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**PERSONAL:**

1. I have been a resident of Coral Gables for 24 years. My home is directly across from the Merrick House, and I have lived there for 19 years.
2. I have been married to Frank Rodriguez for 29 years and we have 3 children. Frank was a Board member of the Merrick House, appointed by Don Slesnick.
3. Stopped working in 1994 to raise 3 kids.
3. Graduated from the University of Florida in 1979 with a BA in English.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

1. 2011-2012: Created line of infused vinegars with herbs from the Merrick House Community garden. The name of vinegar is VINEGAR 907 which is the address of the Merrick House. Funds that were made at the Coral Gables Jr. Club "Parade of Music" went to the restoration of the Merrick house fund.
2. 2010 TO PRESENT: Founded and Co-Chair the Merrick House Community Garden and Volunteer Group.  
Maintain and plant the garden with a group of resident volunteers. Teach organic gardening methods at the Merrick House.
3. 2009-2011: Director of School Gardens for Slow Food Miami. Raised funds to support Dade County Schools who were interested in planting Vegetable Gardens on school property. Teaching children how to grow your own food and inviting children to taste fresh, locally grown food. Planted 41 gardens under my term.
4. 2008-Present: Coral Gables Garden Club. Chaired the committee for Junior Gardeners for 2 years.
5. 2005-2007: Treasurer of Coral Gables Elementary PTA
6. 1995-2003: Board Member of Society of Abused Children. Fundraising for Children under the care of the Children's Home Society. Held positions of 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-President, 1<sup>st</sup> vice-President and President elect, during my tenure with the organization.
7. 2002: Founded the Teenage service group "The Emissaries", which helps teenage kids in group homes that have been removed from their homes because of abuse, neglect or for not having a suitable parent that can care for these children. It is a Dade County Organization.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

1. 2011 to Present: Started a new small business making infused vinegars.
2. 2003to 2006: Started small business importing Home accessories from the Philippines.
3. 1983-1994: Jewelry and Watch buyer for Mayors Jewelers Corporate.
4. 1979-1983: Buyer for women's accessories for Burdines, Department Manager for Women's Accessories in Dadeland