



## Florida Minority Community Reinvestment Coalition

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**MS. KERRY KENNEDY Esq., DAUGHTER OF LATE ROBERT F. KENNEDY,  
TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT ANNUAL FMCRC BUILDERS OF COMMUNITY & COUNTRY  
AWARDS DINNER**

“Our future may lie beyond our vision but it is not completely beyond our control.”

**Robert F. Kennedy**

MIAMI, FL - **Ms. Kerry Kennedy Esq.**, one of the nation's foremost human rights activists and the daughter of the late Senator and U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy will be the Keynote Speaker at the Florida Minority Community Reinvestment Coalition (FMCRC) Builders of Community & Country Awards Dinner to take place on Monday June 7, 2010 at the Miami's Doubletree Hotel and Exhibition Center-Miami, Florida.

The **2010 Builders of Community & Country awardees** are: **Leilani Fontanilla** (Asian-American Federation of Florida), **Nadine Smith** (Executive Director, Equality Florida), **Roland Sanchez Medina Esq.** (Immediate Past President, Cuban American Bar Association), **Malik Ali** (President, Florida Minority Suppliers Development Council), **Damon Lester** (President, National Association of Minority Automotive Dealers), **Jeff Jones** (Senior Vice President, Supplier Development-Bank of America)

The Awards Dinner is part of **FMCRC Annual Summit** and for the first time, **Let's Do Business Florida**, a job creation event will become part of FMCRC Annual Summit and provide minority small businesses the opportunity to access contract opportunities with Tier 1 suppliers in the financial, telecom and automotive industries. The event is free to nonprofit organizations and minority businesses.

“We live in times of great uncertainty in Florida. Poverty and unemployment for minorities has created great suffering for families. We need of a voice that can bind us to a common goal. Ms. Kennedy is such a voice. We welcome Ms. Kennedy to Florida,” states Jacksonville City Councilwoman Glorious Johnson.

Ms. Kennedy a graduate of Brown University and Boston College Law School found her calling in 1981 when she learned about the mistreatment of immigrants from El Salvador. She founded the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial to advance her father's vision for justice. Ms. Kennedy, a best-selling author, currently serves as chair of Amnesty International's USA Leadership Council.

**“As her father, Ms. Kennedy has become a beacon of hope and an activist and humanitarian with great moral courage. She has not only carried on her father's legacy, she has become a symbol of hope in her own light,”** states FMCRC Chair Al Pina. **“We at FMCRC are proud to have her as our awards dinner keynote speaker. Florida welcomes her leadership,”** Pina adds.

*The Florida Minority Community Reinvestment Coalition seeks to empower minorities in the areas of housing, community reinvestment, small business, health, sustainable neighborhood development and job creation. At the core of the FMCRC mission is the creation of a paradigm shift in community reinvestment for minority communities in Florida.* ([www.fmcrc.org](http://www.fmcrc.org))

Event Registration at: [Letsdobusinessflorida.com](http://Letsdobusinessflorida.com)  
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### [Bio for Ms. Kerry Kennedy, Esq.](#)

Ms. Kerry Kennedy is the mother of three daughters, Cara, Mariah and Michaela. She is the best-selling author of *Being Catholic Now*, *Prominent Americans talk about Change in the Church and the Quest for Meaning*. Her life has been devoted to the vindication of equal justice, to the promotion and protection of basic rights, and to the preservation of the rule of law. She established the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights in 1988 and she has worked on diverse human rights issues such as children's rights, child labor, disappearances, indigenous land rights, judicial independence, freedom of expression, ethnic violence, impunity, and the environment. She has concentrated specifically on women's rights, exposing injustices and educating audiences about women's issues, particularly honor killings, sexual slavery, domestic violence, workplace discrimination, sexual assault, abuse of prisoners, and more. She has led over 40 human rights delegations across the globe. At a time of diminished idealism and growing cynicism about public service, her life and lectures are testaments to the commitment to the basic values of human rights.