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**GREATER MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES
2024 SAND IN MY SHOES[®] HONOREE**

MIAMI (March 7, 2024) - The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce announced today that Trish & Dan Bell, Philanthropists, will be honored with 2024 Sand in My Shoes[®] Award. The ceremony will take place on Wednesday, October 9, at Jungle Island from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Chamber's Sand in My Shoes[®] Award is one of this community's most prestigious accolades. Established in 1981, the award is presented to outstanding community leaders who have made significant contributions to the region, demonstrating a deep love and commitment to Miami as the best possible place in which to live, work and play.

For more than 40 years, Trish and Dan Bell have dedicated themselves to enhancing our community through their leadership and philanthropic endeavors. Their primary focus has been on creating opportunities to uplift underserved individuals who lack the necessary resources and support to thrive independently. The Bells provide significant philanthropic support to a wide range of community service and cultural organizations. Among the recipients of their largest gifts are the United Methodist Church, Chapman Partnership, Branches, the Frost Museum of Science and Baptist and Jackson Hospitals. Most recently, the Bells also became the principal funders of the new multi-faith "Trish and Dan Bell Chapel" now being constructed on the main campus of Florida International University.

"Trish & Dan Bell's dedication to philanthropy has had a profound impact on our community, inspiring others to give back, and making a lasting difference in the lives of those in need," said Alfred Sanchez, president and CEO of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. "Their generosity and compassion serve as shining examples for us all, and we are thrilled to recognize their contributions with this prestigious award."

“We are honored to receive the Sand in My Shoes® award and proud that the Miami business community embraces our efforts to make a meaningful impact on our community,” said Trish and Dan Bell. “We are truly grateful for this honor and motivated to continue serving and embracing the Greater Miami area for the betterment of its residents. We are proud to be part of that journey and excited to continue our work together.”

They join a remarkable list of some of Greater Miami’s most influential business and community leaders, including recent honorees Alberto Ibarguen, Manuel “Manny” Medina, David Lawrence, Jr., Penny Shaffer and Antonio “Tony” Argiz, whose tireless efforts have enhanced our community through a combination of passion, performance, dedication, and devotion.

The 2024 Sand in My Shoes® Award Dinner will take place on October 9, 2024 at Jungle Island. For additional information on the award and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jennifer Sanchez at JSanchez@miamichamber.com or (305) 577-5472.

About the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce is the proud champion for the Greater Miami Business Community and serves as a catalyst for solutions to the problems that businesses face. Founded in 1907 as the Miami Board of Trade, today’s Chamber represents more than 400,000-member company employees and is heralded for its legacy of leadership in economic development, and its unwavering commitment to improving the Miami-Dade community. Our members drive a business agenda at the federal, state and local levels. We are dedicated to building the best environment for business in the Americas and committed to improving the economic vitality of South Florida. Our advocacy efforts are focused on four main priority areas: Education & Workforce Development, Resilience, Transportation, and Workforce Housing. For more information, please visit www.miamichamber.com.

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