

# KEY PLAYERS



**M**et the people who are shaping the future of the communities they live in while inspiring everyone they meet along the way. Though their stories are all different and their backgrounds, histories, hopes and dreams vary, the one thing each has in common is a passion for what they do and their ability to see past themselves for the benefit of others. In the following pages, you'll meet this issue's Key Players and get a brief glimpse into their lives. If you happen to run into one of them during your daily routine, take a moment to salute them. They've earned it.

# Crowd Pleaser

Dr. Michael E. Kelly's magic touch is bringing smiles to those who need a little lift in their spirits — among other things — inside and outside of his operating room.

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Dr. Michael E. Kelly didn't have to span cultures and continents to know Miami was where he wanted to be...but he did, anyway! As the pioneer of the very successful — and satisfaction-driven — Miami Plastic Surgery, Dr. Kelly applies his experience and expertise to give Miami's beauty scene a boost. A graduate of the University of Illinois, he completed his surgical residencies in Chicago, England and Miami. "I was determined to succeed and doors opened after that," he says.

With just one employee, he opened the doors to Miami Plastic Surgery, subsequently forming a partnership with two other surgeons. "I have to fulfill two goals to be successful," he says. "First, the surgery has to be safe, because what I do is unnecessary...no one has to have a facelift. Second, the patient has to be happy when I'm done."

Currently, Dr. Kelly is spreading smiles beyond the walls of his O.R. "I volunteer with Operation Smile and do cleft lip and palate surgery in undeveloped nations," he says. "I've been to Honduras twice, and to Nicaragua, China and Thailand."

If you aren't in search of a doctor, just call him councilman. "I joined the Key Biscayne Village Council last year, and I'm working very hard to understand the issues facing us and trying to add leadership and good judgment to our excellent local leaders."

*To try to look your best with the help of Dr. Kelly, call 305.595.2969*

