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"MEET MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S GRANTMAKERS" TOWN HALL / RESOURCE FAIR SERIES REACHES OUT TO COMMUNITY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Hosted by Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Office of Management and Budget – Grants Coordination

(Miami – July 19, 2013) The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs is hosting four "Meet the Grantmakers" regional town hall / resource fairs to introduce community non-profit groups to the full range of grant opportunities and outreach resources available to them. Starting on August 5, 2013, participants will receive helpful information and in-person assistance, and learn about the array of funding opportunities, programs, and services offered by Miami-Dade County's Department of Cultural Affairs and Office of Management and Budget - Grants Coordination.

The presentations will feature a discussion of the Department of Cultural Affairs' arts education grant opportunities, including those for healing/expressive arts projects and outreach programs for children with disabilities through the "All Kids Included – Accessible Arts Experiences for Kids" initiative. They will also provide helpful information to non-profit organizations that may not be familiar with how to apply for grants that support community arts and cultural events.

Who should attend these sessions? Non-profit groups that have never applied for grant funding from Miami-Dade County and non-profit groups that have received grant funding but wish to expand and learn more about the programs that are available, specifically to support arts and cultural activities.

The schedule of the four regional town hall / resource fairs is as follows:

Session 1 - Monday, August 5, 2013 Joseph Caleb Auditorium 5400 NW 22 Avenue Miami, FL 33142 Noon - 2:00 PM Session 2 - Tuesday, August 6, 2013 Baptist Hospital West Kendall 9555 SW 162 Avenue Miami, FL 33196 Noon - 2:00 PM

Session 3 -Tuesday, August 13, 2013 South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center 10950 SW 211 St Cutler Bay, FL 33189 4:00 – 6:00 PM

<u>Session 4 - Wednesday, August 14, 2013</u> Miami-Dade County Auditorium 2901 W Flagler Street Miami, FL 33135 Noon – 2:00 PM

These sessions are being offered free-of-charge. Light refreshments will be served.

To RSVP for any of the "Meet Miami-Dade County's Grantmakers" sessions please visit <u>www.miamidadearts.org</u> or call (305) 375-4634.

For more information on the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and its programs please visit <u>www.miamidadearts.org</u>.

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The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council develop cultural excellence, diversity and participation throughout Miami-Dade County by strategically creating and promoting opportunities for artists and cultural organizations, and our residents and visitors who are their audiences. The Department directs the Art in Public Places program and serves its board, the Art in Public Places Trust, commissioning, curating, maintaining and promoting the County's art collection. The Department also manages, programs and operates the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, a campus of state-of-the-art cultural facilities in Cutler Bay, as well as Miami-Dade County Auditorium, Joseph Caleb Auditorium and the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, all dedicated to presenting and supporting excellence in the arts for the entire community. Through staff, board and programmatic resources, the Department, the Council and the Trust promote, coordinate and support Miami-Dade County's more than 1,000 not-for-profit cultural organizations as well as thousands of resident artists through grants, technical assistance, public information and interactive community planning. The Department receives funding through the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, The Children's Trust, the National Endowment for the Arts, the State of Florida through the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Other support and services are provided by TicketWeb for the Culture Shock Miami program, the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, the South Florida Cultural Consortium and the Tourist Development Council.

It is the policy of Miami-Dade County to comply with all of the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. To request materials in accessible format, sign language interpreters, and/or any accommodation to participate in any Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs program or meeting, please contact Francine Andersen at 305-375-4634 culture@miamidade.gov at least five days in advance to initiate your request. TTY users may also call 711 (Florida Relay Service).

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