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**THE HAMPTON INN FT LAUDERDALE AIRPORT NORTH CRUISE PORT
WAS RECOGIZED AT THE 2017 SUNSATIONAL SERVICE COURTESY AWARDS**

GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (May 10, 2017) – The Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau (GFLCVB) celebrated National Tourism Day at its annual luncheon on Wednesday, May 10, by recognizing the millions of visitors that contribute to hotel occupancy, jobs and positive economic impact throughout Broward County.

The tourism bureau also used the occasion to celebrate and thank Broward County's best hospitality employees who created WOW experiences for destination visitors, presenting them with SUNsational Service Courtesy Awards.

Held at Gulfstream Park, a popular entertainment complex with thoroughbred racing, gaming, shopping and dining in Hallandale Beach, the event drew more than 400 industry partners who watched the Tourism Day Classic, a special horse race named to celebrate National Tourism Day.

Out of all of the 87 nominees that were presented at this special event, General Manager, David Blevins and Breakfast Attendant, Tiffany Williams were acknowledged for their part in taking care of a wonderful family that was involved in the Fort Lauderdale Airport shooting incident. The hotel was featured in a video about Medical Tourism and how important it is to show empathy and compassion to your guests that might be going through a traumatic event. Tiffany Williams was one of the finalists in Sunsational Service Courtesy Award of 2017 for her incredible service, warmth and compassion to the family.



All of the 87 nominees received a "Tourism Day Classic" pint glass; commemorative photo; Gulfstream Park signature bottle opener; two Grandstand tickets for this year's Winterfest Boat Parade; Hello Sunny luggage tag and t-shirt.



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