



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: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: August 21, 2013

SUBJECT: 2013 Family & Community Service Day

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to invite you to the Second Annual Miami Beach Service Day on Saturday, September 28th from 9am to 1pm at North Shore Open Space Park.

This annual community service event engages residents and businesses in projects that enhance local parks, restore sand dunes crucial to our coastal environment, and promote intergenerational programming while introducing participants to free services and resources available throughout the City by participating Miami Beach Service Partnership agencies. This year's service learning projects include:

- Dune restoration and beach clean-up
- Cross-generational (youth & seniors) recreational activities
- Expansion of butterfly gardens
- Tree planting and non-native plant removal
- Cleanliness and litter abatement efforts
- Community beautification plantings
- Graffiti removal projects

This year's event is sponsored by the City's Office of Community Services, Parks & Recreation Department, Environmental Management Office, and Communications Office, in collaboration with member agencies of the Miami Beach Service Partnership. Participating agencies include:

- Ayuda,
- Barry University School of Education
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Choices, et al, Inc.
- ClearPoint Credit Counseling Solutions
- First Care Home Services
- English Language Centres
- Miami Beach Coalition
- Miami Beach Community Health Center
- Miami Beach Police
- Miami-Dade Public Library System
- On It Foundation
- Open Arms Community Center
- Rose Lesniak ABC Dog Trainer
- Switchboard of Miami
- Teen Job Corps

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Coinciding with National Attendance Awareness Month, the will also focus on educating the public about the importance of consistent school attendance by offering parents tips, resource lists, and referrals to free programs.

In addition, the event will offer information on a variety of community-based services including job training, counseling, youth development programs, educational support, health care services, and food banks, among others.

Residents interested in volunteering at the event are asked to register online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1r7qAYvylvbLoTeRTjMX1WBrpg1pUznsuEW5CV2RYUqc/viewform> as event shirts and lunch will be provided to registered volunteers.

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

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