



# MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager

DATE: February 11, 2013

SUBJECT: Parent Child Home Program Receives Free Books to Support Literacy Efforts

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to inform you that the City's Parent Child Home Program is one of 15 national literacy programs selected by Kids Need to Read to receive 200 free books that will support our early reading efforts.

Kids Need to Read is a national organization whose mission is "to create a culture of reading for children by providing inspiring books to literacy programs throughout the country." The organization recognizes that children face a plethora of challenges and obstacles in today's world. Kids Need to Read believes that reading inspires confidence, bridges the differences between people and forms a fundamental stepping stone to better communication skills.

Kids Need to Read selected the City's Parent Child Home Program for its efforts to promote early literacy among pre-school aged children. The Parent Child Home Program, funded by The Children's Trust, provides twice weekly home visits and free books and toys supporting parent efforts to promote literacy, learning and positive relationships. Program participants start as early as 16 months and stay with the program for up to two years. The Program, nationally recognized as a best practice, increases language and literacy skills, enhances social and emotional development and strengthens the parent-child relationship.

Eligible Parent Child Home Program youth are aged 16 to 30 months age whose parents were either born in another country or did not attend college. Participation is limited to low-income families. Interested parents are encouraged to review the program brochure online at <http://miamibeachfl.gov/commsservices/> or by calling Program Coordinator Cristina Denis at 305.673.7491.

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

C: Executive Staff  
Maria Ruiz, Director, Office of Community Services

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