

## **2010 FRID Distinguished Service Award**

### **Tami Martins**

Ours is a profession still young overall and its growth in FL over the years is owing to many special, dedicated, hardworking individuals. One great joy of the annual FRID conference is to learn about those individuals nominated by their peers for their distinguished service to the interpreting profession in general and FRID in particular.

Depending on the type of service provided, some stalwarts are more visible than others. For several years now, one such individual has given far above & beyond the call of duty, in myriad roles & areas of responsibility and service, yet many have remained off the radar screen.

This year, FRID 2010, her time has come to receive the honor & much deserved recognition that is the DSA. She has served for decades in the often traumatic and emotionally expensive, yet vital, area of mental health interpreting. She has served decades as a certified interpreter not only at Miami's Jackson Memorial, but also as a staff interpreter for the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. In giving back, she served decades as QA Test Site Coordinator in SE Florida, scheduling, planning & administering credential exams at the state level for FRID in Ft. Lauderdale/Miami. She has been FRID Conference Coordinator, DSA Coordinator, & innumerable roles to support FRID behind-the-scenes. This interpreter served also as a Charter Member of TriFRID, including on its Board of Directors under both founder and past DSA recipient, Terry M. "TJ" Johnson and his immediate successor, TriFRID President Deborah Wesson Gibson. Always ready to say yes, eager to serve without regard to personal recognition or sacrifice of time and talents, this is her year to hear our collective THANK YOU.

It is with honor and gratitude that Terri Harding, Debbie Gibson and Lisa Schaefermeyer jointly nominate and ask for your vote for TAMI MARTINS.