

Ralph M. Parilla, Jr **Chairman of the Board** **President of Parilla & Associates**

Ralph M. Parilla, Jr. is the President of Parilla & Associates, a consulting firm specializing in Management Training and Human Resources consulting. He has lived in South Florida since 1971 and is married to his wife, Ann. He has two daughters, Jessica, who has a doctorate in Bio-Chemistry, and Lauren, who recently graduated from the University of Miami.

His involvement in children's issues dates back to the early days of the Adam Walsh Center. He was the Center's Chairman of the Board from 1982 until the merger with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in 1990. Since joining the NCMEC Board, he has been an active board member, chairing several committees and serving on the Board's Executive Committee. He was recently elected Chairperson. In addition to his work on the NCMEC board, he has been active in workforce development issues for disadvantaged citizens for over 30 years. President Reagan recognized his efforts in this area with an award presented in the White House Rose Garden. He has also been appointed by three Florida Governors to serve on various statewide committees and commissions, including being named as chairman of two of them.

In the South Florida community, he has been active in the Broward County CrimeStoppers Program, serving as chairman of the board. He was also a volunteer suicide crisis line counselor for eight years, and was a member of their Board of Directors.

Before starting Parilla & Associates in 1986, Ralph was a Human Resources executive at Motorola and Gould, serving in a variety of corporate and international positions. He is an avid traveler and has recently completed a goal of traveling to all seven continents.

