

# M-DCC HOMESTEAD SERVICE-LEARNING PLACEMENT SITE INDEX

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## **M-DCC HOMESTEAD SERVICE-LEARNING PLACEMENTS, Spring '03**

(Alphabetical listing) 12/13/02

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### **IMPORTANT KEYS TO SUCCESS! – PLEASE READ BEFORE STARTING!**

- ☞☞ Read the agency write-up carefully before calling.
- ☞☞ Many of these agency supervisors are hard to reach. Be persistent, call several times. If you still can't get them, you may want to try another agency.
- ☞☞ Also, some agencies only need a few students, so you may not get your first choice.
- ☞☞ Your placement must be confirmed by your instructor's deadline. If you encounter any difficulties, call our office and we will help.
- ☞☞ Be proactive—make your experience great. **Talk to your supervisor** about any dissatisfaction as situations arise rather than at the end of the semester.
- ☞☞ If this doesn't work, call the Center for Community Involvement for assistance.
- ☞☞ Be responsible, make a commitment and stick to it. The agency is counting on you. Show up on time and always let your supervisor know ahead of time if you must miss a session.
- ☞☞ Have fun and learn as much as you can!

**Thank you for making a difference in our community!**

### **AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS DADE-COUNTY (MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS),**

(After-school care at 115 elementary schools County-wide. Call for the school nearest you.)

**CONTACT:** Constance McGill at (305) 995-1899 (Fax: 305- 995-1223)

**DESCRIPTION:** Operates comprehensive after-school care programs at 115 Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Programs provide structured activities including snack time, homework, and recreational events. Many sites offer activities such as scouting, 4-H, tutorial sessions, music, ceramics, computers, and drama. Goals of the program include helping children build physical skills and develop self-confidence, resourcefulness, ability to get along with others, and having a daily sense of community.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Assist with the activities listed above. You will be supervised by trained staff who will provide opportunities for you to work with elementary children based upon your interests and skills. Also, reading tutors are needed in sites to work with children using the America Reads curriculum.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday - Friday, 2:00pm - 6:00pm year-round.

**COMMENTS:** Please call for more information. Program coordinators will place you at a school based on your interests, course assignment, and geographic location. You will be expected to put in at least two hours a week for a minimum of 10 weeks.

### **ALL-ABOARD TUTORING/MENTORING,** (County-wide opportunities)

Main Office: 15490 NW 7th Avenue, Miami, FL 33169

**CONTACT:** All-Aboard Main Office at (305) 687-2227 (Fax: 305-681-4355); E-mail: allaboark@aol.com

**DESCRIPTION:** The All-Aboard Tutoring/Mentoring program is an early intervention educational program designed to improve the academic performance of at-risk children in order to prevent failure in Kindergarten and First Grade. All-Aboard has the ability to place volunteers in any Miami-Dade County Public Elementary School. All-Aboard is a collaborative effort between The Children's Psychiatric Center and Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Volunteers are trained to utilize the All-Aboard Picture Alphabet Book and strategies to motivate their tutee and increase academic success.

**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY:** Story hour at Homeless Assistance Center. Read stories, lead activities for Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade children residing at Miami and Homestead on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Volunteer tutors/mentors needed during regular school hours (8:30am – 3:00pm), after school (3:00pm – 5:00pm) Monday-Friday and during summer school sessions. Volunteers are asked to commit to twenty-four (24) hours (1 to 2 hours per week).

**TRAINING:** Volunteers are required to complete a two-hour training session. Training sessions are offered at the main All-Aboard office (15490 NW 7th Avenue) and at Miami-Dade Community College.

**COMMENTS:** Call to sign-up for training or for more information.

### **AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION - YOUTH MARKET PROGRAMS,** (County-wide opportunities)

2600 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Suite 900, Miami, FL 33126

**CONTACT:** Benito Besada (305) 856-1449 (Fax: 305 860-6780)

**DESCRIPTION:** AHA Youth Market Program includes: Jump Rope for the Heart, Heart Power and Hoops for Heart. These programs are designed to work with students to emphasize the importance of a healthy life style, including physical activity, eating properly and living tobacco free, as well as to help the children learn the importance of community service. Programs offer education enhancement to the school programs.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Spend required hours in office scheduling appointments, following up on calls and events. Liaison between the marketing directors and the school system (teachers, coaches, principles, etc.). Will help school volunteers with implementation of materials, and describing programs. Can attend school events, if able.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday-Friday, 9:00am - 4:00pm (depending on required hours)

**COMMENTS:** Full understanding of the AHA and youth programs will be necessary. Must be computer literate. Please contact Benito Besada for more information.

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS--GREATER MIAMI / HOMESTEAD BRANCH,**

112 NW 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Homestead, FL 33030

**CONTACT:** Elda Sanchez (305) 248-2024 (Fax: 305-248-5141); E-mail: [SanchezE@usa.redcross.org](mailto:SanchezE@usa.redcross.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Red Cross is a humanitarian, non-governmental, non-profit agency that helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. It also provides CPR/First Aid, HIV/AIDS education, and water safety to the public.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** The Red Cross has the following opportunities: disaster relief, health and safety programs, public relations, marketing, INFUSION (a 20-something volunteer group), social services and more.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

**COMMENTS:** Flexible scheduling. Call for an appointment and orientation session. Opportunity to travel to disasters across the County!

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS--GREATER MIAMI & THE KEYS CHAPTER,** 335 SW 27th Avenue, Miami, FL 33135

**CONTACT:** Mercedes Velez at (305) 644-1200 ext.122 (Fax: 305-644-1038); E-mail: [velezm@usa.redcross.org](mailto:velezm@usa.redcross.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Red Cross is a humanitarian, non-governmental, non-profit agency that helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. It also provides lifesaving courses such as: CPR/First Aid, HIV/AIDS education, and Disaster Preparedness.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** The Red Cross has the following opportunities: disaster relief, health and safety programs, public relations, marketing, accounting, information technology, human resources, financial development, international and diversity services, INFUSION (a 20-something volunteer group), social services and more.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm

**COMMENTS:** Must commit to 10 hours per week for the semester. Contact the Chapter early in the semester to participate.

### **ARTS & BUSINESS COUNCIL,** 200 South Biscayne Blvd, Suite 4000, Miami, FL 33131

**CONTACT:** William Mann, (305) 865-5583 Website: <http://www.artsbizmiami.org>

**DESCRIPTION:** The Arts & Business Council is an arts service organization that connects individuals interested in volunteering their time for arts and cultural organizations with over 350 cultural organizations located throughout Miami-Dade who require volunteer assistance. We work with all cultural disciplines including dance, music, theater, museums, historical preservation, literary, film and more.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Range from short-term direct service projects to longer term volunteer consultancies for specific skills including clerical assistance and professional skills.

**COMMENTS:** Learn more about the cultural community by working with arts executives. Time commitments range from 3 hours minimum to 20 hours. Appropriate for students interested in Art and Humanities, Non-Profit Management and Volunteer Management.

**HOW:** Visit our website to see current and ongoing volunteer opportunities, and sign up for our monthly "Volunteer Connection" e-newsletter, or call the office.

### **ARVIDA MIDDLE SCHOOL,** 10900 SW 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33186

**CONTACT:** Esme Bentil-Dawson, Assistant Principal, (305) 385-7144 ext. 212 or Beth Nichols (Fax: 305-383-9472)

**DESCRIPTION:** Arvida provides educational opportunities to more than 1,800 students in grades six through eight. Our mission is to prepare students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century by fostering learning experiences that enrich the mind and enhance community involvement.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** One-on-one tutoring in reading.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday-Friday, 9:00am - 3:00pm or any portion of this time in 1-hour blocks. Minimum commitment of several hours a week for an entire semester. Our reading tutors are required to work a minimum of 2 hours per week for a semester.

Optionally, students may continue for the remainder of the year.

### **ASPIRA OF FLORIDA, INC.,** 3650 N. Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33127

**CONTACT:** Aymet Chaples, Vice-President of Schools Operations, (305) 576-1512, Ext 22 (Fax: 305-576-0810).

**ASPIRA North,** 13413 Memorial Highway, Miami, FL 33161; Contact Ruth Bland, Associate Director (305) 893-0970, (Fax: 305-895-2280) or Iliana Pena, ASPIRA Leadership Charter School Principal.

**ASPIRA South,** 14112 SW 288 Street, Leisure City, FL 33033; Contact Kevin Moore, Director of ASPIRA South Leadership Charter School, (305) 246-1111 ext.222.

**ASPIRA Wynwood and the Beaches,** 3650 N. Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33127; Contact: Fernando Colon, Director Miami-Dade, (305) 576-1512 ext. 25.

**DESCRIPTION:** ASPIRA provides services to approximately 1200 youth a year in leadership development, the areas of substance abuse awareness, gang avoidance, teen pregnancy prevention, violence reduction, and alternative education.

**PROGRAMS:** Youth Leadership Development: after-school leadership clubs facilitated by an ASPIRA counselor at 20 elementary, middle, and senior high schools throughout Mia mi-Dade County. Charter School: intensive leadership development through innovative educational programs, counseling, and community awareness.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Tutoring, mentoring, coaching (dance, art, sports, cheerleading,) computers, and conflict resolution skills.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Flexible; ASPIRA operates during regular school hours (8:30am - 3:30pm) Monday - Friday. After-school activities begin immediately after school. Some activities are available on Saturdays.

**COMMENTS:** Call the person listed above for the ASPIRA site nearest you. ASPIRA Youth Leadership Charter School is looking for young adults who are interested in helping other youths get involved in community awareness. Please contact Mrs. Pena (305) 893-8050 or visit the school located at 13300 Memorial Hwy, North Miami.

### **ASPIRA SOUTH YOUTH LEADERSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL,** 14112 SW 288th Street, Leisure City, FL 33033

**CONTACT:** Kevin Moore, (305) 246-1111 ext.222 (Fax: 305 246-1433)

**DESCRIPTION:** We are a small (180 student) Charter School. Our student population is 85% Latin with backgrounds including Mexican, Cuban, Dominican and Nicaraguan families. We receive help from a variety of groups in our efforts to bring academic success to the lives of our children, and their parents through parenting skills workshops and meetings.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Tutoring in all subjects!

**HOURS NEEDED:** 4 hours a week minimum, 10:00am - 3:00pm

**COMMENTS:** We welcome individuals who would like to share their time and expertise with our students.

### **AVOCADO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,** 16969 SW 294 Street, Homestead, FL 33030

**CONTACT:** Regina Frances (305) 247-4942 (Fax: 305-246-9603)

E-mail: rfrances@avocado.dade.k12.fl.us

**DESCRIPTION:** Avocado Elementary School is a magnet school for the gifted program grades K-3. It also has regular classes and programs for grades K-5.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Spend one hour or more a week working with one child or with a classroom. Serve as a role model and friend, and assist with homework, playing games, reading, listening, etc. Tutoring is also needed for after-school care program.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday-Friday, 8:30am-3:00pm (school days). After-school care program hours: 3:30pm - 6:00pm.

**COMMENTS:** This school will match your skills and talents with their needs and is looking forward to having help. Must commit to at least one hour per week.

