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### Ten Awardees Honored at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Baby Shoe Awards

FORT MYERS, FLORIDA, September 8, 2015: The Golden Baby Shoe Awards acknowledges individuals who consistently show outstanding efforts in improving the health and well-being of pregnant women or babies throughout Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties. Healthy Start of Southwest Florida honored the following ten awardees for their enthusiasm and dedication at the event on the evening of Saturday, August 29, 2015. We are looking forward to seeing you all next year!

#### Lifetime Achievement Award:

**Arlene Bettencourt** – Retired, Resource House Manager, United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, & Okeechobee

#### Golden Baby Shoe Awardees:

**Karen Ammann** – Family Support Worker, Lee Memorial Healthy Start Program

**Sarah DiGiorgi, MD** – Obstetrician/Gynecologist, OB Medical Director, Physician's Primary Care and Lee Memorial Health System

**Bernadine Hinton, MSN, RN** – Director Women's and Children's Services, NCH Healthcare

**Marie Jean-Michel** – Health Educator, Healthy Start, Collier County Health Department

**Holly Miller, MD** – Obstetrician/Gynecologist, A Woman's Place

**Harry Moreau, MD** – Neonatologist, Kidz Medical Services, NCH Healthcare

**Sangeeta Pingale, MSW** – Social Worker, Lee Memorial Health System, HealthPark Medical Center

**Sarah Rodriguez** – Acting Outreach Ministry Director, Lifeline Family Center, Inc.

**Karen Watson, MSW** – Executive Director, Our Mothers Home of Southwest Florida, Inc.

Awardees were honored during the Golden Baby Shoe Awards Gala on:

**Saturday, August 29, 2015, 6:00-9:00 p.m.**  
**Shadow Wood Country Club**  
**22801 Oakwilde Boulevard, Bonita Springs, Florida**

**About Healthy Start:** Healthy Start is a not for profit 501(c) (3) organization, serving Lee, Collier, Glades, and Hendry counties, since 1992. The organization provides services that help to reduce infant deaths and increase healthy births in Southwest Florida. Last year more than 17,000 pregnant women and babies were served, and 94 cents of every dollar received went to local services. For more information, visit [www.healthystartbaby.org](http://www.healthystartbaby.org).

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