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### **Roundtable Meeting in Miami for FBOs and CBOs**

**Washington D.C.** – The National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies (NAVASA) will hold a regional roundtable meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 10:00 am in Miami, Florida. The meeting takes place at:

National Shrine of our Lady of Charity (Ermita de la Caridad)  
3609 South Miami Avenue  
Miami, FL 33233-0555

The community roundtable is one of NAVASA's many initiatives to outreach and enable faith-based organizations (FBOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) to learn more about accessing funding resources and receive technical assistance in health and social service programs. It is also an opportunity for leaders, activists, and members to share their experiences from their work and for delegates to discuss any unmet needs they may have within their community.

Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Dr. Nguyen Van Hanh has confirmed to be the keynote speaker at the Miami roundtable meeting. Liza McFadden, Executive Director of the Florida Governor's Mentoring Initiative, is also a confirmed guest speaker. NAVASA has invited leaders, activists, and members of FBOs and CBOs from the Florida community to attend the one-day event. NAVASA expects at least 100 people to participate in the discussion.

"NAVASA is delighted and proud to host the event in Miami where it has been widely known for its strong ethnic FBOs and their compassionate and effective services to the disadvantaged," noted Huy Bui, Executive Director of NAVASA. "Along with federal and state officials, we will explore opportunities and partnerships while obtaining know-how tools that can be applied to strengthen organization capacity in serving the community."

Under a contract with ORR, the meeting in Miami is the first in a series of regional community roundtables that NAVASA will organize for 2004. Other locations in-planning for future regional roundtables are in Dallas, Texas and Portland, Oregon.

For more information, call the office or visit our website at <http://www.navasa.org>.

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NAVASA is a national advocacy agency currently comprised of 37 ethnic community-based organizations. Since its incorporation in 1995 as a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, NAVASA has promoted economic self-sufficiency and active citizenship for Vietnamese-Americans through full participation in the socio-political system. Located in metropolitan Washington D.C., NAVASA is fully committed to assisting its affiliate organizations to address the civic, economic, linguistic, and social needs facing community members in their specific localities.

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