### **THE BARNACLE HISTORIC STATE PARK,** Main Highway, Coconut Grove, FL. 33133

**CONTACT:** Karen Ryan-Young, Park Ranger, (305) 448-9445 (Fax: 305-448-7484) Website: [www.floridastatepark.org](http://www.floridastatepark.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** This Florida Park Service, State Historic Site provides resource-based recreation while preserving, interpreting, and restoring natural and cultural resources.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Exotic plant control; landscaping; collection management; resource management; teaching/interpretation and special projects related to daily park operation.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Open to the public Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday 9:00am – 4:00pm. Weekdays by reservation.

**COMMENTS:** Students must commit to 40 hours per semester and 2 hours per week. Call the park staff to schedule an appointment for training and orientation. This site is appropriate for students interested in botany, natural science, history, parks and recreation, education, ecology and hospitality.

### **THE BARNYARD COMMUNITY CENTER,** 3870 Washington Avenue, Coconut Grove (near US1 & Grand Ave.)

**CONTACT:** Tina Hoo, (305) 446-6216 (Fax: 305-446-2177)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Barnyard is a community center whose primary objective is to help children reared in a neighborhood plagued by the consequences of economic deprivation (crime, violence, lack of opportunity) experience academic success. The Barnyard offers a host of enrichment activities including an after-school program, youth tutoring and mentoring, youth development groups, cultural enrichment activities, etc. Approximately 150 children participate in these programs, most of who are in elementary school.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Help is needed in all program areas--especially in the After-School program every day from 2:00pm – 6:00pm (tutors, mentors, recreation and activity leaders, etc.).

**HOURS NEEDED:** Generally Monday – Friday, 2:00pm – 6:00pm with some Saturday opportunities as well.

**COMMENTS:** The Barnyard is a haven for the children in the West Grove area. It offers the chance to truly make a difference in the lives of children who badly need individual tutoring and attention. The Barnyard needs serious, responsible, and motivated service-learning students. **America Reads participant.**

### **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF GREATER MIAMI,**

Main Office: 701 SW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33135

Various volunteer opportunities available. See below for details.

**CONTACT:** Marcia Hanna, community Involvement Department, (305) 644-0066 Ext 233, [mhanna@bbbsmiami.org](mailto:mhanna@bbbsmiami.org) or Ada Gonzalez, 305-644-0066 Ext. 234; E-mail: [agonzalez@bbbsmia.org](mailto:agonzalez@bbbsmia.org); (Fax 305-649-6358) Website: [www.wementor.org](http://www.wementor.org)

- **Community/Weekend Program**

**DESCRIPTION:** Volunteer Big Brothers and Big Sisters meet with a child at least twice a month for at least one year of service. Volunteers and the children they are paired with participate in a variety of recreational, educational and cultural activities along with agency special events.

**COMMENTS:** Please call to get more information and to schedule a time to meet with a staff person for an interview/orientation. **Be certain to identify yourself as a service-learning student.**

- **Bigs In School School-Based Program**

**DESCRIPTION:** Volunteers meet with a child one-to-one for one hour a week at a local elementary school or after-school program. Programs in over 40 elementary schools in Miami-Dade County. Volunteers are asked to complete one school-year of service.

**COMMENTS:** Please call to get more information and to schedule a time to meet with a staff person for an interview/orientation. **Be certain to identify yourself as a service-learning student.**

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA,** County-wide volunteer sites, Main office: 15255 NW 82nd Avenue, Miami Lakes, FL 33016

**CONTACT:** Bob Boyd ext. 216, Dan Rushing, ext. 225 and Art Hawkins, ext. 231(305) 364-0020 (Fax: 305-821-6222)

**DESCRIPTION:** It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people, and other ways to prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The purpose of scouting is character development, citizenship training, mental, emotional and physical training.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** 1) Work with Scout leaders in the enhancement of their Boy Scout program; i.e., hands on activities, 2) Assist in the organization of a Scout jamboree, including our four annual fun days for children with disabilities, 3) Office administration includes data entry, marketing support development (flyers, invitations, photo library), and inventory management, 4) Event coordination, 5) Assistance with accounts and budgeting in a non-profit environment (Contact Mr. Rushing at ext. 225.).

**HOURS NEEDED:** Hours: office administration support-between 9:00am - 5:00pm, Monday through Friday; other hours vary.

**COMMENTS:** The main office is in Miami Lakes; volunteer opportunities throughout Miami-Dade County.

**BROOKWOOD GARDENS CONVALESCENT CENTER,** 1990 South Canal Drive, Homestead, FL 33035-1046

**CONTACT:** Nilda Diaz (305) 246-1200, Fax: (305) 246-9570

**DESCRIPTION:** Brookwood Gardens is a 120-bed skilled nursing home facility requiring assistance in various areas.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** To serve and learn about the elderly population in a nursing home environment. Assist with recreational activities during groups or on a one-to-one basis, assisting in community outings, in room friendly visits.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday through Sunday and Holidays from 9:00am to 5:30pm.

**COMMENTS:** In addition to the above hours, volunteers are needed on a flexible basis for special events and projects. This is a great opportunity to volunteer in a nursing home with the elderly. Directions: Turnpike South to Campbell Drive. Left at exit to S.W. 162 Avenue. Travel 1.2 miles to the end of 162 Avenue (You will go past N. Canal Drive.). Left at the end and right into Brookwood Gardens. There is a construction site, and no visible sign.

**CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL,** 8601 SW 212<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33189

**CONTACT:** Alfonso Thomas (305) 235-1581 ext. 217 (Fax: 305-234-8071)

**DESCRIPTION:** Centennial Middle School needs tutors and mentors for students in all subjects!

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Tutoring students, and helping coordinate and expanding our after-school programs. We also run an after-school program where we offer tutoring in reading and math and we need volunteers.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday–Friday 3:45pm – 5:00pm

**COMMENTS :** Mr. Alfonso Thomas needs help and welcomes any M-DCC student. He'll take great care of volunteers and will find a placement that will suit your needs and interests. Centennial Middle School's staff and students look forward to the meaningful assistance M-DCC volunteers will provide.

**CENTRO CAMPESINO-FARMWORKER CENTER, INC. AMERICORPS YOUTH PRIDE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM,** 35801 SW 186 St., P.O. Box 343449, Florida City, FL, 33034

**CONTACT:** Frankie Navarro, Program Director, (305) 245-7738 (Fax: 305-245-1237); E-mail: [Frankienavarro@aol.com](mailto:Frankienavarro@aol.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** Provides after school tutoring, homework assistance, and academic enrichment for 150+ at-risk migrant farmworker youth and other low-income children. Services include one on one counseling, guidance, motivation and self-esteem building, mentoring, leadership development and dropout prevention. Services are rendered at two afterschool neighborhood centers. **Target population:** Ages 6-18 at Centro Villas and Everglades Farmworker Village in Florida City. Parents, homeowners, adult trainees, teenagers (migrant farmworkers, low income, at-risk youth)

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Serve as a mentor, tutor, role model, and friend; assist with homework, reading, and special activities.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday – Thursday, 3:00pm – 6:00pm; Saturdays: 9:00am – 1:00pm for community program such as 4H Club, Mexican Folkloric dance program and Teen programs.

**TRAINING:** Orientation and training provided.

**COMMENTS:** In addition to above hours, volunteers are needed on a flexible basis for special events, community building programs and parent development projects. Volunteers also needed to work with homeowners in community building programs, teach adult literacy in adult training programs and community organizer. May include weekend hours.

**CHARLEE HOMES FOR CHILDREN,** 5915 Ponce de Leon Blvd, #26 Coral Gables, FL 33146

**CONTACT:** Immac Bruce, (305) 665-7365 ext. 129, E-mail: [ibruce@charleeprogram.org](mailto:ibruce@charleeprogram.org); Website: <http://www.charleeprogram.org/>  
**DESCRIPTION:** Provide residential, therapeutic, and supportive services to over 400 children removed from their homes due to abuse, abandonment, or neglect then placed into foster care.  
**OPPORTUNITIES:** Mentor, computer lab assistants, and other opportunities for working with children. Charlee children's depot is a warehouse facility where we store donated items from the community; we need volunteers to assist in the organization of these items and to keep inventory.  
**HOURS NEEDED:** Prefer workday 9:00am - 5:00pm, but we are flexible.  
**COMMENTS:** Charlee has offices throughout the County so volunteer opportunities may vary. Call for more information and to schedule an appointment.

### **COFFO IMMIGRATION PROJECT**, 21 Krome Avenue, Homestead, FL 33030

**CONTACT:** Harold Jean-Baptiste or Junior Joseph, (305) 247-4779 (Fax: 305-242-0701)  
**DESCRIPTION:** This project serves the immigration needs of the South Dade community by providing a wide range of services, including immigration counseling and assistance, coordination of pro bono legal assistance in deportation proceedings, and ESOL and citizenship classes.  
**OPPORTUNITIES:** Examples include assisting clients with immigration forms, helping attorneys process clients, and assisting with ESOL or citizenship classes. Opportunities depend on students' interests and abilities. The service-learner will not only learn how to work as part of a team, but he or she will also gain valuable experience in such areas as immigration, office management, education, and law.  
**HOURS NEEDED:** Immigration: Monday–Friday, 9:00am–5:00pm. Classes are Monday-Thursday 5:30pm - 8:30pm

### **COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF MIAMI, INC.**, 11900 SW 128<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33186

**CONTACT:** Elizabeth Mejia, (305) 252-5444 (Fax: 305-378-7393) E-mail: [elizabethcis@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabethcis@hotmail.com)  
**DESCRIPTION:** Communities in Schools works with 15 schools to provide academic enhancements and drop out prevention services to at-risk youth and with 5 after school programs.  
**OPPORTUNITIES:** M-DCC students are needed to provide tutoring and one-to-one attention to high school students in a variety of subjects (reading, math, English, writing, etc.). Tutors are needed for Miami Edison Senior High School, the ACE Academy in Coral Gables, School for Applied Technology, Corporate Academy South in Homestead, and Corporate Academy North in Allapattah. Volunteers are also needed to be literacy volunteers in elementary schools in Liberty City, Allapattah. M-DCC students are also needed to help in an after school program in Liberty City, Hialeah, and Allapattah to help in the computer lab and health education programs.  
**HOURS NEEDED:** 7:30am– 5:30pm, school days  
**COMMENTS:** Ms. Mejia really needs your help. Call her and get started today!

### **CORPORATE ACADEMY SOUTH (CAS) - COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS**, 2351 SE 12 Ave., Homestead, FL 33035

**CONTACT:** Gail Gelvan (305) 246-4348 (Fax: 305-246-3948) E-mail: [gailgelvan@hotmail.com](mailto:gailgelvan@hotmail.com)  
**DESCRIPTION:** We are a small, alternative high school (90 students). Our student population is 1/3 Caucasian, 1/3 Afro-American and 1/3 Hispanic. Their home schools are located from Kendall Drive south to Homestead. We are a Community in Schools of Miami (CISMI) site located on the campus of Homestead Senior High School. CISMI is a non-profit drop out prevention organization serving over 5,000 students in Miami-Dade County.  
**OPPORTUNITIES:** We need tutoring in Reading, English, and Math as well as other academic areas.  
**HOURS NEEDED:** One to two hours per week, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-2:30pm  
**COMMENTS:** We offer an orientation, guidance and flexible scheduling and greatly appreciate your help.

