

## **Ruth Cecilia Moguillansky**

**Ruth Cecilia Moguillansky**, a native from Argentina, earned a master's degree in Community Planning with an area of concentration in international development, from the University of Cincinnati, and a six-year professional degree in Architecture from the University of Buenos Aires. Ruth has been serving the Palm Beach County government since 1990 and has been the Principal Planner for the County's Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) since its creation in 2003. Under her leadership, the Countywide Community Revitalization Team was created to coordinate stabilization and revitalization activities for designated residential neighborhoods throughout unincorporated Palm Beach County. She is now the Manager of Community Revitalization. Ruth is passionate about tapping into the collective wisdom of a community to strengthen and build neighborhoods and provides energy and enthusiasm that inspires others. She is recognized for her extensive knowledge and experience in community revitalization and comprehensive planning, and for her "we can do it attitude," as she always strives for finding creative ways to serve the greater community. With a passion and strong belief in community service and philanthropy, she has supported many initiatives targeted at enriching the lives of at-risk youth and has forged many partnerships to benefit those in need. In this capacity, Ruth has been volunteering and involved with many local nonprofits to lend a helping hand to seniors with disabilities, veterans, families in need, and community groups with many projects and initiatives ranging from food, clothes, toys and school supplies drives and distribution, to exterior painting and home repairs, landscaping improvements, and neighborhood cleanups, just to name a few. Over the years, Ruth has "adopted" a few Hispanic families and worked with different organizations to provide them with food and clothing, and to access educational opportunities, free medical care, and other community resources. As a former foster parent and avid foster children advocate, Ruth devotes her free time to participate in community events and initiatives geared towards developing youth self-esteem. Ruth has received several national and local awards over the years for her accomplishments, her contributions to the community, and for advocating positive social change, and is called upon to serve as the guest speaker at both state and national conferences. She is passionate about community advocacy and engagement,

and one the founding members of the Asset Based Neighborhood Organizing Network created by neighborhood builders across the United States and Canada to provide leadership and support in promoting an international model for inclusive citizen-led action. She remains active with, and continues to support many organizations that are close to her heart like The Autism Community in Action (TACA), Mary Rubloff YMCA Harmony House, Paint Your Heart Out Palm Beach County, Rebuilding Together of the Palm Beaches, Friends of Foster Children of Palm Beach County. For several years, Ruth was a member of the Women's Foundation of Florida's Giving Circle which provides micro-grants to support local projects that empower women and girls in Palm Beach County and served until recently on the Hispanic Education Coalition of Palm Beach County's Board of Directors. During this time, she has been collaborating with HEC in its efforts to engage members of the Hispanic community and other minority groups to understand their concerns and desires regarding public education, and to promote initiatives geared towards increasing their awareness of available community resources.