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Miami Beach Mayor Honors Volunteers that Serve Special Needs Population — *As Part of Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service, April 1* —

Miami Beach, FL – Mayor Philip Levine joined more than 1,000 mayors across the country for the second annual Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service, a nationwide bipartisan effort to recognize the positive impact of national service in cities, to thank those who serve, and to encourage citizens to give back to their communities.

Levine's Best Buddy, Josue Duperon, served as Mayor for the Day. Levine then hosted an awards ceremony at City Hall, along with Best Buddies Founder and Chairperson Anthony Kennedy Shriver, to honor those city employees and community members who volunteer with Best Buddies and other local organizations that serve the special needs population.

"I am very proud to recognize the dedication and passion of these volunteers who help our special needs community achieve a wide variety of successes," said Mayor Levine. "Volunteers are the backbone of Best Buddies and I thank you for the positive impact you've had on your buddies' lives."

"I am proud to be working with Mayor Levine as we continue to strengthen communities through national service," said Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. "Mayors are leaders who get things done. They know firsthand the value of national service in tackling city problems. I commend Mayor Levine for working with us to improve lives and strengthen communities through national service."

The day is sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the National League of Cities, and Cities of Service, and U.S. Conference of Mayors President Scott Smith, Mayor of Mesa, Ariz.

For more information on the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service, visit www.nationalservice.gov/mayorsforservice.

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