### **DADE HERITAGE TRUST, HISTORIC PRESERVATION CENTER**,

190 SE 12th Terrace (Brickell Area), Miami, FL

**CONTACT:** Luis Gonzalez (Office Manager) or Becky Matkov (Executive Director), (305) 358-9572 (Fax: 305-358-1162); E-mail: [DadeHeritage109@aol.com](mailto:DadeHeritage109@aol.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** Dedicated to the preservation of Miami-Dade's architectural, cultural and environmental heritage. Sponsors many activities such as lectures, tours, Dade Heritage Days, educational presentation/projects with schools, etc.  
**OPPORTUNITIES:** Assist in all areas mentioned above. Also, assist with committee work, community cultural events, event planning, and some office/research work.  
**HOURS NEEDED:** Flexible, depending on event. Some evenings and weekends available. It is preferred that you work a minimum of 3 hours per shift. Phone the office to discuss your interests and upcoming events.  
**COMMENTS:** This is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in historic preservation and Dade County's history. Call us and we will put you to work!

### **DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE (DJJ)**, 18425 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, North Miami, FL 33169

**CONTACT:** Marie Boswell, Delinquency Prevention Specialist at (305) 654-1959 or (305) 654-1962 (Fax: 305-654-1961) or

E-mail: [marie.boswell@djj.state.fl.us](mailto:marie.boswell@djj.state.fl.us). Other Offices: 1444 Biscayne Blvd., 1897 NW 20<sup>th</sup> St., 3300 NW 27<sup>th</sup> Ave., 1600 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., 4500 Biscayne Blvd., (305) 377-7188, 10700 Caribbean Blvd., 5040 NW 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., 11430 N. Kendall Dr., 6600 SW 57<sup>th</sup> Ave., (305) 284-0921.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice has a mission to prevent and reduce juvenile crimes in the State of Florida. The purpose of service-learners' experience is to augment and enhance the jobs being performed by the Juvenile Justice staff and to enhance the knowledge and skills of the student. We now have positions in the areas of Kendall, North, Medical, Wolfson, InterAmerican, and Homestead.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** The Juvenile Justice Service-Learning Program is designed to allow the students the opportunity to apply knowledge, classroom skills and practical experience to the actual working environment while under the supervision of a trained professional. Students will learn about the services and programs provided throughout DJJ continuum as well as to develop the student to work with juveniles.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Minimum of 10 hours a week, however, the student can serve as many hours as desired.

**COMMENTS:** All applications will be required to submit to a background screening (including police records check and fingerprinting at the applicant's expense) through DJJ Office of Inspector General.

### **DERM/PRIDE (PROMOTING RESPONSIBILITY IN DADE'S ENVIRONMENT) PROGRAM,**

33 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite 1200, Miami, FL 33130

**CONTACT:** Susannah Troner at (305) 372-6469 or Ivy Brown at (305) 372-6628 (Fax: 305-372-6760)

**DESCRIPTION:** The PRIDE program places volunteers in various "jobs" within the Department of Environmental Resources Management. The program strives to expose volunteers to some of the environmental issues facing the Department.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Opportunities vary throughout the year and positions are based on the needs of the Department.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Most opportunities are Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm; clean-ups, adopt-a-tree and planting events usually occur on Saturday mornings.

### **DRUG-FREE YOUTH IN TOWN (DFYIT),** 16201 SW 95th Avenue, Suite 205, Miami, FL 33157 (County-wide opportunities)

**CONTACT:** Gonzalo Cadima (305) 971-0607 (Fax: 305-971-4632) E-mail: [Gcadima@dfyit.org](mailto:Gcadima@dfyit.org); Website: [www.dfyit.com](http://www.dfyit.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** DFYIT is a nationally recognized, community-based, substance-abuse prevention organization. We focus on and give recognition to students who choose to live a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

**PROGRAM:** DFYIT provides drug awareness opportunities for youth-adolescent mentoring, participation in community service and the promotion of youth leadership among the students in middle and senior high schools for students ages 10 through 18.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Outreach, education, administrative, data entry & research.

**HOURS NEEDED:** 8:30am - 5:45pm weekdays and some Saturdays.

**COMMENTS:** This an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in working with youth prevention programs. Minimum commitment of several hours a week per semester. Great opportunity for Psychology, Sociology and related studies.

### **ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA,** Court Administrator's Office

73 West Flagler Street, Room 911, Miami, FL 33130

**CONTACT:** Madeline Jiron (305) 349-7664; (Fax: 305-349-7003); E-mail: [mjiron@jud11.fl.courts](mailto:mjiron@jud11.fl.courts)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida is the state trial court system for Miami-Dade County comprised of both the Circuit and County Court.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Assist judges and/or court personnel with clerical and court programs and services or administrative functions in an office or courtroom setting. Those interested should have excellent organization and general office skills.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm

### **ELIJAH NETWORK FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ALLIANCE;** 22420 SW 180 Ct., Miami, FL 33170

**CONTACT:** Gloria Keith (305) 598-9788 office or (305) 205-4496; (Fax: 305-246-3191); E-mail: [ENFACE@aol.com](mailto:ENFACE@aol.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** We are an addiction and violence prevention agency. We provide parenting skills, community education, tutoring, and truancy programs. Outreach locations may vary in South Dade area.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Serve as a role model, training facilitator, tutor, and community liaison.

**HOURS NEEDED:** 3-15 hours per week based on assignment.

### **ETHEL F. BECKORD/RICHMOND ELEMENTARY,** 16929 SW 104<sup>th</sup> Ave., Miami, FL 33157

**CONTACT:** Ms. Ellie Goldman, Counselor, (305) 238-5194 (Fax 305-238-0397)

**DESCRIPTION:** This K-5 school has approximately 600 students, many of whom are from disadvantaged backgrounds.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Serve as a tutor with an at-risk child. Assist with reading, English, writing, math, science, etc. Help out with special projects, depending on your interests.

**HOURS NEEDED:** School days Monday-Friday, 8:45am-3:00pm

**COMMENTS:** **Particularly need reading tutors.** Call Ms. Goldman; she really needs your help and will take good care of you! She'll give you an assignment based on your schedule and interests. Other M-DCC students have enjoyed Ethel F. Beckord/Richmond Elementary.

### **EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK,** 40001 State Road 9336, Homestead FL, 33034

**CONTACT:** Jackie Dostourian, Volunteer-In-Parks Coordinator, (305) 242-7752 (Fax: 305-242-7757)

**DESCRIPTION:** Our mission: "To conserve the scenery and natural and historical objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of the future generations."

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Volunteer positions vary greatly and may include providing visitors with assistance on walking trails or at visitor centers; presenting talks and/or leading guided walks, collecting biological and hydrological data, removing exotic plant species, participating in clean-ups and providing computer and administrative assistance.

**HOURS NEEDED :** The majority of volunteer positions are available from November through April, however, some are open all year. The work schedule and hours donated are decided between the volunteer and their supervisor. Most work schedules are during the day Monday through Friday, however some positions have weekend and holiday hours.

**COMMENTS :** Volunteers at the Everglades is a great way to gain intimate knowledge of the park's natural and cultural resources. Volunteers are provided with uniforms and training and often have opportunities to explore areas of the park not often see by the average visitor. Please call the above number for a volunteer application and to find out about current opportunities.

### **EVERGLADES YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**, 18500 SW 424<sup>th</sup> Street, Florida City, FL 33034

**CONTACT:** Shela Grunow, Education Coordinator, (305) 247-6492 ext. 112 (Fax-305-247-1881)

**DESCRIPTION:** Our facility is a 12–18 month residential treatment center for adjudicated youth. Our student population consists of 102 males that are considered "at-risk." Our mission provides these students with the educational tools and learning that will meet their needs and help them transition back into society successfully.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Volunteers are needed to tutor students in a variety of subjects. The students' abilities in reading and math range from elementary to high school. Approximately 35% of our populations are ESE exceptional students. Volunteers are also needed to assist with classroom activities and with nightly study hall.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Tutors are needed 7:00am–6:30pm or a time can be arranged particularly on weekends. We would prefer students commit to at least 3 hours per week.

**COMMENTS:** Willing to discuss variety of projects in education, psychology, sociology, vocational areas, etc.

### **FAIRCHILD TROPICAL GARDEN**, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL 33156

**CONTACT:** Arlene Ferris, (305) 667-1651 ext. 3314 (Fax: 305-661-8953) E-mail: [aferris@fairchildgarden.org](mailto:aferris@fairchildgarden.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Fairchild Tropical Garden is an 83-acre botanical garden with major collections of palms, cycads and other tropical plants set in a beautiful landscape design. Program areas include education, research, conservation, and horticulture.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Gardening, guiding, data entry, and café.

**HOURS NEEDED :** Monday - Thursday, 9:00am – 5:00pm. Some weekend opportunities in the café are available.

**COMMENTS :** Students who may complete a minimum of 30 hours of service are welcome to apply. Some shorter-term opportunities are available. Volunteers accepted over the age of 16. This placement is appropriate for students interested in botany/ecology/environmental issues. Education majors would also benefit from serving as guides in the school program.

### **FARM SHARE, INC.**, Florida City Farmers Market, 300 N. Krome Ave., Bldg. 12, Florida City, FL 33034

**CONTACT:** Jennifer Helms, Assistant Operations Manager, (305) 246-3276 (Fax: 305-246-3589); E-mail: [jenn@farmshare.org](mailto:jenn@farmshare.org)  
Website: [www.farmshare.org](http://www.farmshare.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Farm Share is a non-profit food recovery program that distributes donated fresh fruit and vegetables and canned and dry goods to low-income families throughout South Florida.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Service-learning students are needed to create and implement various hunger-related projects. Service-learning students and volunteers are needed to register recipients, pre-bag, and distribute food to needy families. Volunteers are also needed in the commodities department and we welcome individuals with computer knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and Publisher.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm. For recipients based project, Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm

### **FEDERATION GARDENS**, 10905 SW 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33176

**CONTACT:** Irene Medovoy, Resident Services Director, (305) 274-3574 (Fax: 305-279-0660)

**DESCRIPTION:** A multi-cultural independent living facility center serving over 170 elderly residents.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Serving and socializing between 11:30am and 1:30pm Monday through Friday. Giving computer instruction and English/Spanish language lessons 1:1 at Computer Learning Center on the premises especially beneficial for ESOL students. Individually scheduled sessions in the timeframe from 10:00am – 4:00pm

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday–Friday except Holidays and weekends 10:00am–4:00pm Prepare to spread your volunteer services wide visiting our seniors a few times for short sessions. Do not delay your assignment till the deadline of your evaluation, do it in advance to enjoy it and to gain valuable knowledge from your new elderly friends.

**COMMENTS:** Many of the elderly tenants are lonely and are hungry for human attention. Your presence will really make a big difference! Ms. Medovoy is an outstanding supervisor who has worked with many M-DCC students for over 10 years. Give her a call and get started today!

