

# MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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**483-2016**

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: Wednesday, November 09, 2016

SUBJECT: **INCLUSION PROGRAM AT NORTH SHORE PARK**

The purpose of this LTC is to notify the City Commission that the Advocacy Network on Disabilities (formally known as CCDH) is acknowledging the North Shore Park After-school program on its accomplishments in becoming a high quality inclusive program.

North Shore Park will be presented a plaque and ribbon at the Children's Trust Quarterly meeting on Monday, November 14, 2016. The City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department has an established partnership with the Advocacy Network on Disabilities to provide the most inclusive programs possible to our participants with special needs through its All Children Together (ACT) project and Individual Program Inclusion Plan (IPIP).

The mission of the All Children Together (ACT) project is to increase the participation of children with disabilities and their families in all aspects of community life through capacity building, advocacy, and promoting best practices.

ACT Resource Network staff works with our Parks and Recreation Department to:

- Deliver training, mentoring, and modeling on welcoming and including children of all abilities.
- Work with program administrators developing and implementing inclusive policies and procedures.
- Provide individualized assistance based on each agency and child's needs
- Link families to resources and services.
- Conduct and participate in community events to promote understanding and acceptance of all children.

We are very proud to receive this honor and distinction as we continue working toward providing the best and most inclusive recreational programming to all those who live, work and play in our amazing City.

Should you have additional questions, please contact Cindy Casanova at (305) 673-7730.

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