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## **Miami Celebrates Its 114<sup>th</sup> Birthday With Charity Event And Honoring Founding Mother Julia Tuttle**

*-City of Miami celebrates history and community-*

**Miami, FL (July 26, 2010)** —On Wednesday, **July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010**, the City of Miami will celebrate its 114th birthday anniversary by giving back to the community and commemorating **Julia Tuttle, the “Mother of Miami”**, a visionary and a pioneer who recognized Miami’s potential. The day begins with a ceremony unveiling a statue honoring **Julia Tuttle at 9:30a.m. in Bayfront Park**. Mayor Tomas Regalado and City of Miami Commissioners along with Miami-Dade County Officials will join the Miami Commission on the Status of Women, Miami-Dade County Commission for Women, Julia Tuttle Statue Oversight Committee, Bayfront Park Management Trust, and the Miami Downtown Development Authority to reveal the Julia Tuttle statue.

The celebration continues in the evening, with the City of Miami’s Birthday Celebration presented by DowntownMiami.com to benefit several charitable organizations **at 6:00 p.m. at the American Airlines Arena**. The event will capture all the sights, sounds, and tastes of the Magic City with live musical performances including Miami’s own **Jon Secada** singing “Happy Birthday” and tastings from local restaurants, complimentary cocktails and much more.

All proceeds generated (100% of the \$25 ticket) will go directly to support the following charity organizations:

Allapattah Community Action, Best Buddies, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Centro Mater, CHARLEE House, Downtown Miami Partnership, Friends of Gusman, Friends of Marine Stadium, Friends of Miami-Dade Public Library, Hands On Miami, Switchboard Miami,

Voices For Children, YWCA. (Please note a \$5 processing charge will apply).

The City of Miami Birthday Celebration is sponsored by the following: Downtown Development Authority, The American Airlines Arena, GREY GOOSE VODKA, Transit Lounge, COMCAST and Downtown2go.

To purchase tickets visit [www.downtownmiami.com/miami114](http://www.downtownmiami.com/miami114) or [www.aaarena.com](http://www.aaarena.com) and choose your charity of choice.

**WHAT:** City of Miami Birthday Celebration To Benefit Charities and the Julia Tuttle Unveiling Ceremony

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 28, 2010

**WHERE:**

- Julia Tuttle unveiling event at 9:30a.m. in Bayfront Park near the Children's playground
- Miami's Birthday Celebration at 6:00p.m. at the American Airlines Arena, 601 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, FL 33132

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