



Communities  
In Schools

Miami



### Commissioners Vote to Restore Miami-Dade County Funding

Close to 4:00 a.m. this morning, the Miami-Dade County Commission ended the final County Budget Hearing. Mayor Carlos Alvarez and County Manager George Burgess recommended and the Board of County Commissioners approve the full restoration of the 25% reduction that was proposed to the Department's FY2010-2011 grants budget.

This is a victory for all the non-profits and cultural organizations in Miami-Dade County who depend on county funds to deliver greatly needed services to children, the elderly, and the community at-large.

Communities In Schools of Miami receives county funding to support its out-of-school programs at the NFL Youth Education Town in Liberty City and to support its cultural arts education programs in the out-of-school programs. We extend a special thank you to Commissioner Dorrin Rolle and all the commissioners for their vote.

### Communities In Schools Recognized by TIME Magazine



Communities In Schools was recognized by TIME Magazine in its Annual National Service Issue as one of the organizations through which working adults can lend a hand in public education. In the September 20 issue, on newsstands now, Communities In Schools joins only four other national organizations in earning this mention.

The magazine's cover story focuses on improving our country's schools and calls on Americans to help by volunteering through organizations such as Communities In Schools.

In the article, Communities In Schools is described as "the nation's largest dropout-prevention organization" that "coordinates a range of services, from health care to tutoring, to keep kids in school and get them to college." It also cites the organization's success rate of helping 91 percent of the students monitored reach the next grade.

The article notes the wide range of volunteer opportunities available to adults who can lend their expertise to reach students in need.

In Miami, 351 volunteers provided 54,482 hours of service to Communities In Schools of Miami during the 2009-2010 school year. "We are grateful for this support and honored by the recognition of Time Magazine," stated Elizabeth Mejia, Executive Director. Volunteers provide much needed tutoring, mentoring and support services. To learn more about volunteer opportunities visit us in Facebook [cismiami](#) or at our website [www.cismiami.org](http://www.cismiami.org). Call us today at 305 252-5444 to get involved.

To read content from TIME Magazine's Annual National Service Issue or subscribe online, click on the following link. <http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,2016978,00.html>.

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