### **GELBER ADULT DAY CARE CENTER**, 11025 SW 84 Street, Bldg. 12, Miami FL 33173

**CONTACT:** Rachel Menton (305) 270-2979 (Fax: 305-270-4957)

**DESCRIPTION:** Non-Profit joint venture between Jewish Community Services of South Florida and Miami-Dade County Elderly Services Division providing daycare, Monday- Friday 7:30am- 4:30pm for impaired adults.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Artists, Story Tellers, Readers, Musicians, Card and Game Players, Word Processing Gurus, English and/or Spanish Speaking, students who would like to share their time and abilities to help seniors learn, socialize and communicate. We welcome students who would like to assist in existing programs as well, i.e., exercise, arts and crafts, dominoes, music, etc. Opportunities for Intergenerational Programs are also available.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Flexible Monday- Friday 7:30am-3: 30pm. Require continuity, same hour, same day each week.

### **GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL OF TROPICAL FLORIDA**, (County-wide opportunities)

**CONTACT:** Betty Shelton (305) 253-4841 ext. 237 or Pauline Russell, ext. 238 (Fax: 305-253-2132); E-mail: [gscoutfl@bellsouth.net](mailto:gscoutfl@bellsouth.net)

**DESCRIPTION:** Girl Scouts aims to inspire girls from pre-school to 17 years of age with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service so that they may become happy and resourceful citizens. The program operates in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. Office hours are 9:00am - 5:00pm (on Thursdays, June - September till 7:00pm).

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Young adults for short-term and long-term; Troop/group leadership (once weekly, after school, evenings, or weekends); be a trained leader for a small group of 5-year old girls at a daycare center. Program consultants for school-based programs, sports coaching (after school 3:00pm – 5:00pm), tutoring, community events, special project assistance, festivals, group mentoring (science, literacy, computer classes, inner city, bilingual opportunities). For students studying healthcare professions, consider becoming a certified first-aid instructor and teach several courses.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Office hours: 9:00am-5:00pm. Some weekends and evening opportunities; months of greatest need: September-May. Some summer opportunities are available.

**COMMENTS:** Students must be prepared to attend orientation and training for the assignment. Volunteer application and screening required. Placement should begin at the start of the semester. Allow adequate time for placement, if group mentoring or leadership requested. Bilingual (Creole and/or Spanish) students are welcome.

### **GOOD HOPE EQUESTRIAN TRAINING CENTER**, 22155 S.W. 147th Avenue Miami, FL 33170

**CONTACT:** Peggy O'Toole, PH.D (305) 258-2838 (Office) (Fax: 305-258-2902) E-Mail: [ghetc@bellsouth.net](mailto:ghetc@bellsouth.net)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Good Hope Equestrian Center was established in 1999 with a mission of providing individuals with various disabilities, oncology patients and at-risk adolescents, vocational and recreational activities that offer opportunities to increase their employability potential, independence and quality of life.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** The Good Hope Equestrian Training Center has the following opportunities: tutoring, peer mentoring, horse handling, side walking and companion/friends. We would like the volunteers to assist the GHETC staff during the various facets of the programming. For Example, assisting the mentally and physically challenged adults with Stable Management, Horsemanship, Functional Academics (Reading/Math), Technology and Therapeutic Horseback Riding.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm, Monday and Wednesday 4:00pm-6:00pm and Saturdays From 8:00am-12:00pm

**COMMENTS :** In addition to above hours, volunteers are needed on a flexible basis for special events, programs and projects. All service-learners will receive in-service training to prepare them for their voluntary position. Directions: Turnpike South to Eureka Drive (SW 184 Street). Travel west to 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Make a left turn, and go past 216 Street. Good Hope will be on the left. Go to the “stable clubhouse” on the left. Only 15 minutes from the Kendall Campus!

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER MIAMI**, (County-wide projects)

**CONTACT:** Noemi Martinez, Volunteer Coordinator (305) 670-2224 (Fax: 305-670-2273)

**DESCRIPTION:** Works towards the elimination of substandard living conditions in the Greater Miami area by building houses in partnership with low-income families. The houses are then sold at no-profit and no-interest.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Construction assistance--no previous experience necessary, just a desire to help at work sites around the county. Fund-raising, marketing, computers, administrative/office help is occasionally needed in the Dadeland office (Mondays - Fridays). Habitat currently has projects in South Dade and Downtown Miami.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Homebuilding assistance needed Tuesday – Saturday, 7:45am - 3:30pm. Volunteers are especially needed on weekdays. Bring a lunch.

**COMMENTS :** If you are going as a group, you must call Noemi Martinez first to reserve a spot. Group/class projects can be arranged. All skill levels welcome and needed. Volunteers must bring tools. Call Noemi Martinez for details. Donations of building materials and money are needed as well. There is a special need for volunteers speaking Spanish and/or Creole to help in the office as volunteers. Working with Habitat is both rewarding and educational.

### **HEALTHSOUTH DOCTORS**, 5000 University Dr., Coral Gables, FL 33146

**CONTACT:** Ask for the Volunteer Coordinator, (305) 669-2305 (Fax: 305-669-2456)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Volunteer Services Department strives to meet the needs of the hospital by providing volunteers who offer an extra dimension of care and service for patients, their families, visitors, and staff.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Recovery room, recreation therapy, operating room, sports medicine/x-ray, physical therapy, nursing stations, and emergency room.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Flexible, with some weekend opportunities as well. **Minimum 20-hour requirement per semester.**

**COMMENTS:** You must have had a PPD test in the past year (The hospital will administer this if you need it.), and you must purchase a T-shirt/uniform that will cost you \$15.

**HOMESTEAD/FLORIDA CITY WEED AND SEED, INC. SAFE HAVEN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM, HOMESTEAD PARKS AND RECREATION/THE PHICOL WILLIAMS COMMUNITY CENTER,**

951 SW 4th Street, Homestead, FL 33030

**CONTACT:** Rose L. Evans-Coleman (305) 247-3306 (Fax: 305 245-0112); E-mail: [Rosemsw@gate.net](mailto:Rosemsw@gate.net)

**DESCRIPTION:** Weed and Seed is an initiative of the U. S, Department of Justice that focuses on public safety and neighborhood revitalization. The four-part strategy to accomplish this is comprised of law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention and treatment; and neighborhood restoration. The Phicol Williams Community Center is a multi-service center where a variety of youth and adult services are coordinated and a place where youth and other residents can access needed services, develop relationships, find opportunities to be productive and successful, and enhance skills. The Safe Haven at Florida City Elementary School serves children ages 6-13 and provides a variety of services and supportive programs. It is a safe and secure facility located in the heart of southwest Homestead.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Serve as a mentor and tutor; work with 1-3 children in a group; assist with developing reading and math skills; assist with homework; play games; and, help children develop self-confidence and self-esteem by being a positive role model.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday-Friday, 5:00pm - 9:00pm. You must commit to at least 4 hours per week.

**COMMENTS:** Please call for more information. You need a willingness to work with children whose skills are under-developed, but who are willing and able to learn, and you need a lot of patience.

**HOMESTEAD MIDDLE SCHOOL,** 650 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Homestead, FL 33030

**CONTACT:** Angela Lozano-Lopez, Career Specialist, (305) 247-4221 ext. 2226 (Fax: 305-247-5512) E-mail:

[alozano@hms.dadeschools.net](mailto:alozano@hms.dadeschools.net)

**DESCRIPTION:** Homestead Middle School is a Dade County Public School located just west of Krome on 312 Street.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Homestead Middle School needs assistance in all areas including reading, math, science, and English. Help students improve their reading and math test scores. Work one on one or with a class teaching and mentoring students.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday-Friday, 8:00am – 2:30pm.

**COMMENTS:** Much help is needed in tutoring and mentoring at this school. Ms. Lozano-Lopez will take great care of you and enthusiastically awaits your assistance.

**HOSPICE CARE OF SOUTH FLORIDA,** 7270 NW 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Penthouse 6, Miami, FL 33126.

Opportunities throughout Miami -Dade County.

**CONTACT:** Maria Sire Castro, Volunteer Coordinator, (305) 591-1606 (Fax: 305 591-1618)

**DESCRIPTION:** Hospice Care is a home -based program offering a total support system to patients and families who are dealing with a life limited illness.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** There are several program areas available in which to volunteer. Each volunteer is oriented to the areas in which he or she has agreed to serve whether it be patient care, office help, bereavement support or special events.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Flexible schedule, program operates 24 hours a day. Visits may be carried out Monday through Sunday, 9:00am – 8:00pm.

**COMMENTS:** This is a great opportunity to share your time, talents and compassion with terminally ill patients and their families. There are no special skills required. Kindness, gentleness and patience are a must. Each student needs to complete a two-part training in the beginning of each semester. This training is given every second and third Saturday of each month only. Please call to schedule time.

**THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF GREATER MIAMI (HSGM),** Main Office: 2101 NW 95<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33147

**CONTACT:** Humane Education and Volunteer Activities Coordinator, (305) 696-0800 Ext.131 (Fax: 305-696-4434)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Humane Society of Greater Miami is dedicated to creating a humane community in which all companion animals have homes with responsible, committed and loving caregivers. The Society is focused on ending the euthanasia of healthy, adaptable pets by providing the public with quality adoption services, low-cost spray/neuter services and extremely humane education programming for citizens of all ages. The Society advocates the elimination of cruelty, neglect and pet overpopulation and is dedicated to achieving a more kind, just and loving community for pets and the people of Miami-Dade County. The Humane Society of Greater Miami is a non-profit organization, funded solely by private donations, bequests and fund-raising activities.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** **In-house Volunteer/Kennel Assistant-** Assist HSGM staff with general maintenance and operations of the adoptions area of HSGM. This will include bathing dogs, cleaning cages, walking dogs and customer service. **In-house Volunteer/Administration-** Assist HSGM staff with general administrative and office work. This would include filing, answering phones; follow up phone calls for adoptions. **In-house Volunteer/Maintenance-** Assist HSGM staff with general maintenance and repair work needed within and around the shelter. This would include painting and organizing donated cat and dog food in the garage. If you have a group that would like to take on a project you would just need to contact the Volunteer Activities Office to coordinate and organize the project. We ask that all large groups have an orientation about the Humane Society of Greater Miami so everyone involved in the project understands the mission.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00am – 6:00pm, Sunday, 10:00am-4:00pm. Group projects begin after 10:00am.

**COMMENTS:** Anyone who loves animals and is interested in helping to make a difference in homeless animals lives should contact the Volunteer Activities Office. It is not glamorous work, but it is very rewarding and includes the unconditional love given from the animals. Orientation is required and we ask all volunteers to purchase a blue or yellow HSGM T-shirt. Orientations are once a month at the Humane Society of Greater Miami's main shelter. Please call in advance for the exact time and date of the orientation.

**I.H.S. AT GREENBRIAR,**

9820 North Kendall Drive, Miami, FL 33176

**CONTACT:** Alberto Fernandez, Activities Department, (305) 271-6311 (Fax: 305-274-5880)

**DESCRIPTION:** I.H.S. at Greenbriar is a facility that combines Long Term Care, Rehabilitation Services (P.T., O.T., S.T.) and Adult Day Care Services.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Hands-on work with the elderly in different fields (Nursing, Therapies, Activities, Hospital Administration, Business, Medical Records, Dietary, Social Services, etc.).

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday-Friday, 10:00am- 4:00pm, Saturday - Sunday 9:30am - 3:30pm.

