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## JOIN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MIAMI BEACH FAMILY SERVICE DAY!

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#### **What is Family Service Day?**

Family Service Day is a celebration of volunteerism and community! It is a time to foster cooperation with your friends and family by giving just a few hours of your time to a worthwhile cause: improving the place you call home.

Family Service Day is an initiative of the Miami Beach Service Partnership, a collaborative engaging more than a dozen community service agencies. The goal of this event is to engage the community's stakeholders in projects which enhance the community's natural and capital resources, especially those in and surrounding North Shore Open Space Park, and to inform community members of the free services that are available to them.

#### **When is Family Service Day?**

Saturday, September 28th between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm

#### **Where is Family Service Day?**

North Shore Open Space Park; 8101 Collins Ave. Miami Beach, FL 33141. The Park is between Collins Avenue and the beach and you can find us at the main shelter by the restrooms inside the park by the 81<sup>st</sup> Street entrance.

#### **What is the purpose of the event?**

The purpose of the event is twofold:

1. The event will mobilize residents and businesses in a **day of service** throughout the North Beach neighborhood. Projects will include, but are not limited to:
  - Dune restoration and beach clean-up
  - Graffiti removal
  - Intergenerational support projects (youth teaming up with seniors)
  - Cleanliness and litter abatement efforts in North Shore Open Space Park
  - Community beautification plantings
  - Butterfly garden expansion
2. The event will increase community awareness of **free local resources**. This portion of the event will focus on educating the public about the many free services available in Miami Beach, including job training, counseling, youth development programs, employment, and food banks, among others. By raising the visibility of our Partner Agencies, the event will improve access to resources which increase the quality of life for their clients.

#### **Why should I participate?**

The better question is: Why wouldn't you participate!?:

- Opportunities to meet local business owners and local government representatives
- Students earn community service hours in exchange for their time (remember to bring the paperwork required by your school so we may document on the day of the event)
- Free breakfast and lunch for all volunteers, as well as other freebies!

- Learn about programs and community resources that can help you and your family be the best version of yourselves you can be!
- Excellent networking opportunity for personal &/or professional purposes
- Great quality time to share with children/family in a meaningful event
- A real grassroots occasion to share a united vision for the betterment of community
- Volunteerism benefits your mind, your body, and your soul: increase self-confidence, promote physical health, benefit your career or build a budding resume
- A recent study by the Corporation for National and Community Service has established a strong relationship between volunteering and health: those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, and lower rates of depression later in life than those who do not volunteer.

**How do I sign up?**

Enrollment is open on our website; simply fill out the online form and you're registered!

<http://web.miamibeachfl.gov/commservices/default.aspx?id=76114>

**What should I wear?**

Closed toe shoes/sneakers are a must. Comfortable shorts and t-shirts are recommended.

**Are there restrooms on site?**

Yes. Public restrooms are located near the 81<sup>st</sup> Street entrance to North Shore Open Space Park

**How old do I have to be in order to participate?**

Children eight years of age or older and accompanied by a parent/guardian may be allowed to participate in on-site beautification projects

Youth fourteen years of age and older may be allowed to participate in off-site projects, when a waiver signed by the parent/guardian is provided.

Our community; our neighborhood; our home.

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*"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve."*

*—Martin Luther King, Jr.*