

The Hialeah Update

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Rocked the Stacks



On March 5, 2010 JFK Library was infused with sounds of drums, electric and bass guitars as rock bands Rocked the Stacks. Over 150 people enjoyed the performances along with free pizza, drinks and Starbucks Coffee.

Dear Friends,

We have started this year on a good note. As you can see below, the “City of Progress” has been involved in several positive endeavors. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to get involved in our community so we may make it a better place. I look forward to the progress that lies ahead and hope that you lend a helping hand. Moreover, I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events.

I-hop “Flip” For A Cause: On February 23, 2010 Mayor Julio Robaina and Hialeah’s I-hop restaurant celebrated National Pancake Day. I-hop gave out free short-stacks of their famous pancakes in order to raise donations for the Children’s Miracle Network. Children’s Miracle Network is a non-profit organization that raises funds for more than 170 children’s hospitals. All donations received on National Pancake Day in Miami-Dade and Broward counties went directly to Miami Children’s Hospital.



Hialeah Gives Check to Special Olympics: Mayor Julio Robaina and the City Council presented a donation check to the Special Olympics during the City Council Meeting on February 23, 2010. The donation was raised during the City of Hialeah’s Annual Golf Tournament where business owners and community leaders played alongside Mayor Robaina to help the cause. The Special Olympics is comprised of individual and team sports, both male and female, that are adapted to one’s age and ability. The check will ensure the continuation of the program for the many athletes who benefit from its services.

Relay For Life 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament: The City of Hialeah held its first annual Relay for Life 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on February 21, 2010 benefitting the American Cancer Society and La Liga Contra el Cancer. The tournament was made up of twelve teams from various city-wide departments and its employees including Mayor Julio Robaina. Teams played for a great cause. Representatives from the Miami Heat were at the event. Proceeds collected by the City of Hialeah will be donated to the Relay for Life and the Miami Heat will match a portion of the donation as well.

Project Victory Show Case: This year the City of Hialeah launched a new education initiative at City Hall in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), Project VICTORY. Project VICTORY is a special education program to prepare students for financial, personal, and social independence by ensuring that they develop positive work ethics, skills and behaviors. Thanks to staff, department and division heads, and the Mayor’s enthusiastic support, this program has been a success in its first year in the City of Hialeah. The students are gaining valuable on-the-job learning opportunities and have provided needed assistance to our departments in these tough times.



Next school year, we will open a new Project VICTORY site at the City’s North Complex. In doing so, we will open new work opportunities for students in Police, Solid Waste, Construction and Maintenance, Fleet, Transit, Parks and Recreation, and Streets. The students are fully supported by a MDCPS teacher and a job coach who train them on any employment skill they will need to work with you. The City Hall complex area will be served by Project SEARCH, a similar program, beginning this summer. The difference is that M-DCPS seniors attend class at City Hall and do not also attend an area high school, they are available ALL DAY. A possible outcome of this project is employment for the participating student.

E.P.I Graduation: On March 3, 2010 over 27 participants graduated from the E.P.I. Program, eight of which received the prestigious Presidential Service Award for completing over 100 hours of community service. In addition to these participants, Mr. Eric Roman from the University of Puerto Rico and current E.P.I. intern also received the Presidential Service Award. The graduation’s dinner was prepared by the highly acclaimed Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts School. Students from the Cordon Bleu, along with their instructors Chef Diane Liles and Chef Rawn Wooden gave a wonderful demonstration of their culinary talents. For the past year and a half, the Cordon Bleu has become one of our most valuable partners as together we seek to inspire positive change in the youth of our community.

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