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## Miami CRA's Summer Job Training Program Wraps up with nearly 150 Young People Successfully Completing the Program

---Several Students were offered Permanent Positions through the CRA Sponsored Program---

(Miami,FL)--- Southeast Overtown/Park West CRA Chairman Richard P. Dunn and CRA Executive Director Pieter Bockweg join representatives from Keep Miami Beautiful, nearly 160 students and their families, and several businesses to mark the successful completion of the 2010 Summer Youth Employment Program. The event is set for Friday, August, 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at Mt. Zion Church located at 301 NW 9<sup>th</sup> street in Miami.

The job training and life skills program is run by the Keep Miami Beautiful organization but is funded by a grant from the Miami Community Redevelopment Agencies. "Initially, the plan was for 80 students to take part but nearly 300 applied for the program," says SEOPW CRA Chairman Dunn. "We were able to increase the number of students to 160 with the support of my fellow board members. It is very gratifying to see that the program is making a difference in the lives of these young people and their employers have taken notice."

Part of the training included matching each student with a job for the summer. Several businesses taking part, including Marshall's and Walgreens, have extended permanent offers to several students.

"Providing training which directly leads to jobs is an essential part of what the CRA is doing to reinvigorate our community. The students took the program seriously and their hard work has paid off," says CRA Executive Director Pieter Bockweg.

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