



**CHARLEE** Providing a safe and hopeful future for our children  
**Homes for Children**

**Ribbon cutting ceremony to be held April 3, 2009 to commemorate  
opening of newly redeveloped facility at  
CHARLEE Homes for Children**

**WHAT:** Team Awesome, through Leadership Miami, together with the help of many generous donors, is proud to announce the opening of a newly redeveloped facility at CHARLEE (Children Have All Rights: Legal, Educational and Emotional) Homes for Children in Miami. The space was remodeled with well over \$10,000 in funds raised by the efforts of Team Awesome—a group of young professionals sponsored by Leadership Miami and the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

This new area will serve as a place for CHARLEE's teens to learn and become proficient in basic life skills such as budgeting, cooking, automotive repair, resume writing and much more. A speaker series is also in the process of being planned to provide the teens with a first-hand account of fundamental skills to facilitate independent living and health education and awareness. Additionally, the space has been furnished with a television, computers, furniture, books, games, office supplies and electronics.

The resource room will feature a Comcast Media Center made possible through a donation from Comcast. The sponsorship includes free installation, set-up, cable and internet services for at least 12 months. Comcast will work together with CHARLEE to enhance the career skills of interested youth.

CHARLEE is a private not-for-profit agency that cares for children ages 0-23 years old in Miami-Dade County who have been placed in foster care due to abuse, abandonment and neglect. For the past 25 years, CHARLEE has helped thousands of children in the foster care system begin a new life. With the privatization of the child welfare system in 2005, CHARLEE has doubled in size, providing service to approximately 1,000 children annually.

**WHERE:** 155 South Miami Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Miami, FL 33130  
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**WHEN:** April 3, 2009; 11am

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