**COMMENTS:** Bilingual (English and Spanish) individuals are preferred.

### **INFORMED FAMILIES**, 2490 Coral Way, Suite Miami, FL 33145

**CONTACT:** Lyn Pannone, Director of Administration, (305) 856-4886 (Fax: 305-856-4815); E-mail: [Lpannone@informedfamilies.org](mailto:Lpannone@informedfamilies.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Informed Families has been serving Miami-Dade County for nineteen years. Our most visible program, the annual Red Ribbon Week Campaign, highlights our primary focus on substance abuse prevention. We work with parents and youngsters to fulfill our mission- **Helping Kids Grow Up Healthy & Drug Free**. We provide information and support to our community and beyond through our resource center empowerment and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Volunteers are needed in our main offices to help with the resource center and with administrative and marketing assignments.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Our offices are open from 8:30am to 5:00pm Additional evening and weekend opportunities are available for classes and special projects.

### **JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL/PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST**, 1611 NW 12 Avenue, Miami, FL 33136

**CONTACT:** Maria Cao-Lopez, Director (E-mail: [mclopez@um-jmh.org](mailto:mclopez@um-jmh.org)) or Erolinda Budi, Assistant Director (E-mail: [ebudi@um-jmh.org](mailto:ebudi@um-jmh.org)) (305) 585-6541 (Fax: 305-585-2658)

**DESCRIPTION:** Jackson Memorial Hospital is a State-of-the-Arts Medical Center and the largest nonprofit hospital in the Southeastern United States. Our mission is to provide a high standard of health care, education and research.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Assistance in more than 82 departments at the main campus and many other opportunities at satellite centers throughout Miami-Dade County.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Flexible, 7 days a week from 7:00am to 10:00pm. **Must commit to a minimum of 150 hours.**

**COMMENTS:** Identify yourself as a M-DCC service-learning student. Please call in advance for an application. Applications are also available on-line at [www.um-jmh.org](http://www.um-jmh.org). Keep in mind that the process will take a few weeks **so start early!**

### **JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF GREATER MIAMI (JA)**,

JA is a worldwide economic education organization that teaches students about the world of work.

Our local office is located at 9190 Biscayne Blvd., Suite #202, Miami, FL 33138

**CONTACT:** Myra I. Ortega, Senior Program Manager, (305) 751-9200 ext. 26 (Fax: 305-751-9244); E-mail: [mortega@jamiami.org](mailto:mortega@jamiami.org)  
National Website: [www.ja.org](http://www.ja.org); Local Website: [jamiami.org](http://jamiami.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Junior Achievement recruits and trains classroom volunteers. We have specific curriculum for each grade level, kindergarten thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We have programs that teach kids the importance of an education as well as job readiness skills. Students learn about career options and the business community. All lessons are hands-on and FUN. Each program highlights business and personal economic issues.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Junior Achievement is always looking for classroom volunteers to teach our programs. After attending a 2-hour training, volunteers will be given all the materials needed to teach the program. Ms. Ortega will place you in a school, classroom and grade level that is convenient for you. M-DCC volunteers will be assigned to an elementary school grades K thru 6<sup>th</sup>.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday-Friday during school hours (8:00am-3:30pm). Volunteers visit a classroom once a week for an hour, for 5-8 weeks. This program requires a commitment of 15-20 hours.

**COMMENTS:** This is a great opportunity for all students to enhance their public speaking skills and improve their communication/presentation skills. This is an extremely beneficial experience for ALL Business and Education Majors for networking opportunities. Great for anyone interested in influencing the lives of our South Florida youth. "Let Their Success Be Your Inspiration!"

### **KIWANIS HORSES AND HANDICAPPED**, Please call for location address.

Please send all written correspondence to: P.O. Box 16-1765 Miami, FL 33116-1765

**CONTACT:** Jackie Ege (305) 271-2210, or (305) 274-6423; E-mail: [jackie@ege.com](mailto:jackie@ege.com) Website: <http://www.ege.com/kiwanis/>

**DESCRIPTION:** This therapeutic program allows handicapped children to ride ponies and horses.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Volunteers assist children by leading the horses and by walking along side the horses & children. Activities include exercises, riding instruction, & games. Training is provided on-site.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Saturdays, 9:00am – 1:00pm, mid September through the end of May.

**COMMENTS:** Please park in front of property. **Note: You must call to register prior to coming (note--call between 8:00am & 6:00pm only!)**. Directions: Please see web page <http://kiwanis.ege.com> after 9/20/02. The season is from September through June. Please wear close-toed shoes – no sandals.

### **LAURA C. SAUNDERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**, 505 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Homestead, FL 33030

**CONTACT:** Sandra Welch (CIS), Volunteer/Dade Partner Liaison, (305) 247-3933 Ext. 123 (Fax: 305-247-8522)

**DESCRIPTION:** Laura Saunders Elementary is one of a handful of “full service schools” in Miami -Dade County. Volunteers, tutors, and assistants are needed in all areas. Our school is an easy (no traffic) drive south to Homestead! We have a large number of migrant farm-worker students who are in great need of tutoring services. Many of our students need a mentor who can listen, teach and play with them. We are eager to have service-learning students who can change the way a student reads and sees his/her world at this dynamic school-tailored to your skills, interest, and background.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday–Friday, 9:00am-2:00pm

**COMMENTS:** Many types of volunteer opportunities are available such as reading tutors; math tutors; bilingual opportunities (English and Spanish); classroom experience Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> graders; one-on-one mentorship programs and much more. It’s a brand new, beautiful school, located in a rural setting. Students have had great experiences here and we recommend it highly!

### **LEISURE ACCESS SERVICES/MIAMI-DADE PARKS**, Opportunities at parks all over Miami-Dade County

Main Office: 275 NW 2nd Street, Suite 414, Miami, FL 33128

**CONTACT:** Volunteer Coordinator, Nelson Canales, (305) 755-7848, (Fax: 305-755-7864)

**DESCRIPTION:** On-going programs in numerous parks all over Miami-Dade County. Leisure Access Services provides recreation, social and sport activities to children and adults with a variety of disabilities.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Serve as a guide for persons with visual impairments during fitness programs, assist participant during water exercise classes, and help set-up special events such as Sports Access Day. Assistance is needed for social outings for people with head injuries or strokes, and for people with learning and emotional disabilities. We need assistance with seniors’ programs as well as with playing games, doing arts and crafts and a variety of other recreational programs for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Very flexible! 7:30am - 10:00pm, seven days per week. A minimum commitment of 10 hours is required!

**COMMENTS:** You must register for orientation and training prior to volunteering. Supervisor will orient according to program goals and objectives. Mr. Canales will place you at a park and program convenient to your schedule and interests. Excellent opportunity for those majoring in Psychology, Social Work, Recreation, Geriatrics, Special Education, Sports Medicine, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Recreational Therapy.

### **MARCH OF DIMES**, 8323 NW 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 208 Miami, FL 33125

**CONTACT:** General information and sign-up available through the receptionist at (305) 477-1192 (Fax: 305-477-1254). Michelle Auguste, Community Director, can answer specific questions.

**DESCRIPTION:** The March of Dimes funds and supports programs of research, education and community services aimed at preventing birth defects in Miami -Dade County and across the nation. The March of Dimes has led the way in advocating for America’s babies---from the polo vaccine to the creation of neonatal intensive care units to the development of surfactant therapy to the discovery that folic acid can prevent birth defects. The mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Individuals are needed for all areas in hands-on, administrative and professional capacities.

- College students in Business Marketing are needed to assist the March of Dimes.
- Journalist and Public Relations students.
- Leadership opportunities for students in political science, psychology, management, education health and other related fields to assist at committee level.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Applicants with a marketing major will assist the March of Dimes with all aspects of marketing including event planning, press releases and company recruitment. Students in other fields must have experience working with youth groups, committee experience, strong communication and leadership skills, be articulate, enthusiastic and have a desire to help young people succeed.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Various shifts available between 9:00am and 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

**COMMENTS:** Leadership council members and volunteer advisors are needed to set goals and objectives for projects for the academic year dealing with health education, advocacy, community service and fundraising. They will utilize the leadership-training guide to provide students with structured and on-going leadership training. Attending all meetings and serving as a facilitator when needed is required.

And, have a lot of fun!

### **M-DCC KENDALL CAMPUS, ACCESS DISABILITY**, 11011 SW 104<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 3113, Miami, FL 33176

**CONTACT:** Randy Schleef (305) 237-2461 (Fax: 305-237-0880); E-mail: [rschleef@mdcc.edu](mailto:rschleef@mdcc.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** Access Disability Services provides college access for students with disabilities.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Volunteers provide reading, note taking, basic tutoring, and other assistance to enhance college access for students with disabilities.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Flexible hours are available during regular college days (8:00am – 4:30pm). Other hours are arranged to meet specific student needs. Consistency and reliability and college skills are required.

**COMMENTS:** Volunteers learn about needs of various populations of people with disabilities. Obtain practice in oral communication and gain knowledge of disability accommodation issues.

**M-DCC KENDALL CAMPUS, ART GALLERY**, 11011 SW 104<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33176

**CONTACT:** Lilia Fontana (305) 237-2322

**DESCRIPTION:** The Kendall Campus Art Gallery hosts between 9-10 exhibitions a year. The gallery has maintained a high profile with exhibitions locally, nationally, and international recognized artists in all media.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Hands-on work experience in hanging and dismantling exhibitions as well as gallery security and all aspects of running an art gallery.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday- Thursday-Friday: 8:00am - 4:00pm; Tuesday-Wednesday: Noon-7: 30pm

**COMMENTS:** The volunteers are also needed on a flexible hour basis for various activities and events.

**MENTORING RESOURCE CENTER**, County-wide opportunities, Main office: 701 SW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33135

**CONTACT:** Mae Ly Salas, (305) 649-9352 (Fax 305-649-6358); E-mail: [MRC@bbbsmiami.org](mailto:MRC@bbbsmiami.org) or

visit our website at <http://www.miamispromise.org/>

**DESCRIPTION:** The Mentoring Resource Center (MRC) represents a network of 50+ agencies that provide the Five Fundamental resources to children and youth in the area of Miami- Dade: 1) Ongoing relationships with caring adults; 2) Safe places with structured activities during non-school hours; 3) A Healthy start for a Healthy future; 4) Marketable skills through effective education; and 5) Opportunities to give back through community service. MRC is the local lead agency for the Governor's Mentoring Initiative, America's Promise, the National Mentoring Partnership and Participate America. Service-learning opportunities are available through the MRC network during the week and weekend: One-to-One interaction, Group mentoring, school-based and others.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** The Mentoring Resource Center will put you in contact the program that best meets your interests according to location, type of service, the children served, and the level of commitment sought. Minimum age requirement: 14 years of age.

**HOURS NEEDED:** A commitment of at least an hour a week and for a minimum of 3 months is required. MRC will help you select an agency whose time requirements fit with your schedule.

**METRO DADE PARKS INTERPRETIVE SERVICES/THE NATURE CENTER**,

A.D. Barnes Park 3401 SW 72nd Ave., Miami, FL 33155

**CONTACT:** Robert Carmona, Recreation Specialist, (305) 662-4124; E-mail: [adnature@miamidade.gov](mailto:adnature@miamidade.gov)

**DESCRIPTION:** Provides environmental education and outdoor recreation to the general public.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Help with restoration and maintenance of natural areas at A.D. Barnes Park. Assist with quarterly magazine publication. Help is also needed to develop and produce park programming.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday-Friday from 9:00am – 6:00p m. Some weekend/evening opportunities as well.

