

MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Phillip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy Morales, City Manager

DATE: September 3, 2015

SUBJECT: Fourth Annual Family Service Day

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to inform you that the City's Office of Housing & Community Services, Parks & Recreation Department, and Office of Communication, in collaboration with member agencies of the Miami Beach Service Partnership, are sponsoring Family Service Day 2015.

This annual event, now in its fourth year, engages the community in service projects that enhance local parks, restores sand dunes crucial to our coastal environment, increases sustainability projects in local schools, and engages youth with senior citizens in cross-generational activities. In addition, participants are introduced to free services and resources that are available to our residents through our many community partners including job training, counseling, youth development programs, truancy prevention initiatives, educational support, health care services, the International Baccalaureate education program, and food banks, among others.

On Saturday, September 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., hundreds of volunteers are expected for a day of public service at and around North Shore Open Space Park, located at 8101 Collins Avenue. Volunteers will participate in a variety of service learning projects including:

- Affordable Housing Capital Improvement Projects
- Art Therapy for Children
- Beach Dune Restoration
- Cross-Cultural Engagement Activities
- Non-Native Plant Removal
- Public Library Enhancements
- Sustainable School Projects
- Waterway Restoration

In honor of the 25-year anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the City will share valuable information on accessibility resources and City services. Among the accessible services provided by the City:

- Enhanced access to our beaches by means of an accessible beachwalk and boardwalk;
- Motorized and manual beach wheelchairs for use free of charge;
- Access through the dunes by means of beach mats; and
- Swim ropes at several locations in the water to assist swimmers with orientation or who need extra support.

The presenting sponsors of Family Service Day are the Miami-Dade County Children's Trust and Miami Beach Medical Group. Volunteers will receive a free T-shirt courtesy of Happy Kids Daycare, a free water bottle courtesy of Coca-Cola, and lunch from Shake Shack. Prizes and giveaways are made possible by the RDP Agency. Green Apple Day of Service and Teen Job Corps are providing crucial assistance in the planning and implementation of the event.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

C: Executive Staff

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