

**OCEAN BANK RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS JULIA TUTTLE AWARD  
FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY**  
*José A. Concepción, President and C.E.O received the recognition  
on behalf of all Ocean Bank employees*

**Miami, Florida – November 15, 2007** – Ocean Bank recently received the Julia Tuttle Award for its outstanding contributions to our local communities. This recognition was presented to the bank during the National Philanthropy Day 2007 luncheon, an event hosted by The Association of Fundraising Professionals Miami-Dade Chapter. The National Philanthropy Day 2007 took place at the Hyatt Regency Miami, located at 400 South East 2nd Avenue in Miami. Penny Shaffer, representing Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Florida, presented the award to José A. Concepción, President and CEO of Ocean Bank.

“For many years, Ocean Bank has been a leader in supporting South Florida’s non-profit community,” said Ms. Shaffer. “Ocean Bank offers support in the form of employee volunteers, expertise, direct grants, donations and sponsorships to numerous community organizations that include the Education Fund, Florida International University, the United Negro College Fund and Florida Memorial University, the Miami-Dade College School of Business, St. Francis Xavier school, the Orange Bowl Foundation and the United Way, to name just a few. José Concepción, President of Ocean Bank, has always been a driving force behind the bank’s philanthropic activity. He has recently announced his retirement at the end of this year, so this will allow him even more time to continue helping our community and making it a better place to live.”

“I would like to accept this award on behalf of all the directors, officers and employees of Ocean Bank,” said Mr. Concepción. “Through the last 25 years, Ocean Bank has been committed to helping South Florida grow and prosper. Our officers have dedicated so much time and effort to making a difference in our community that I am really proud of them. I want to assure you that even after my retirement I will continue working for the benefit of our community.”

The Julia Tuttle Award for Community Involvement and Corporate Citizenship was established in 1986 by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce to recognize for profit businesses whose South Florida corporate giving program and outreach policy is a role model for all to follow. The award annually singles out a company whose corporate philosophy and outreach to the non-profit local sector epitomizes the best in corporate community involvement.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) represents nearly 28,000 members in more than 190 chapters throughout the world, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. The association fosters development and growth of fundraising professionals and promotes high ethical standards in the fundraising profession.

Celebrating its 25-year-anniversary beginning in 2007, Ocean Bank is the largest independent commercial bank chartered and headquartered in Florida, with more than \$5.8 billion in assets and \$5 billion in deposits. The bank operates a network of 21 branches throughout Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Since its inception, Ocean Bank has impacted education in our community by making substantial contributions to Florida International University, Miami Dade College, the United Negro College Fund, Florida Memorial University the Education Fund and many other community initiatives. Acknowledging its support, Ocean Bank has received numerous awards and accolades from the Beacon Council, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and the Florida Department of Education. For more information about Ocean Bank, visit [www.oceanbank.com](http://www.oceanbank.com).

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