

Dr. Martin Karp, School Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-030 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING WOMEN'S FUND OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND KRISTI HOUSE'S PROJECT GOLD**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Women's Fund of Miami-Dade was founded in 1993 by a dedicated group of women. The organization focuses its efforts on advocacy for women and girls, support of gender-specific organizations with leadership development, and organizational education, which includes coaching, funding, and grant making directed at community-based organizations. Over the last decade, Women's Fund of Miami-Dade has supported a variety of initiatives and awarded more than \$3 million to over 350 gender-specific organizations.

In 2008, Women's Fund of Miami-Dade partnered with Kristi House Project GOLD. Kristi House serves as a children's advocacy center dedicated to providing a healing environment for child victims of sexual abuse and their families. Project GOLD works to raise awareness about domestic children being bought and sold in the commercial sex industry. In 2011, Women's Fund of Miami-Dade successfully nominated Kristi House for a four-year matching grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). In addition to nominating Kristi House, Women's Fund of Miami-Dade partnered with the organization and 27 other agencies that support Project GOLD.

South Florida ranks among the nation's top areas for human trafficking. A major component of the organization's work is a public awareness campaign that brings attention to this growing problem. The Children's Trust of Miami-Dade has partnered with Women's Fund of Miami-Dade and Kristi House in support of a public service campaign on this critical issue. Women's Fund of Miami-Dade and Kristi House are also working with their partners to bring forward legislation that provides safe harbor for victims of commercial exploitation of children and stronger penalties for trafficking.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Women's Fund of Miami-Dade, Kristi House's Project Gold, and its partners for their significant contributions to our community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTIN KARP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-030 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Women's Fund of Miami-Dade and Kristi House's Project GOLD.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-030  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
HONORING WOMEN'S FUND OF MIAMI-DADE AND  
KRISTI HOUSE'S PROJECT GOLD**

**WHEREAS**, Women's Fund of Miami-Dade was founded in 1993 by a dedicated group of women focusing its efforts on advocacy for women and girls, support of gender-specific organizations with leadership development, and helping community based organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last decade, Women's Fund of Miami-Dade has supported a variety of initiatives and awarded more than \$3 million to over 350 gender-specific organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, Women's Fund of Miami-Dade partnered with Kristi House Project GOLD, which works to raise awareness about domestic children being bought and sold in the commercial sex industry; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, Women's Fund of Miami-Dade successfully nominated Kristi House for a four-year matching grant from the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation (RWJF); and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Women's Fund of Miami-Dade, Kristi House's Project Gold, and its partners for their significant contributions to our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-030 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Women's Fund of Miami-Dade and Kristi House's Project GOLD.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

**Presented this fifteenth day of February, A.D. 2012**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary