## Silvia Stradi, Chief Nurse Executive, Retired

Silvia Stradi is a dynamic and accomplished woman, known for her passion for people, her leadership excellence, and her caring humanity!

Throughout her life, Silvia has served in many roles. In describing some of her roles here, you get a sense of the transformational woman she has become. She is a Daughter, Sister, Mother, Grandmother, Widow, Nurse and Leader who has gained the respect of family, friends, colleagues and acquaintances, alike.

Silvia is a graduate of Barry University in Miami Shores, FL, receiving both her undergraduate and graduate degrees in Nursing there. Her faith is very important to her, keeps her centered, and has helped her through all the challenges life has brought.

Silvia's professional career spans more than 25 years. In that time, she has worked with such organizations as Jackson Memorial Health System, the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, the University of Miami Medical Center, and HCA, the Healthcare Corporation of America. In those years, her career progressed in responsibilities, and she quickly moved up the ladder, serving most recently as the HCA East Florida Division Chief Nurse Executive, with oversight over 14 acute care Hospitals.

She has experience in all facets of nursing leadership and management, including executive management, strategic planning, multi-facility and multi-department operations, critical care, emergency services, cardiovascular intensive care and surgical services.

Amongst the recognition that Silvia has received, some of the most notable ones include being a March of Dimes Woman of Distinction, a Hispanic Woman of Distinction, a Palm Healthcare Foundation Leadership Awardee, an Excellence in Leadership Award recipient by Nursing Spectrum, and an Organ Donation Champion from Life Alliance. She is an alum of the National Hispana Leadership Institute, an organization whose focus is to develop Hispanic ethical women leaders.

Silvia recently made the decision to early retire and has been enjoying this new phase in life to the fullest. Her favorite title now is Mimi, aka grandma, to her 9yo grandson and 6yo granddaughter. These days you can find her spending quality time with family and friends, traveling, and continuing to connect with the Nursing and Leadership community, as she believes firmly in paying it forward.