

## News Release

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### **MOLINA HEALTHCARE OF FLORIDA HONORS FLORIDA CITY WOMAN AS A COMMUNITY CHAMPION**

**FLORIDA CITY, FL – June 1, 2010 –** Molina Healthcare of Florida recognized six unsung heroes at its first annual Community Champions Awards dinner, which was held at the Florida Aquarium in Tampa. **One of the winners was Kim King Torres from Florida City, who won the Faith-Based Organization Award.**

Kim Torres has dedicated her life to serving at-risk children and families in South Florida through the founding and leading of the Branches ministry. For more than 15 years, the Branches Model programs have been offering holistic, multigenerational after-school tutoring and mentoring as well as college preparation and literacy programs to the community. More than 250 students are served each year through the four sites in Miami-Dade and Broward.

“Kim goes above and beyond the call of duty to help children in need,” said David Pollack, president of Molina Healthcare of Florida. “She personally invests in the lives of these kids and does everything she can to see them through. Kim helped one of her students since she was a child in 6<sup>th</sup> grade until she recently graduated from college on a full scholarship. Kim demonstrates true commitment.”

Established to honor the memory of Dr. Molina, our Community Champions program spotlights the good deeds of everyday heroes in their communities. The 2010 winners were recognized in several categories: education, faith-based organization, support group/service club, healthcare professional and volunteer. Each winner also received a \$1000 grant to give to a deserving nonprofit organization as part of his/her award. Torres has designated Branches Ministry to receive the grant.



***Photo ID (Left to Right)***  
*Angela Blaylock, manager of community outreach, Molina Healthcare of Florida; Kim Torres, winner; Brent Hursey McLaughlin, grant recipient-South Florida Urban Ministries; David Pollack, president, Molina Healthcare of Florida*

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