**COMMENTS:** Call Mr. Carmona and he'll get you started.

**MIAMI CEREBRAL PALSY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES**, 2200 NW 107<sup>th</sup> Ave., Miami, FL 33172 (main office)

Residential facilities: 80<sup>th</sup> Street -- 11750 SW 80<sup>th</sup> Street; Sunset -- 7100 SW 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue; Braddock -- 14400 SW 32<sup>nd</sup> Street;

NW 2nd Street -- 11801 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street; and, 144<sup>th</sup> Court -- 7100 SW 144<sup>th</sup> Court.

**CONTACT:** Bill Appleton, (305) 599-0899 ext. 246 (Fax: 305-599-2721)

**DESCRIPTION:** Miami Cerebral Palsy operates five residential facilities and one Education Center for the developmentally disabled in the F.I.U. area.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** An opportunity for students to hone their skills in a cutting edge program for the developmentally disabled at state of the art facilities. These include an Educational Center and various modern residential facilities. Work with nurses, special educators, physical, occupational, and speech therapists in the most up to date treatment modalities.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Residential Facilities: flexible scheduling available including Saturday and Sundays, 10:00am - 6:00pm. Educational Center (located near the FIU University Campus): Monday–Friday, 9:00am – 2:00pm.

**COMMENTS:** Miami Cerebral Palsy provides a great opportunity to be exposed to numerous occupations and therapies. Service-learners will have the chance to work with specialized adaptive equipment, computers, and technological devices. Call Bill for more information and to arrange an orientation.

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE OF YOUTH AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT DELINQUENCY PREVENTION SERVICES DIVISION**

4343 West Flagler Street Suite 404, Miami, FL 33134 Various Locations: Cutler Ridge, Kendall, Flagler, Opa-Locka

**CONTACT:** Jeannette Garcia, Director of Resource Development, (305) 234-1433; direct phone number: (305) 971-5067

(Fax: 305-234-3989)

**DESCRIPTION:** Delinquency Prevention Services Division (DPS) provides comprehensive juvenile justice diversion programming for approximately 4000 youths yearly. DPS offers alternative sanctions and treatment for troubled children and families involved in the juvenile justice system. Our goals are to reduce further criminal involvement, heighten self-esteem, increase exposure to positive role models, improve school performance, and enhance personal responsibility.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Students are needed for tutoring, role modeling, and mentoring youths with difficult backgrounds. Students will be an additional positive support for these multi-cultural and multi-ethnic youths.

**HOURS NEEDED:** After School, some Saturdays. Students must work at least 3 hours a week for one semester.

Monday-Friday, 8:00am- 6:00pm

**COMMENTS:** Students must be able to pass criminal background screening. Excellent opportunity for anyone considering a career in social work, psychology, human services, criminal justice, or education.

**MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT,** (County-wide opportunities)

Main Office: 275 N.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Hickman Building, Miami, FL 33128

**CONTACT:** Sandra Hill, (305) 693-6236 or Pager (305) 839-2241 (Fax: 305 693-3254) Information: (305) 755-7800

**DESCRIPTION:** Maintains a comprehensive system of parks, zoological areas, cultural facilities, historic buildings, and recreational spaces and provides recreational and cultural activities for people of all ages.

The park system has five regions with over 250 community and neighborhood parks.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Opportunities include programming for youth and adults at a recreational facility. Assist in the plan and coordinate a variety of indoor and outdoor recreational activities such as team and individual sports, active and quiet games, arts & crafts, tutoring, culture activities, storytelling, and good sportsmanship. Assist with special events and children with disabilities.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Generally Monday – Friday from 2:00pm – 8:00pm depending on the park hours of operation. Summer program hours are 8:00am – 6:00pm

**COMMENTS:** Call Ms. Hill and she will place you at a park near your home.

**MIAMI-DADE PARKS, ADOPT A NATURAL AREA,** Park and Recreation Department,

22200 SW 137th Avenue Miami, FL 33170

**CONTACT:** Magaly Bashir, Volunteer Coordinator, (305) 257-0904 or (305) 257-0933 (Fax: 305-257-1086).

**DESCRIPTION:** Natural areas are the hammocks, pinelands, wetlands, mangrove forests, and seashores that once covered all of Miami-Dade County, but now remain only in undeveloped, protected areas. These habitats, and the plants and animals that live there, are all a part of Miami-Dade County's natural heritage, and a resource to be treasured for generations to come. Non-native plants, introduced from around the world, have invaded these unique natural areas. They crowd out rare native plant species, seriously disrupting important natural processes such as storm recovery, and natural fire cycles. The control of non-native plants is considered one of the most important elements in the management of all natural habitats.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** The Department's Natural Areas Management (NAM) Program began the overwhelming task of exotic plant control in 1991. NAM's Volunteer Program fosters civic responsibility and knowledge for the common good. As a volunteer or student, you are given the opportunity to assist in the restoration of one of Miami-Dade County's natural areas by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings, or picking up trash. Students and volunteers are taught to identify various invading non-native plants while gaining a greater understanding of these ecosystems. Other opportunities include historical research, fund raising and general office work. Now more than ever, Miami-Dade Parks need the support of the entire community to restore and maintain our natural areas. With your help we can accomplish this important task! Additional opportunities available for a computer programmer and a volunteer coordinator. These are great opportunities for students in a marketing, finance, business, computer, and a direct look at how the government works.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Saturdays at various sites from 9:00am - noon. **Students are required to commit to a minimum of 12 hours.** Call the Natural Areas Management office for calendar dates and locations at (305) 257-0904.

**COMMENTS:** For volunteer workdays, all individuals should come dressed to work in the woods. Closed-toe shoes are mandatory. Long pants and a long-sleeved shirt are strongly recommended. All groups of 10 or more must call Magaly in advance to sign up. Individuals do not have to pre-register.

**MIAMI HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,** 17661 SW 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33177

**CONTACT:** Crystal Coffey, (305) 238-3602, ext. 115 (Fax: 305-254-0810)

**DESCRIPTION:** This is an elementary school that covers Pre-K through 5th grade.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Tutor one-on-one with an at-risk child; read stories to children/classes; assist with special events and activities; assist PTA and parent activities; chaperone on field trips; teacher's aides; assist with school-wide activities (Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Week, Drug & Alcohol Awareness, etc.).

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday – Friday, 9:00am - 3:00pm (until 2:00pm on Wednesdays).

**COMMENTS:** Must commit to at least one hour a week for 12 weeks. Ms. Coffey will place you based on your interests and service-learning assignment. There may be opportunities to attend M-DCPS training workshops. Call and arrange an interview/orientation! We need your help. We look forward to your arrival!

**MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM – MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS),**

28205 SW 125 Avenue, Building F, Homestead, FL 33033

**CONTACT:** Deborah Cherubini, (305) 258-4115 (Fax: 305-258-6638) E-mail: Dcherubini@sbab.dade.k12.fl.us

**DESCRIPTION:** A M-DCPS program that provides support and instructional services to migrant children. Operates pre-school programs for children ages 3-4 in two farm worker centers (South Dade and Redland) and two Homework Assistance Centers (South Dade and Redland). We offer extra assistance to migrant youth in reading, writing, and math. There are "Migrant Tutorial Programs" at five (5) elementary schools from 2:00pm - 5:00pm. Assistance is needed with the 4-H program also.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Assist in preschool programs anytime from 8:00am - 3:00pm. Assist/tutor/mentor in one of the after-school programs Monday - Thursday, 2:30pm - 6:00pm. Service-learners are also needed on Saturdays to help coaches (during T-ball season).

**COMMENTS:** Deborah wants your assistance and will provide orientation and supervision. A commitment of several hours a week is preferred. You will learn a lot about the challenges the migrant children and their families face each year.

**MT. MORIAH YOUTH COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.,** 16900 SW 100 Ave, Miami, FL 33157

**CONTACT:** John Bruton at (305) 401-7607 or Pamela Peters (305) 253-1693

**DESCRIPTION:** The Center is a non-profit charitable organization. The Center provides after school tutorial, homework assistance, computer literacy, and enrichment for our youth to promote reading and math skills success, leadership, and development of social skills. We also provide services for senior citizens from 10:00am-1:00pm.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** To serve as a mentor, tutor, assist with homework reading, math, computers, arts and crafts, and quilting. To serve youth ages 5-15 years old.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday – Friday 10:00am-1:00pm. Senior Citizens Program 2:00pm-6:00pm. After school care program.

**COMMENTS:** Students are needed to tutor, assist with homework, and computer learning.

### **THE NON-VIOLENCE PROJECT (NVP)**, 300 Biscayne Boulevard Way, Suite 919, Miami, FL 33131.

(County-wide Opportunities plus Broward County)

**CONTACT:** Diane Landsberg or Mario Avalos, (305) 358-6643 (Fax: 305-371-3630) Web site: [www.nvp-miami.org](http://www.nvp-miami.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** NVP is a private non-profit organization dedicated to diminishing violence and violent behavior among youth using prevention and intervention methods. The program is based on a community youth development model that seeks to improve the community through youth initiatives.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** NVP seeks individuals in the following concentrations: marketing, advertising, public relations, teaching, motivational public speaking, events development, IS, and finance.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm. Special projects are available. Flexible.

**COMMENTS:** Foreign language, computer literacy is a must. This is a great opportunity for students, especially those majoring in education, social work, psychology, health and medical professions, criminal justice, law, and public speaking. We will work around your schedule.

### **OLYMPIA THEATRE AT GUSMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS,**

Theatre: 174 East Flagler Street, Miami, FL Administrative Office: 25 SE 2nd Avenue, Suite 415, Miami, FL

**CONTACT:** Tom Voruz, (305) 374-2444 (Fax: 305-374-0303)

**DESCRIPTION:** Built in 1926, the historic Gusman Theater serves the local multi-cultural community by presenting emerging local artists and top super stars of the stage.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Students will be able to learn about the Arts, while working at the theater as ushers and ticket takers. The students will have the opportunity to enjoy the performance after his/her work is done.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Hours will depend on Gusman Center's event schedule from Sept - June. **Four hours per performance event and 15 hours per semester minimum required. Performance events usually last four hours.** Students must report 1½ hours before show time and work until he/she has fulfilled the four-hour requirement.

**COMMENTS:** Call Tom to set up an orientation and training and to receive a list of performance dates!

**REQUIRED DRESS:** Men: black shoes, black slacks, black jacket and black bow tie along with a white shirt. Women: black shoes, black skirt, black jacket or sweater, and black bow or silk tie, w/ white blouse. Please bring a flashlight.

