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The City of North Miami Beach, Vice Mayor Fortuna Smukler, and Joshua's Heart Foundation Partner to host Farm Share Drive-Thru Food Distributions

North Miami Beach, FL – March 31, 2022 – The City of North Miami Beach, Vice Mayor Fortuna Smukler, and Joshua's Heart Foundation will partner to host four upcoming Farm Share Drive-Thru Food Distributions. The next food distribution event will take place from 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at Uleta Park (located at 386 NE 169th Street, North Miami Beach, FL 33162).

Due to the success of the last event held on March 5th, Farm Share will increase the amount of food that will be available. Starting in May, the distributions will provide food for 1,000 family members rather than 500. Each event will be powered by volunteers from Joshua's Heart Foundation, a 501(c) (3) non-profit youth-run organization that empowers needy people to improve their quality of life by providing necessities like groceries and personal items. During the drive-thru food distributions, volunteers place milk, poultry, veggies, and canned goods into the trunks of each resident's vehicle.

There will be three additional Farm Share Drive-Thru Food Distributions coming to the City of North Miami Beach (all events are held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.):

- Saturday, **May 21st**, 2022, at the **Kevin R. Sims Aquatic Center at Victory Park** (located at 1980 NE 171 Street, North Miami Beach, FL 33162)
- Saturday, **June 18th**, 2022, at the **NMB Water Operation Center** (located at 17050 NE 19th Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL 33162).
- Saturday, **July 16th**, 2022, at the **Kevin R. Sims Aquatic Center at Victory Park**

“During the last 2 years, I have volunteered at different food distributions, and I've seen the firsthand needs of families living in South Florida. The City of North Miami Beach has the incredible opportunity to feed those that need food on their table together with Farm Share and Joshua's Heart Foundation. Being raised by parents who were immigrants and knowing their struggle, it gives me great comfort to help anyone that is going through a rough patch, and more importantly, knowing that we could be preventing someone from going to sleep hungry” says Vice Mayor Fortuna Smukler.

Walk-ups will not be accepted. This event is drive-thru service only. The distributions are free and open to South Florida residents. For additional information, call 305-948-2957. To request an interview with Vice Mayor Fortuna Smukler, please email Susset.Cabrera@citynmb.com.

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About the City of North Miami Beach

Truly at the “Crossroads of South Florida,” North Miami Beach is located midway between Miami and Ft. Lauderdale and adjacent to the Golden Glades Interchange where I-95, Florida’s Turnpike, and the Palmetto Expressway meet. The central location, easy access, and major arteries including West Dixie Highway, Biscayne Boulevard, and 163rd Street, have transformed North Miami Beach into one of South Florida’s best known regional destinations for dining, shopping, and business ventures. The City is operated by 460 full-time employees and 10 departments. For more information, visit www.CityNMB.com.

About Farm Share

Established in 1991 as a food bank, Farm Share is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization works daily to make sure that food-insecure Floridians receive the food and support they need. To accomplish this task, Farm Share partners with more than 3,000 food pantries, churches, schools, and other nonprofits throughout Florida to distribute food every single day. Farm Share distributed more than 136 million pounds of food to more than 23 million households residing in all of Florida’s 67 counties in 2020. