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City of Miami Beach Holds Fifth Annual Family Service Day *– Volunteers and Non-Profit Agencies Connect on September 24 –*

Miami Beach, FL – On Saturday, September 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the City of Miami Beach will hold its fifth annual Family Service Day, celebrated in conjunction with Green Apple Service Day (GADOS).

This free event engages the community in projects that enhance local parks, restores sand dunes crucial to our coastal environment, promotes school attendance and environmental sustainability, transforms schools into healthy, safe and productive learning environments, and promotes intergenerational dialogue between youth and senior citizens. In addition, participants are introduced to community-based services and resources, many of which are free. All volunteers are eligible to receive community service hours in exchange for their time.

Hundreds of volunteers of all ages will gather for a day of public service at and around North Shore Open Space Park, 8101 Collins Avenue. Projects include the following:

- Dune restoration and beach clean-up
- Cross-cultural activities
- Cross-generational (children & youth) art therapy activities
- Affordable Housing Capital Improvement Projects
- Removal of non-native plants
- Cleanliness and litter abatement efforts on land and throughout our waterways
- Community beautification plantings
- Outreach to homeless community

Volunteers are asked to bring non-perishable canned goods to raise awareness about the issue of hunger, promote solutions to the underlying causes and show support to our neighbors in need. Participants will receive a raffle ticket for each item donated. Several prizes will be awarded.

A portion of the event will focus on educating the public about the importance of educational achievement, school attendance and will offer parenting tips, resource lists, and referrals to community-based programs.

In addition, the event will offer information on the many services available in Miami Beach, including: job training, counseling, youth development programs, truancy prevention initiatives, educational support, health care services, the IB education program, and food banks, among others. The Miami-Dade Public Library System's Bookmobile will be on site to encourage reading on board its Mobile Unit.

Volunteers will each receive a free T-shirt courtesy of the City of Miami Beach, a free water bottle courtesy of Coca-Cola, and a delicious lunch from food sponsor Shake Shack. Prizes and giveaways are made possible by the City of Miami Beach. Green Apple Day of Service and Teen Job Corps are providing crucial assistance in the planning and implementation of the event.

"Besides having our business in North Beach, many of us at Urban Resource are North Beach residents, and our kids are growing up here," said event sponsor Daniel Veitia, president of Urban Resource Inc. "We're excited about the opportunity to get involved within our community, and meet other residents."

At last year's Family Service Day, more than 400 volunteers of all ages and from all areas of Miami-Dade County pitched in to improve the Miami Beach community.

The Miami Beach Service Partnership and Success University are funded by The Children's Trust. The Children's Trust is a dedicated source of revenue established by voter referendum to improve the lives of children and families in Miami-Dade County.

For more information and/or to participate, [click here](#) or contact Bianca Montenegro, Office of Community Services, City of Miami Beach, at 305.673.2019 or Biancamontenegro@miamibeachfl.gov

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