and sports, fitness and recreation. Club staffing, initiatives, and programs are designed to inspire and enable young people and provide them with the resources to succeed and share in the American Dream. For more information, please visit www.bgcmia.org.

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