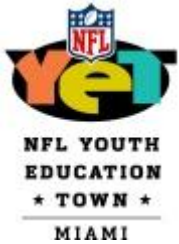




Communities
In Schools

Miami

NFL More Than Just Football



Super Bowl Sunday – Friends, family, fun, food and commercials - all epitomize the NFL game time experience - but did you know that the NFL represents much more than football to thousands of children across the nation, especially here in Miami?

Our local team, the Miami Dolphins, and the NFL have a strong commitment to our children. It is the philosophy of the NFL that by merging physical fitness with education, students can and will succeed in school and in life. As such, it is an NFL tradition to leave a gift to their Super Bowl host city in the spirit of this belief. Typically, the gift takes the form of building or renovating facilities for children to have a safe place to go to for after-school and summer programs.

In Miami, this facility is the NFL Youth Education Town located at Gwen Cherry Park in Liberty City. Since 1998, Communities In Schools of Miami, Inc., Miami Dade Park and Recreation, and Boys and Girls Clubs of Miami have partnered together to deliver services to children. Communities In Schools of Miami delivers the educational components, the Boys and Girls Club delivers the optimistic sports, and the Miami Dade Park and Recreation Department delivers the recreational and facility management services.

Approximately 900 students use the facilities each year. These include a full-size football field, tennis courts, basketball court, swimming pool, state of the art computer labs, classrooms for educational and cultural activities, and a fitness center sponsored by the Miami Dolphins. The Miami Dolphins support our programs in numerous ways, with not only the appreciated financial support, but also the active involvement of their players.

As the post-game buzz and excitement continues, we take our hats off to our valued partners: the NFL and the Miami Dolphins.

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A VOLUNTEER is a Person Who is a Light to Others

"A VOLUNTEER is a person who is a light to others, giving witness in a mixed-up age, doing well and willingly the tasks at hand - namely, being aware of another's needs and doing something about it." ~ author unknown

This spirit of giving, of volunteering was recently shining brightly at KW Property Management. Six volunteers have opened the doors to their workplace to welcome students from Miami Northwestern Senior High School on a monthly basis. "It (the visit) really exceeded everyone's expectations - mentors, students and staff! Truly, the day was very magical somehow, one in a million. Paul Kaplan, the Managing Director, shared that their office does a lot of community involved projects, yet this was the best day they had EVER had," said Melinda Hoder, CIS of Miami Mentor Coordinator.

As part of an opening icebreaker, the volunteers shared who their mentors were and why they joined the CIS School To Work Mentor program. It was quickly evident that a special group of volunteers and students had been brought together as they all shared their struggles and dreams. Smiles, laughter, and even tears filled the room.

Mentoring young people is very important. CIS of Miami has been offering this service for 14 years and has a proven track record of the positive impact it has on students' lives in terms of grades, behavior, motivation, and daily decisions that they make. Over 100 mentors currently volunteer. Thank you for being a light in the lives of the students that we serve!

JPMorgan Chase Foundation Awards \$25,000

"Are you coming back?" "We need you to come every day" and "I understand it better when you explain it to me" - these are just a few of the comments that students express all the time with their tutors. It can be frustrating for students when they are struggling to keep up with their classes or to read and comprehend a passage. Too many are embarrassed or just simply reluctant to ask for help, so they fall progressively behind. Parents, in turn, get equally frustrated to see their children struggle, yet not have the means to afford private tutoring for them.

Luckily for the families in Liberty City, JPMorgan Chase Foundation has been investing in their children by supporting educational initiatives in this community. Communities In Schools of Miami is one of the grateful recipients of this support. For the past ten years, CIS of Miami has been recruiting, training, and placing AmeriCorps members in Liberty City schools to provide free literacy tutoring to youth. AmeriCorps members each provide 1,700 hours of volunteer service as a way of enhancing their own professional experience, earning an educational award, giving back to their community, and receiving a modest living stipend. They are troopers who are making a difference in our schools every day. AmeriCorps is a federal program for which the government provides 80% of the cost for each member's stipend; however, the local match for the remaining stipend and overall program expenses must be raised. "We are so grateful to JPMorgan Chase Foundation for providing the needed matching funds that allow us to place these dedicated volunteers in our schools," stated Elizabeth Mejia, CIS of Miami Executive Director.



JPMorgan Chase Foundation is funding CIS of Miami's *The Chase to Graduation Program* that provides tutoring services in Charles Drew Elementary, Liberty City Elementary, Holmes Elementary, and Miami Northwestern Senior High School. Additionally, comprehensive drop-out prevention services are being provided in Miami Northwestern Senior High to ensure that students succeed in school and graduate. These services, in addition to tutoring, include counseling and case management, career readiness programs, school to work mentoring, health education and life skills programs.



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- 1 Foursome in Fall Golf Event on the Blue

The Storm Club Package B \$5,000.00

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Contact us to purchase your package by February 12th - the deadline date to get your skybox tickets order.

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