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Awardees Honored at the 7th Annual Golden Baby Shoe Awards

FORT MYERS, FLORIDA, September 19, 2016: Ten awardees were honored at the 7th Annual Golden Baby Shoe Awards. More than 125 people attended the event at the Shadow Wood Country Club in Bonita Springs. The Golden Baby Shoe Awards honors individuals who show outstanding contributions to improving the health and well-being of pregnant women, babies, and young children throughout Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties. The event is hosted by the Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida in partnership with the Golisano Children's Hospital and Naples Community Hospital as title sponsors.

Lifetime Achievement Awardee:

- Ahmed Barhoush, MD, OBGYN, A.H. Barhoush PA

Golden Baby Shoe Awardees:

- Estela Aguilar, Help Me Grow Community Liaison, Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida
- Ivette Galarza, MSW, Head Start Director of Operations, Redlands Christian Migrant Association
- Lanise Laurent, BS, CCHW, Healthcare Educator Consultant, Florida Department of Health Collier County
- Denise Rivera, RN, BSN, Labor and Delivery Nurse, NCH Healthcare System
- Delilah Edwards, BSN, RN, IBCLC, OB Educator, Lee Memorial Health System Cape Coral Hospital
- Lizbet Perez, WIC Diet Technician WIC, Florida Department of Health Hendry County
- Laarni West, MPH, RN, Nursing Program Specialist, Florida Department of Health Collier County
- Melanio Villarosa, MD, Pediatrician, Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center
- Dana Crater, MD, Pediatrician, Mackoul Pediatrics

Photos from the event are attached to this email:

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Golden-92	2016 Awardees: Ivette Galarza, Delilah Edwards, Lizbet Perez, Dana Crater, Denise Rivera, Melanio Villarosa, Lanise Laurent, Estela Aguilar, Laarni West, and Ahmed Barhoush (not pictured)
Golden-7	Delilah and Mark Edwards, Nancy Travis and Brian Travis
Golden-13	Harry Moreau, Susan Gilbert
Golden-21	Vernon West Sr. and Xavier West
Golden-24	Debbie McCarthy, Estela Aguilar, Cathy Timuta
Golden-58	Gusleine Domond, Lanise Laurent, Marie M Jean Michel

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About Healthy Start: Healthy Start Southwest Florida is a not for profit 501(c) (3) organization, serving Lee, Collier, Glades, and Hendry counties, since 1992. We provide education and support for pregnant women and families with young children. We help families access health care and community services that will help give their baby the best chance at a healthy start in life because a healthy start lasts a lifetime. Last year more than 14,000 pregnant women and babies were served, and 95 cents of every dollar received went to local services. For more information, visit www.healthystartbaby.org.

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