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MIAMI'S MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMEN COME TOGETHER IN SUPPORT OF YWCA OF GREATER MIAMI



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Miami, FL—On August 24, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., the YWCA of Greater Miami will welcome authentic leaders, inspiring role models and extraordinary achievers to Jungle Island for the 8th Annual Women of Influence Cocktail and Networker. Hosted by Akerman, PwC, Steven Douglas Associates, A.C. McCowan CPA, and Diaz & Cooper, this premier cocktail event benefits the YWCA's programming initiatives. Taking place in Jungle Island's popular Treetop Ballroom, the fundraiser features a silent auction, open bar, and a special guest panel of prominent women.

Panelists include Bacardi North America's VP of General Counsel, Marlene Gordon, Executive Chef and Owner of Ortanique Restaurant, Cindy Hutson, BankUnited CFO, Leslie Lunak and Rachel Sapoznik, Founder and CEO of Sapoznik Insurance & Associates. Each woman brings with her a wealth of knowledge, life experience and keen insight into navigating male-dominated industries in a way that has propelled them to great success. Past panelists have included Patricia Rosello, CEO, Baptist Health Outpatient Services, City National Bank of Florida's EVP, Mara Suarez, Perry Ellis International's EVP Cory Shade, and a host of other notably accomplished businesswoman and philanthropists. The panel discussion will be hosted by superstar Accelerator and Influencer Michelle Villalobos.

"We're excited and thankful to our sponsors for hosting this event for the past eight years. When influential women come together to have open, honest dialogue about social issues affecting women, it is truly a sign of the power of the YWCA's mission," said Ana Corrales, President of the Board of Directors for the YWCA of Greater Miami.

The event is designed for attendees to not only hear the powerful stories of women who are the best and brightest in their fields, but to also foster impactful conversation between panelists and attendees, and celebrate the importance of women in the workplace.

Tickets for the Women of Influence Networker are \$75, and can be purchased at www.ywcamiami.org. This year, the YWCA is also excited to announce that attendees will have a chance to win an escape on a 3 or 4 day Bahamas cruise for 2, on Norwegian Cruise Line from Miami to an exotic destination in 2016! Registration for the cruise is available upon ticket purchase. The winner will be announced at the close of the event. Event proceeds directly benefit the YWCA of Greater Miami, and programs that work to support those at the intersection of racial and gender disparities.

ABOUT THE YWCA OF GREATER MIAMI:

For the past 97 years, the YWCA has unapologetically addressed issues at the intersection of race and gender. Founded in 1919 by Mrs. James Jackson of Jackson Memorial Hospital, the YWCA of Greater Miami is on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families, and strengthen communities. During its long tenure, the YWCA Miami has implemented programs aimed at strengthening women through financial empowerment; personal and family wellness; early childhood education

and youth development in the areas of computer literacy, counseling, and tutoring.