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PRESS RELEASE

Miami Beach Teen Club Grand Opening

MIAMI, FL – Miami Beach Teens have a new home on South Beach. Friday, February 27 will be the Grand Opening of the new Miami Beach Teen Club center located at 21st Street Recreation Center, 2100 Washington Avenue. This long awaited event will take place from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at the center directly across the street from Miami Beach Senior High. The ribbon cutting ceremony will begin promptly at 4:30 p.m.

The renovations of the new Teen Center include a media center with audio and video capability, a computer lab with 15 computers, a movie/video game room, a learning center with smart board tutoring, a small fitness center, a game room featuring pool tables, air hockey, ping pong, arcade games and more.

New activities include SAT, FCAT and other educational tutoring, professional instruction in nutrition, drug prevention, video and audio engineering, dance and life skills. The program gives at risk teens the opportunity to be a part of a FREE program that teaches the social skills necessary to overcome behavioral issues and other barriers. Expanding this program citywide has given teens in low income areas new opportunities for educational and personal growth.

This program is partially funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice. The initial grant was allocated two years ago when the City received \$50,000 as a start-up. Due to the success of the program, the second allocation was granted for \$648,403.

The Teen Club, which was established in 2004 with only nine teens at the North Shore Park Youth Center, now boasts more than 120 members. The recently approved funding will be utilized to maintain the current program at North Shore Park while expanding the program, using the same format, to the south end of the city including transportation for teens from Nautilus Middle School.

Look for future events and other Miami Beach Parks and Recreation programming in your Recreation Review, call our offices at 305-673-7730 or visit our new and improved website at www.miamibeachparks.com.

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