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### **Governor Charlie Crist Names Sonia Hogue-Woycke of Tampa as Point of Light for Hispanic Heritage Month**

TALLAHASSEE — Governor Charlie Crist today recognized Sonia Hogue-Woycke as this week's Point of Light for exemplary volunteerism. Sonia dedicates her time to giving low-income families access to quality dental health care. Sonia is the second of four Points of Light selected from Florida's Hispanic community, in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

"Volunteers from all walks of life play an integral part of strengthening Florida's communities," said Governor Crist. "Sonia's hard work has brightened the smiles of the children in her community and set an example for others to follow."

Sonia volunteers with the Florida Give Kids a Smile program. Each year, the organization holds an event to provide free dental health care to children without access to dental services. The program is designed to provide education, preventive and restorative care. Sonia regularly attended planning and teaching sessions and dedicated weekends and nights to doing paperwork. She also commits many hours to treating immigrants, and those without health coverage, out of a mobile van.

"Sonia is truly one of the most selfless individuals I've ever known," said Dr. Chris Wujick, director of Pinellas County Give Kids a Smile. "If it were possible at all for her to help, she would be there."

During Hispanic Heritage Month, the Points of Light Award will recognize outstanding members of the Hispanic community dedicated to public service in Florida. Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated nationwide and runs September 15 through October 15. Additional information about Florida's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration is available on the Web site [www.FloridaHispanicHeritage.com](http://www.FloridaHispanicHeritage.com).

The Governor's Points of Light Award, sponsored by Royal Caribbean International and Celebrity Cruises, recognizes a Florida resident or organization that demonstrates exemplary service to the community. Award recipients are announced weekly. A panel of judges comprised of leaders in the areas of volunteerism and service evaluate all nominations and make recommendations to the Governor. The Volunteer Florida Foundation manages the program. For more information, or to nominate someone, go to [www.VolunteerFloridaFoundation.org](http://www.VolunteerFloridaFoundation.org).

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