



**Playing the Game of Life<sup>SM</sup>**  
*Changing Lives... One  at a Time!*

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**PLAYING THE GAME OF LIFE<sup>SM</sup> PRESENTS "FREEDOM FROM EXTINCTION" ART EXHIBITION**  
*Murals Created by the Students of the City of Miami Beach Teen Club*

Show Dates: April 1 – June 29, 2011  
Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Miami Beach City Hall Gallery, 1700 Convention Center Drive, fourth floor

*Miami Beach, Florida, March 7, 2011* -- Playing the Game of Life<sup>SM</sup> (PGL<sup>SM</sup>), a turn-key program for teaching social skills through an arts-based curriculum, presents "Freedom from Extinction," an exhibition of murals produced by the students of the City of Miami Beach Teen Club. The art exhibition opens Friday, April 1 and runs through Thursday, June 29, 2011 at Miami Beach City Hall Gallery, 1700 Convention Center Drive, fourth floor, Miami Beach.

"Freedom from Extinction" was created in 2010 to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day. Under the guidance of PGL<sup>SM</sup> art instructors, the teens learned different art techniques and used different themes in order to represent a variety of animals and habitats in danger of extinction, such as the Everglades, glaciers, and rainforests.

"We are thrilled to present these murals that express the thoughts and concerns of our group of adolescents. It's amazing to see how, through the arts, teens can learn not only consciousness about the environment but also peaceful conflict resolution, self-awareness, confidence and teamwork," said Jeannette Blanca Egozi, president of PGL<sup>SM</sup>.

The exhibit will be on display at Miami Beach City Hall through June 29, 2011.

*Playing the Game of Life<sup>SM</sup> (PGL<sup>SM</sup>) programming is based on social emotional learning whose mission is to develop social skills, build positive character attributes, and promote life-long wellness through arts-based prevention programs. Created in 2006, it is available to children, adolescents and adult groups. In order to carry out its mission, PGL uses different tools such as Positive Communication and Life Skills<sup>SM</sup>, Creative Movement, Stress Reduction, Yoga, Rhythmic Art, Performance Art, Fine Art and Filmmaking, Nutritional Education and Organic Cooking, Career Discovery and Exploration and Conscious Discipline®. PGL was created and is currently directed by Jeannette Blanca Egozi, president of ECQC, LLC. This company, founded in 2004, is a pioneer in developing quality alternative and (w)holistic\* programming. Egozi is a certified mental health professional, an internationally certified stress management consultant, earned a Peace Mediation Certificate from the University of Spiritual Healing and Sufism, is a teacher, and has a masters in speech language pathology.*

\* The program addresses the physical, emotional, mental, creative, and social aspects of the individual.