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**EIGHTEEN YEAR EFFORT TO OBTAIN NEW LOCATION FOR
CAMILLUS HOUSE FINALLY COMES TO A CLOSE**

*Tew Cardenas team of attorneys orchestrates one of most
complicated land deals in Florida History*

MIAMI, FLORIDA (June 17th, 2008) – The City of Miami, State of Florida and University of Miami have finally closed on what has been referred to as the most complicated land deal in Florida history.

On June 10, 2008, Camillus House obtained site control through a sub-lease of the University of Miami's Glass House parcel, ending its 18-year search for a new location to house the organization's new state-of-the-art campus facility to serve Miami's homeless.

"We have been working with Camillus House for years in efforts to find a suitable location and have succeeded through coordinating efforts with the City of Miami, the University of Miami and the State of Florida," said Santiago Echemendia, partner at Tew Cardenas LLP who orchestrated the unprecedented three-way land swap along with Tew Cardenas partners, Bob de La Fuente and John Catalano, and associate Amanda Quirke. Echemendia chairs Tew Cardenas' local government law group and has been active in the Camillus House since 1996.

Through a Letter of Intent with the City of Miami and University of Miami and an Exchange Agreement between the State of Florida, University of Miami and Camillus House, the University of Miami was granted property to develop a major bioscience research center and the Camillus House was provided with a location for its new home which will consist of a 340-bed facility and about 288,000 square feet in a campus setting, four times the size of the original plan. In turn, the State of Florida received 267 undeveloped acres in the Florida Keys and southern Miami-Dade from the university.

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“The completion of this transaction might have ended an enduring effort to secure a new location for Camillus House, but it is just the beginning of improving a very important, long-standing social issue in our community,” concludes Echemendia. “I feel very satisfied to have accomplished such a monumental transaction in the State of Florida’s history and in helping accomplish so much for the homeless.”

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