IN TRIBUTE
Roberta Daum Shevin
(June 13, 1943 - September 24, 2018)
Executive Director of MCCJ, Inc. 2009 – 2018

Roberta Shevin dedicated her life to making South Florida a better place; one that was inclusive and understanding of all cultures, religions, and races. She wanted to make a difference in our community and embracing diversity and understanding of others was her life’s calling.

“Roberta used her compassion, intelligence and unlimited energy to lead MCCJ as its executive director. She helped develop and expand MCCJ’s Student Voices, Emerging Leaders and Camp MetroTown programs for South Florida’s youth. She passionately promoted MCCJ’s role in building an inclusive community that encouraged a civil dialogue on difficult issues via the “Can We Talk, Really Can We Talk” series, the Headliner Award Breakfast, and the Miami Herald Roundtable. She restored MCCJ to its central role among South Florida non-profits who share the common goal of building a just community.” — Brian Derzishi, MCCJ’s Board Chair

“Roberta dedicated her career to making the community a better place for all people. She drew from her Jewish knowledge and philosophy of Tikkun Olam – repairing the World. She used her skills and talent to bring people together recognizing that we have more in common than differences. Her legacy will be to work with all our might to eradicate hatred, bigotry, and injustice from our community.” — Rabbi Sol Schiff

“Roberta had a very close and meaningful relationship with our Muslim community. She was a true Bridge Builder, committed to breaking down barriers and divisions and bringing all of us closer together. Let’s be encouraged by her passing and legacy to continue to bring people together across communities.” — Dr. Abdul Hamid Samra, Imam & Religious Director, Islamic Center of Greater Miami

“At a time in life when many distance themselves or disengage from their work and communities in favor of taking life easy, Roberta enthusiastically embraced a new staff role at MCCJ. It provided a perfect arena to continue to live out her own deep faith and passionate commitment to the worth of every person. She was untiring in her efforts to seek ways to bring people together for the expansion and transformation of individual minds and hearts, and ever-hopeful for the resulting enrichment of the entire community. Happily, she was still doing exactly that as her life ended so unexpectedly; her example inspires us all to find our own places of meaningful service at every moment. May she rest in the peace of God’s blessing upon a well-lived life.” — Rev. Priscilla Felisky Whitehead

“Roberta Shevin was particularly effective in addressing youth and diversity issues, and her efforts over nearly a decade of service helped unite the faith community of South Florida. Thanks to Roberta and MCCJ, relations between Christians, Jews and Muslims have been strengthened in this community.” — Archbishop Thomas Wenski

The Board of Directors expresses its deep condolences to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with those Roberta encountered throughout her years of service. She will be sorely missed.