

NEWS RELEASE

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MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Subject: The Miami Police Athletic League Hopes to Send 14 Inner-City Kids to Junior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa.



On Saturday, July 25, 2009, the Miami Police Athletic League, Inc. will host a car wash **from 8 AM to 3 PM**, at McDonald's Restaurant #7205; located at 599 N.W. 62nd Street in Miami Florida. The intent of the car wash is to raise funds to send fourteen (14) inner – city kids from Liberty City to Des Moines, Iowa, to compete in the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) Junior Olympic Championships on August 3 through 8, 2009. The kids will be representing the Miami Police Athletic League Tacolcy Track and Field team, and for most of them, this will be their first time out of the City of Miami, and contending in a competition of this caliber.

Additionally, the Miami Police Athletic League, Inc. is also reaching out to local sponsors that would like to assist in making an impact in the lives of these 14 kids. If you would like to make this a reality through sponsorship, or know of an organization that would like to make a contribution, please feel free to contact Miami PAL's Director, Ashaala Jenkins at (305) 603-6088. You may also reach her via email at miamipal1@aol.com or ashaala.jenkins@miami-police.org. Please visit the Miami PAL website at www.palmiami.com, as you will be able to find more information regarding Miami PAL, as well as steps to making a contribution for the cause of sending our community kids to such a life changing event.

About Miami PAL: The Miami Police Athletic League (PAL) is a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 Organization that provides an intensive recreational and educational program for youth, ages 7-17 years, to prevent excessive exposure to neighborhood negative influences. PAL encourages inner-city youth from elementary through high school, to utilize their free time after school and on weekends, developing skills in sports and gaining a deep appreciation for stretching their bodies and their minds. The goal of PAL is simple: "Filling Playgrounds, Not Prisons". It is a unique opportunity for youth and Miami police officers to work together in a very positive manner.

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