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City of Miami Opens New Recreation Center at Williams Park

(Miami, FL January 18, 2012)— District Five Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones will join members of the community to open the brand new Williams Park Community Center, 1717 NW 5 Avenue. The new building boasts a tropical color scheme in tribute to the neighborhood's residents, many of whom are of Caribbean decent.

The 5,000 square foot facility offers a 200 person meeting hall, classrooms, a computer room and an arts and crafts room complete with a ceramics kiln. Through the year staff will offer youth after school and seasonal camp programs. In addition to the new recreation center, the surrounding amenities in the park received improvements to allow for ADA accessibility and improved park use.

"A state of the art facility, with beautiful furnishings, shows our continued investment in this community" stated Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones, "at Williams Park we have given the neighborhood a place to connect, learn and celebrate."

The project was funded through Homeland Defense Bonds Series 1 & 3 and through Sunshine State Financing. In total, the construction cost \$1, 272,121 and took just under a year to be completed by Link Constriction Group, designed by L.D. Astorino Architects, Inc.

For more information on park programs and rental facilities, residents can call 305-573-9553

When: Thursday, January 19 at 3:30pm

Where: Williams Park Community Center, 1717 NW 5 Avenue.

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