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City of Miami Beach Hosts Seventh Annual Family Service Day

– Volunteers and Non-Profit Agencies Connect on Saturday, September 29 –

Miami Beach, FL – On Saturday, September 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the City of Miami Beach will hold its seventh annual Family Service Day.

This free event engages the community in projects that enhance local parks, restores sand dunes crucial to our coastal environment, promotes school attendance and environmental sustainability, transforms schools into healthy, safe and productive learning environments, and promotes intergenerational dialogue between youth and senior citizens. In addition, participants are introduced to community-based services and resources, many of which are free including Success University, All-Stars, Parent-Child Program and Homeless Outreach. All volunteers are eligible to receive up to three community service hours in exchange for their time.

Hundreds of volunteers of all ages will gather for a day of public service at and around North Beach Oceanside Park, 8101 Collins Avenue. On and off-site projects include the following:

- Dune and waterway restoration
- Intergenerational recreation programs
- CPR training
- School beautification projects
- Removal of damaging non-native plants
- Cross-cultural engagement activities
- Community beautification plantings
- Outreach to community's homeless
- Child finger printing

Volunteers are asked to bring non-perishable canned goods to raise awareness about the issue of hunger, promote solutions to the underlying causes and show support to our neighbors in need. Participants will receive a raffle ticket for each item donated. Several prizes will be awarded.

A portion of the event will focus on educating the public about the importance of educational achievement, school attendance and will offer parenting tips, resource lists, and referrals to community-based programs.

In addition, the event will offer information on the many services available in Miami Beach, including: career services, HIV/STI testing, job training, counseling, youth development programs, truancy prevention initiatives, educational support, health care services, the IB education program, and food banks -- among others. The One Blood Mobile will be on site encouraging blood donations.

Volunteers will each receive a free T-shirt courtesy of the City of Miami Beach, a free water bottle courtesy of Coca-Cola, a delicious lunch from food sponsor Royles Gourmet and snacks from RXBAR and ZICO. MB Suncare will provide free sunscreen for attendees to remain safe from the sun. Prizes and giveaways are made possible by the City of Miami Beach. Students in attendance will receive a free backpack while supplies last. Teen Job Corps is providing crucial assistance in the planning and implementation of the event.

The Miami Beach Service Partnership and Success University are funded by The Children's Trust. The Children's Trust is a dedicated source of revenue established by voter referendum to improve the lives of children and families in Miami-Dade County.

Deadline to register is Tuesday, September 25, 2018. For more information and/or to participate, [click here](#), send an e-mail to SuccessUniversity@miamibeachfl.gov or call 305.673.7491.

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