



MEDIA ALERT

YMCA OF GREATER MIAMI CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF VILLAGE OF ALLAPATTAH FAMILY BRANCH

First YMCA Built in Miami in 40 years!
Saturday, January 16th @ 10am- 2pm

WHAT: The YMCA of Greater Miami celebrates a monumental community event, the grand opening of the new Village of Allapattah YMCA Family Branch (the first YMCA branch built in Miami in 40 years)! Community members and local families will gather to enjoy games, entertainment and food and refreshments while they meet the staff of the YMCA, tour the new building, view the pre-school classrooms and fitness facilities, and learn all about the programming that will be offered this year. The event will feature music, bounce house for kids, activities for the family, giveaways and much more!

The Village of Allapattah is a collaboration between the YMCA, Carlisle Development Group and Biscayne Housing Group, the Village of Allapattah is an innovative concept combining two towers of affordable housing units, a full YMCA facility offering wellness programs, exercise equipment and youth sports, and an on-site Preschool. This development is the first of its kind, meeting the community's need for affordable housing while offering the amenities that the YMCA of Greater Miami is known for. The project has been supported by the Building Better Communities Bond Program, the Mayor and the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, and funding for the residential component was provided by Florida Housing Finance Corporation and Miami-Dade County.

WHEN: Saturday, January 16, 2010

WHERE: Village of Allapattah YMCA Family Branch
2370 NW 17th Avenue
Miami, FL 33142

INTERVIEWS: Julie E. Malphurs, PhD, first member of the Village of Allapattah YMCA Family Branch
Alfred Sanchez, president and CEO, YMCA of Greater Miami
Matthew S. Greer, CEO, Carlisle Development Group

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About the YMCA of Greater Miami

Founded in 1916, the YMCA of Greater of Miami is one of South Florida's oldest and largest not-for-profit organizations. With branches throughout Miami-Dade and upper Monroe County, the Y is committed to building strong kids, strong families and strong communities. Its scope of services includes youth sports, aquatics, after-school, preschool and child care, summer camp, teen clubs, health and fitness programs, and membership. For more information about the YMCA of Greater Miami, call toll free 1-877-WOW-YMCA or visit www.ymcamiami.org .

About Biscayne Housing Group

Based in Miami-Dade County, Biscayne Housing Group is a real estate company that builds affordable housing for the elderly, families, homeless and youth aging out of foster care. BHG currently has more than 500 affordable apartments under development in Miami.

About Carlisle Development Group

Founded in 1997, Carlisle Development Group is a fully integrated real estate company which has developed, leased and managed affordable housing developments throughout Florida totaling over 7,500 residential units and more than one billion dollars in total development costs. For more information, visit www.carlisleddevelopmentgroup.com.