### **ORLOWITZ-LEE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER/KRISTI HOUSE, INC.**

1265 NW 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33136

**CONTACT:** Lauren Diamond, Volunteer Coordinator, at (305) 547-6823 (Fax: 305-547-6837) E-mail: [ldiamond@kristihouse.org](mailto:ldiamond@kristihouse.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Volunteers create a valuable connection between the community and the operation of The Orlowitz-Lee Children's Advocacy Center and the Kristi House Inc. Volunteers play an important role in putting children at ease and encouraging children to return to the center for follow up appointments that are necessary to their recovery process. Volunteers work directly with children who have been physically or sexually abused. Kristi House provides another opportunity for volunteers to work with children through the Child Victim Rapid Response Program (CVRRP). The CVRRP provides mentors to work with children in inner-city schools. Children are referred for mentoring by their classroom teachers because of behavior or academic challenges. Mentors help children with assignments, read to children, and generally act as caring adults that children can talk to. Mentors meet with children at school for one hour each week and are supervised by a CVRRP Intake Advocate. Intake Advocates help link children and their families with community resources and can assist mentors with any questions or concerns they might have.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Service-learners can play games, create imaginative arts and crafts, or read books to the children. Volunteers provide companionship to children who are waiting for therapy or other services.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Hours for volunteering are Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Volunteers can select their own hours according to their schedule. We would like a three-month commitment.

**COMMENTS:** Students will be interviewed by phone, followed by a personal interview at Kristi House. An orientation will be scheduled at a time that is appropriate for each student. Background checks and fingerprints are required for all volunteers. Volunteers must be 18 years or older.

### **THE PALACE RENAISSANCE,** 11355 SW 84th St., Miami, FL 33173

**CONTACT:** Leonela (Leo) Bianchi, 786-924-2585 (Fax: 305-270-7017)

**DESCRIPTION:** Assisted living facility for the elderly with approximately 270 residents in a combined Kendall location.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Wonderful opportunities exist to work directly with the residents--planning and facilitating programs/activities--depending on your schedule and interests! This beautiful facility is only minutes from M-DCC and promises an academically and personally rewarding experience!

**HOURS NEEDED:** Tuesday - Sunday, 9:00am – 5:00pm, some evenings available as well.

**COMMENTS:** We ask for a minimum of two hours a week. This is a great opportunity for responsible students who love working with people.

**PEER LINK PROGRAMS, INC.** (County-wide opportunities)

3291 Franklin Avenue Coconut Grove, FL 33133

**CONTACT:** David Krochmal, M.S.W., (305) 448-1288 Fax: (305) 448-1298.

**DESCRIPTION:** Supervised Community Integration Programs and workshops for individuals of all ages with developmental, physical, and learning disabilities. Members are individuals who participate near a mainstream level. Groups are designed to provide each member with peers in the same age range and level of development.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Participation in day trips (field trips) around South Florida. Experience working with various developmental and physical disabilities. Knowledge of the symptomatic behavior of individuals with unique special needs. The reward of bringing smiling faces to people who have few other alternatives for having fun.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Pre-selected field trip days Monday-Sunday: Field trips are 4-6 hours in length (dependent upon activity). Field trips run during daytime hours with few evening activities.

**COMMENTS:** Volunteers should have a genuine interest in the well-being of special needs individuals . No particular academic major required.

**PROJECT UP-START, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS,** (County-wide opportunities)

**CONTACT:** Laura Pena, (305) 995-7318 (Fax: 305-995-7337)

**DESCRIPTION:** The mission is to seek the best educational experience for homeless children and youth in collaboration with parents, schools, and community through opening doors to academic opportunities, removing barriers, and promoting a healthy sense of self. The program provides tutorial and community services, self-esteem enhancement and parental involvement activities. Services are offered all over Miami-Dade County at homeless shelters and other centers (e.g., Miami Bridge, Camillus-South, Homeless Assistance Center, Safespace Shelter, Salvation Army, New Life Family Center, Esperanza Center, Emergency Housing North and South (Florida City).

**OPPORTUNITIES :** 1) Tutoring writing, reading, and math at one of the sites listed above (North Dade to Florida City). 2) Administrative assistance in main (Downtown) office (clerical, research, etc.). Special events planning, public relations. 3) Help write/design program brochures & newsletter or website.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Tutoring at one of the 14 sites, 3:00pm – 6:00pm, Monday - Thursday. Call Laura Pena for details & info on orientation/training.

**COMMENTS:** Dr. De La Cruz can place you based on your schedule and location. She welcomes your talents, skills, abilities, and willingness to make a difference in homeless children's lives.

**PROTECT AMERICA'S CHILDREN (P.A.C.),** P.O. Box 860836, Miami FL 33296/ 9221 S.W 147 Court Miami, FL 33196

**CONTACT:** Marilyn Adamo, Director/ Founder (305) 268-0500 or (786) 344-1607 E-mail: [marilyn133@aol.com](mailto:marilyn133@aol.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** We are a children's non-profit organization that advocates for children. We educate, train and help prevent crimes against children, such as child abductions, murders and child victimization. We implement safety programs, train and speak in different facilities such as schools, government agencies and at public and private functions in order to educate. We often work with the National Center for Missing Children, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the media and in the field of public relations to help find missing children.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Volunteers are needed to help educate, train, and prepare media relation's kits, fundraisers, handle important calls and using sound judgment in directing calls to the appropriate department. Helping to coordinate and schedule events, dealing with the media and public, preparing press releases, flyers and more.

**HOURS NEEDED:** On flexible basis.

**COMMENTS:** Volunteers are needed on a flexible basis. Students may sometimes be able to work from home. Times may vary depending on special events and special projects, may include weekends and evenings.

**RAINBOW OF HOPE DREAM CENTER** 17623 Homestead Ave Miami FL 33157

Contact: Cassandra Sheppard (786) 586-2682 Fax: (305) 574-0120; E-mail: [info@rainbowofhopedc.org](mailto:info@rainbowofhopedc.org) or

Steffye Johnson (305) 275-5691; E-mail: [steffye@msn.com](mailto:steffye@msn.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Rainbow of Hope Dream Center is a community based organization working to change a community one family at a time. The Dream Center currently works targets communities from Richmond Heights to Florida City. We have numerous programs including: Heads Up Academy, a tutorial and literacy program, Senior Friends, an elderly services program, Adopt-A-Block - Family Outreach Program, Youth Mentoring & Leadership Programs, and Food and Clothing Distribution.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Tutoring Services for all educational levels, (elementary through GED), Mentors for Pre -Teens and Teenagers. Career Exploration Program Speakers. Volunteers to work with the elderly, shopping, light cleaning, painting, etc., Warehouse Management and Distribution. Data Entry and Office Work.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Very flexible depending on the area you have chosen to work.

**COMMENTS:** All volunteers working with the elderly or youth will be required to undergo a background search. An orientation and training will be provided for all volunteers.

**SOUTH DADE ADULT EDUCATION CENTER AND SKILLS CENTER CAMPUS,**

109 NE 8<sup>th</sup> St., Homestead, FL 33030

**CONTACT:** Thomas Nahrstedt, Counselor (305) 248-5723 (Fax: 305-248-9164); E-mail: [TNAHRSTEDT@yahoo.com](mailto:TNAHRSTEDT@yahoo.com)  
**DESCRIPTION:** Part of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, providing a host of vocational and job training programs. Other programs include a large ESOL (English as a Second Language) program; basic skill classes; high school/GED programs; and computer/business classes.  
**OPPORTUNITIES :** Tutors are needed in all areas, especially ESOL and math. Assistance in childcare is also needed.  
**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday-Friday 8:15am - 9:00pm  
**COMMENTS:** We ask for a minimum commitment of 1 hour a week for 10 weeks, plus attendance at a brief orientation/training session. Mr. Nahrstedt will match you with a class depending on your schedule and needs.

**SOUTH DADE CHILD CARE CENTER, 28520 SW 148 Avenue, Leisure City, FL 33033**

**CONTACT:** Rose Marie Inserni (Administrator), or Maria Claudia Cordoba (Head Teacher), (305) 245-0979 (Fax: 305-242-8796)  
**DESCRIPTION:** Catholic Charities South Dade Child Care Center is child-care faculty in Leisure City Homestead with the capacity to serve approximately 280 children between the ages of 1-12 years old. We have been serving the community since September of 1997. We provide quality care for toddlers, pre-school and after-school children using an age appropriate curriculum and hands-on activities that serve to stimulate children's capacity for learning, while being cared for in a safe and nurturing environment. Typically, we serve children from families who fall under the federal income guidelines for poverty, working poor, and children under protective services. The South Dade staff takes a holistic approach to caring for children by also providing health and nutrition monitoring services, mental health services and referrals; as well as social services for the families, which include information, referral and advocacy.  
**OPPORTUNITIES :** Assisting teachers in implementing the different activities, working one-to-one with small groups of children in the classrooms or in the playground. Working in the office assisting families with enrollment, information and referral services and updating data records.  
**HOURS NEEDED:** Anytime between 7:30am - 6:00pm, Monday-Friday, year round.  
**COMMENTS:** Volunteers committing more than 40 hours a month must submit a TB Test and a police background check.

**SOUTH DADE HIGH SCHOOL, 28401 SW 167<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Homestead FL, 33030**

**CONTACT:** Lawrence Kennedy, Principal, (305) 247- 4244, ext. 2279 (Fax: 305-248-3867); E-mail: [lkennedy@sdhs.dadeschools.net](mailto:lkennedy@sdhs.dadeschools.net)  
**DESCRIPTION:** South Dade High School is a comprehensive high school, grades 9 – 12, offering a wide variety of academic and elective programs, as well as a full range of athletics and activities. The media center has 35 computers with Internet access, connects to technology in every classroom, and has wireless capabilities.  
**OPPORTUNITIES :** Tutoring in math and reading. Homework assistance in all areas. Computer hardware and software maintenance. Assisting sponsors and coaches in school activities and athletics.  
**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday – Thursday, 2:30pm – 4:30pm  
**COMMENTS:** Volunteers hours and days are completely flexible, but we ask that the volunteers be able to commit to a two-hour block per volunteer day.

**SOUTH FLORIDA PALM SOCIETY METROZOO PROJECT, 12400 Southwest 152<sup>nd</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33177**

**CONTACT:** Leonard Goldstein, (305) 539-7241 (Fax: 305-530-0055)  
**DESCRIPTION:** The South Florida Palm Society is a plant organization which encourages interest in, and use of, palms in the landscape of the region. One method is through involvement in community service projects. Its largest and oldest project is at Miami Metrozoo, where the society has been growing and planting trees since 1981.  
**OPPORTUNITIES:** Serve as assistant in the Palm Society nursery, as well as with plantings around the zoo grounds.  
**HOURS NEEDED:** A Palm Society representative is at Metrozoo every weekend, normally on Sunday, starting at 9:00am.  
**COMMENTS:** Helping with this project provides an excellent opportunity- in an interesting, unique atmosphere- to learn how to grow palms & use them effectively in the landscape, as well as to make a visible, lasting contribution to a valuable community institution.

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS, 2335 NW 107th Avenue, Box #57, Miami, FL. 33172**

**CONTACT:** Steve Klotz, Executive Director, (305) 406-9467 (Fax: 305-406-3733); E-mail: [somd@bellsouth.net](mailto:somd@bellsouth.net);  
Web site: [www.specialolympicsmiamidade.org](http://www.specialolympicsmiamidade.org).  
**DESCRIPTION:** Conducts training and sports competitions year-round for children and adults experiencing mental retardation as follows: Bowling in October; Basketball in November; Track & Field in early March; Soccer, Volleyball, Tennis, and Bicycling in mid-March, and Softball & Aquatics in May.  
**OPPORTUNITIES:** Events require volunteers as timekeepers, scorekeepers, motivators, and facilitators, as well as to help with food service, set-up and break-down of venues, and clean-up. Office assistance is needed as well.  
**HOURS NEEDED:** Mostly occasional Saturdays.

