



## **FORT LAUDERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOLD ITS 2018 HISTORY MAKERS EVENT RECOGNIZING DEVELOPER DEV MOTWANI ON THURSDAY, APRIL 5**

### **ANNUAL FUNDRAISER WILL CELEBRATE THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE'S 107<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**

**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.** (January 18, 2018) – The [Fort Lauderdale Historical Society](#), proud steward of our community's past by making our heritage accessible and engaging to residents and visitors, will hold its annual History Makers fundraiser on Thursday, April 5, at 6 p.m., at the historic New River Inn ([231 SW 2nd Avenue](#)). The nonprofit organization has announced Dev Motwani, president of Merrimac Ventures and founder and managing partner of Chieftain Residential, as the honoree for this year's event that commends individuals who have made an impact on the growth of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

"Dev Motwani has a longstanding investment in the past, present and future growth of our beautiful City of Fort Lauderdale and is committed to preserving our vital history in each property he develops," said Patricia Zeiler, executive director of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society. "In addition to real estate, Dev is dedicated to the arts, education and a variety of nonprofit causes. We're pleased to spotlight his efforts and we invite the community to join us as we celebrate his achievements."

This year's event will celebrate the city's 107th birthday with cocktails, food stations and dancing under the stars on the downtown Fort Lauderdale campus.

Dev Motwani serves as president of Merrimac Ventures, a Fort Lauderdale-based real estate firm that focuses on value-added investment and development opportunities. With a primary focus on Florida, the company owns and operates hotels, condos, retail and rental apartments throughout the United States. Motwani is currently involved with \$1 billion in development projects including the Four Seasons Hotel and Private Residences, The Gale Boutique Hotel and Residences, Broadstone Oceanside, and the Flagler Village Hotel - all in the Greater Fort Lauderdale area. Motwani is also the founder and managing partner of Chieftain Residential, a yield-oriented distressed residential fund purchasing single-family homes and residential land, primarily in the Southeast US and Texas.

Prior to his current roles, Motwani worked at Credit Suisse in New York City, where he first structured OTC Equity Derivative trades for the firm's largest corporate clients and then for the firm's largest hedge fund clients. Before that, he worked in the White House and on the 2000 Gore/Lieberman presidential campaign.

Motwani plays an active role in the South Florida Community, currently serving on the board of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts Foundation, Broward College Foundation, the Orange Bowl Host Committee and the Crockett Foundation. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Public Policy from Duke University and a Master of Science degree in Real Estate Development from Columbia University.

Tickets for this year's History Makers Gala are \$100 (online service charges not included) and can be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/history-makers-honoring-dev-motwani-tickets-42247744140> or by contacting Kamal Khan at [\(954\) 463-4431, ext. 106](tel:9544634431), or via email at [info@flhc.org](mailto:info@flhc.org). Seating is limited.

For more information, please visit the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society online at [www.fortlauderdalehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.fortlauderdalehistoricalsociety.org) and follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/ftlhistory](https://www.facebook.com/ftlhistory) on Instagram [@ftlhistory](https://www.instagram.com/ftlhistory) and on Twitter [@FLLhistory](https://twitter.com/FLLhistory).

**About the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society (FLHS)**

For 56 years, the [Fort Lauderdale Historical Society \(FLHS\)](#) has brought the stories of our diverse community to life through engaging educational experiences, innovative cultural exhibits, research and preservation of artifacts. Residents and visitors to Fort Lauderdale are invited to explore the city's rich past that is housed in five historic buildings on a lushly landscaped campus - the 1907 King Cromartie House Museum, the History Museum of Fort Lauderdale situated in the 1905 New River Inn, the 1905 Philemon Nathaniel Bryan House, the 1899 Replica Ivy Cromartie Schoolhouse and the Hoch Research Library, South Florida's foremost history center housing print resources and newspapers from 1910-present plus 400,000 archival photos, 2,500 maps and 5,000 architectural blueprints. The FLHS is located at [219 Southwest Second Avenue](#) in Fort Lauderdale. Museum hours are Monday – Friday from noon – 4 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. General admission is \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors and \$7 for students (through age 22 with a valid student ID). Admission is free for members, military and children ages six and under. Group tours are available by request. The FLHS is a nonprofit agency supported by memberships, grants and charitable contributions. Click [here](#) to donate.