

# The Hialeah Update

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## Nana's Child Care



December 18, 2009

## Cuban Culture in Exile Heritage Park



December 4, 2009

Dear Friends,

**I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy new year. May 2010 bring you much health and great things. In this issue of the Hialeah Update you will find events from last year as we ended on a wonderful note. I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events.**

**Golden Passport:** On December 14, 2009 Mayor Julio Robaina and the Miami Dade Transit teamed up to help seniors 65 and older receive their Golden Passport EASY Card. The Golden Passport card will allow seniors to ride for free on Hialeah Transit and Metro Dade public transit for a period of up to three years. Over 100 seniors received their Golden Passport EASY Card.

**Holiday Public Safety Task Force:** During the Holiday Season, the Hialeah Police Department had a special Holiday Task Force ensuring that our community remained safe during the Holiday Season. Detective Edward Rodriguez explained to the media what Hialeah residents could do to remain safe. Commander Oscar Amago hosted a ride along with Channel 41 to demonstrate how the Hialeah Police Department worked during the Holiday Season to keep our streets and residents safe.



**Santa's Snow Blast:** On December 19, 2009 Mayor Robaina and the City Council invited everyone to join them for Hialeah's Annual Santa's Snow Blast. Santa visited Hialeah and brought with him over 50 tons of snow. Children of all ages participated with their parents and rode the carnival rides, played games, ate great food and listened to live entertainment.



**Shop With A Cop:** On December 19, 2009 the City of Hialeah Police Department, Mayor Robaina and the City Council in partnership with Wal-Mart, selected over 50 lucky children from area elementary schools to participate in a holiday breakfast. They were later joined by Santa who distributed complimentary Wal-Mart gift cards and other goodies to the families. Members of the Hialeah Police Department accompanied the children shopping for holiday gifts. Through Wal-Mart's generosity, 50 needy children had a memorable holiday event.

**Toy Drive:** On December 11, 2009 Mayor Robaina joined by City Council held the city's annual Toy Drive to aid underprivileged children enjoy the holidays to the fullest. This year over 800 children from 30 local schools were invited to the field at Wilde Community Center for a morning of toys, holiday shows by city employees and lunch. This year



Santa and Mrs. Clause arrived in style on a Harley Davidson motorcycle! We featured demonstrations from the Hialeah Police Department's K9 and SWAT Teams, as well as Frosty the Snowman and Rudolf the Reindeer who arrived in the Hialeah Fire Department's antique fire truck.