**TRANSITION, INC, Main office: 390 NW 2nd St., Miami, FL 33128 (Park Towers Apt. ground level)**

South Office: 17408 SW 97 Avenue, Miami, FL 33157, (305) 374-1987, ext. 30  
**CONTACT:** Ellen Van Buren, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, (305) 374-1987, ext. 30 (Fax: 305-539-9141)  
**DESCRIPTION:** This program aims to reduce crime and re-arrest rates in our community by assisting ex-offenders with job training and job opportunities. It operates at all correctional facilities throughout Miami-Dade County.  
**OPPORTUNITIES:** Visit/Inform inmates in local jails and prisons regarding the employment opportunities available to inmates through transition. Lead small group discussions, teach Employability Skills Training to ex-offenders in a classroom setting as they prepare to re-enter society. Tutor G.E.D. or pre-release class at a state prison.

**ORIENTATION:** Two hours for new volunteers as well as on-the-job training and supervision. Group orientations are held once a month, 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Call for the next orientation session.

**HOURS NEEDED:** To be determined with volunteer.

**COMMENTS:** This is a wonderful learning opportunity, however, due to the **amount of training and the need for consistent & dedicated help, a minimum of 4-6 month commitment is required from all volunteers.** Participants need to provide their own transportation with this type of volunteer service. Minimum age 18. Call Jennifer Kivin and find out how you can help!

### **UM HOSPITAL AND CLINICS/SYLVESTER COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER,**

1475 NW 12th Avenue, #1401, Miami, FL 33101

**CONTACT:** Sue Radcliffe, (305) 243-3663 (Fax: 305-243-1055)

**DESCRIPTION:** A research/treatment facility. Most opportunities are in non-patient care.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Design your own project, or select from thirty different departments such as public relations, medical records, and patient library.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm. A 20-hour commitment is required.

**COMMENTS:** Call Sue Radcliffe to schedule an individual appointment. This agency is very volunteer friendly. We provide a free meal per day for 3 hours of service. Free valet parking is available on the corner of NW 12th Ave. and NW 14th St.

### **UNITED HOME CARE SERVICES (UHCS),** (County-wide opportunities)

Main Office: 5255 NW 87 Avenue, Suite 400, Miami, FL 33178

**CONTACT:** Dolores Pollack, Director of Volunteer Services, (305) 477-0440 (Fax: 305-716-0789);

E-mail: [dpollack@unitedhomecare.com](mailto:dpollack@unitedhomecare.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** Provides homemaker, home health aide, chore, respite, and companionship services to the homebound elderly, and disabled in order to avoid institutionalization (i.e. so they can continue to live at home).

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Home visits, phone reassurance, emergency shopping, writing letters, reading books to the blind, errands, companionship, fund raising, enrollment & admissions, administrative/office help, computer work, nutritional counseling and special projects.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Flexible, 7 days a week, evenings. You must commit to at least 2 hours a week for at least 10 weeks.

**COMMENTS:** Call the volunteer coordinator and arrange an interview. She can place you all over Miami-Dade County, based on your needs. You must complete a 1-hour orientation provided by the coordinator. A great opportunity to learn about the elderly and disabled--and make their (& your!) life brighter. The only requirement is a willingness to learn and sensitivity to the needs of the elderly and disabled adults. A background check and criminal history is done by UHCS before you can begin.

### **VITAS INNOVATIVE HOSPICE CARE,** (Offices throughout Miami-Dade County)

**CONTACT:** Cathy Agosti, Volunteer Manager, (305) 576-9333, (305) 275-9944, or 1-954-704-2752 (Fax: 954-704-2098)

**DESCRIPTION:** Vitas offers terminally ill patients and their families a support system to deal with their illness in a dignified and caring way.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Caring individuals needed in various hospitals, nursing homes, and patients' homes to help people who are terminally ill for friendly visiting, respite care, home assistance, etc. Opportunities all over Miami-Dade County. After attending 8-hour training session, you will be placed as close to your home as possible.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Flexible schedule, program operates 24 hours a day. Patients can be visited Mon.-Sun. from 8:00am - 9:00pm.

**COMMENTS:** This is a wonderful opportunity that guarantees great experience and meaningful work that will enrich your life. Trainings are held one Saturday a month (**call immediately to find out about upcoming trainings!**). After training, you will be placed according to your schedule and location. Cathy loves M-DCC students and will take great care of you. **A commitment of at least 2 hours per week for at least one semester is required!**

### **WDNA-FM (88.9) COMMUNITY PUBLIC RADIO,** 4848 SW 74 Court, Miami, FL 33155

**CONTACT:** Margarita Pelleya (305) 662-8889 (Fax: 305-662-1975)

**DESCRIPTION:** WDNA-FM (88.9) is public radio station, which broadcasts cultural, educational and informational programs in five languages.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Service-learners can assist in the entering of membership and music library data, planning special events projects, computer programming, and the production/writing of press releases and public service announcements.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday-Friday, 9:00am-6:00pm

**COMMENTS:** There are limited openings for student volunteers. Phone Maggie Pelleya to set up an orientation as soon as possible.

### **WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,** 27190 SW 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33032

**CONTACT:** Sherri Beall (305) 245-1055 (Fax: 305-245-1187)

**DESCRIPTION:** Chapman Elementary provides educational opportunities for over 800 students in grades Pre-K through fifth grade. Next year, possibly over 1000 students will attend when the new housing development adjacent to the school opens. Our goal is to provide the best well-rounded education possible for our students.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** One-on-one tutoring in all areas. Assist the Reading Leader in the library.

**HOURS:** Monday-Friday, 9:00am-2:00pm, or any portion of this in 30 minute to 1 hour blocks. Minimum commitment of several hours per week for an entire semester.

**COMMENTS:** America Reads participant.

**WILLIAM LEHMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**, 10990 SW 113<sup>th</sup> Place, Miami, FL 33176

**CONTACT:** Mrs. Perez, Assistant Principal, (305) 273-2140 (Fax: 305-273-2228)

**DESCRIPTION:** A “high tech/soft-touch” school located across from M-DCC Kendall, in Sabal Chase. It serves students from Pre-K through grade 5. Volunteers are welcome in all areas---from regular classes, to gifted, to working with students with varying exceptionalities.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Early childhood, elementary education, environmental program, technology, conflict resolution, ESOL/bilingual programs, music, art, physical education, alternative education, and varying exceptionalities.

**HOURS:** Monday-Friday, 8:30am-3:00pm. Opportunities to help children with reading and higher-order thinking skills in the after-school care program are Wednesday, 2:00pm - 6:00pm.

**COMMENTS:** Must commit to at least 1 hour a week. Ms. Arias is looking for volunteers who will be responsible and committed to working with her faculty and students. Call her to schedule an orientation. She will place you depending on your interests and schedule.

**YMCA DEVELOPMENTAL LEARNING CENTER**, 1034 NE 8 Street, Homestead, FL 33030

**CONTACT:** Alex Mestres, Director, (305) 247-0393 (Fax: 305-248-5193)

**DESCRIPTION:** The YMCA Developmental Learning Center seeks to provide high-quality, affordable childcare services to parents in need of a developmentally appropriate program. The Center maintains high standards of excellence to which employees and volunteers must adhere in order to preserve the integrity of the program.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Working one-on-one with small groups of children who are engaged in a variety of pre-school, toddler, and infant activities assisting the staff wherever they are needed.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday-Friday, 6:30am-6:00pm, year round.

**COMMENTS:** Volunteers must commit to one hour per week but are welcome to work longer.

**YOUTH ACHIEVING AND SUCCEEDING, INC.**, 813 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Miami, FL

**CONTACT:** Timothy Milton (305) 247-6367 or (305) 247-3781

**DESCRIPTION:** Provides after school tutorial, homework assistance, and enrichment for 60 plus at-risk youth to promote academic success, leadership, and development of social skills.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Serve as a mentor, tutor, role model, and friend. Assist with homework, reading, and special activities.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Monday-Friday from 2:00pm – 6:00pm

**COMMENTS:** Our agency can use Creole and English speakers.

**YOUTH CRIME WATCH OF AMERICA (YCWA)**

9200 South Dadeland Boulevard, Suite 417, Miami, Fl 33156

**CONTACT:** Maria Peirano, (305) 670-2409 (Fax: 305-670-3805), E-mail: [mpeirano@ycwa.org](mailto:mpeirano@ycwa.org).

**DESCRIPTION:** YCWA is a national training and technical assistance organization that works to establish youth empowerment programs in schools and communities across the United States and around the world. Youth Crime Watch offers young people an active role in reducing crime, violence and drug abuse in their schools and neighborhoods by helping them to establish peer led programs.

**OPPORTUNITIES :** Volunteers can participate in any of three departments at YCWA. Students may: assist with planning and implementing a variety of training programs across the United States, including a four-day international youth crime prevention conference; assist with the provision of technical support for new and existing YCW programs via phone, fax, mail and web; work with data management and reporting; assist with fundraising projects; provide information about programs and events via mail and phone; and help to prepare and distribute program training and promotional materials via mail, conferences, and/or information booths.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Volunteer opportunities are available between 9:00am and 5:00pm with additional evening hours as scheduled. Service-learners may also participate in trainings and events in the field when their schedule permits. Weekend hours are not common but can occasionally be arranged.

**COMMENTS:** Volunteers with Youth Crime Watch Of America are considered an integral part of our organization. A wide range of skills and interests are needed to round out our small national staff-information technology, fundraising, curriculum development, event planning, accounting, inventory control, web design, and communications are just a few examples. We rely heavily on our service-learners to fulfill the objectives of our mission. Many of our volunteers and interns go on in our organization to become staff members or YCW trainers.

**YWCA, MAIN OFFICE**, 351 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33128

**CONTACT:** Natasha Colebrook (305) 377-9922

**DESCRIPTION:** The YWCA is dedicated to the empowerment of women and the elimination of racism.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Childcare, after-school programs, women's health initiatives, teen outreach, women's vocational training, special events, Saturday Matinee, finance.

**HOURS NEEDED:** Childcare: Monday - Friday, 7:30am - 12:00pm, 3:00pm – 6:00pm;

After-school programs, Monday - Friday 2:00pm – 6:00pm; other opportunities, Monday - Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm.

**COMMENTS:** Most of the service-learning opportunities exist in childcare services. The YWCA has 4 centers in the downtown area (one is Court Care, located at Courthouse Center, and is a drop-in program for children from Domestic

Violence families). Other programs are at the YWCA main building-- only a few blocks from M-DCC Wolfson campus, including Health and Fitness, Department of Youth, Membership/Development, etc.

**For more information contact:**

**Center for Community Involvement - Kendall/Homestead Campus**

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Ossie Hanauer, Kendall/Homestead Campus Director

**NOTE: OTHER PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE IN KENDALL, CENTRAL, & NORTH DADE!  
CALL THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AT 237-0859 FOR MORE INFORMATION!**