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**ANGELA DIAZ-VIDAILLET, OF MIAMI, APPOINTED TO GOVERNOR'S  
COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Governor Charlie Crist appoints a Miami advocate for battered women and their children to Volunteer Florida.*

**TALLAHASSEE** — Governor Charlie Crist recently appointed Angela Diaz-Vidaillet, of Miami, to the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Volunteer Florida).

Diaz-Vidaillet currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of Victim Response, Inc., which operates The Lodge, the first private, not-for-profit certified domestic violence shelter in Miami Dade County. She has more than 20 years of experience working in the field of domestic violence, mental health, and substance abuse.

In her current job, she has spearheaded the development and implementation of a volunteer program that assists in providing services to battered women and their children who reside at The Lodge. This includes facilitating camps for children when they are out of school. The operation of The Lodge has been one of her greatest professional and personal challenges and accomplishments.

Ms. Diaz-Vidaillet was born in Baracoa, Cuba and raised in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. The daughter of a salesman and a school teacher, her altruistic values were seen in early adolescence when she assisted the Sisters of Charity from the local parish to teach catechism to underserved communities in Aguadilla.

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## **DIAZ-VIDAILLET APPOINTED TO VOLUNTEER COMMISSION**

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Ms. Diaz-Vidaillet received a B.S. in Psychology in 1981 and her M.S. in Developmental Counseling in 1983 from St. Thomas University in Miami. She is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in the state of Florida; is a member of the Miami Dade County Fatality Review Team; and the Vice Chair of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council of Greater Miami. At the State level, Ms. Diaz-Vidaillet serves on the Board of Directors of the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and is a member of the Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Steering Committee.

“I am thrilled that Angela is among our new Commissioners,” said Volunteer Florida Chief Executive Officer Wendy Spencer. “Her extensive experience in starting and managing volunteer programs is certain to be an asset to Volunteer Florida.”

Commissioners drive Volunteer Florida’s mission, and are actively involved in volunteer and service activities. They are a diverse, bipartisan group of citizens appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate.

The Governor’s Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service was established in 1994 by the Florida Legislature to administer grants under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. The Commission grants funds to Florida AmeriCorps and National Service programs; encourages volunteerism for everyone from youths to seniors to people with disabilities; promotes volunteerism in emergency management and preparedness; supports the Governor’s priorities through the creation of innovative volunteer programs, and helps to strengthen and expand Volunteer Centers in Florida.

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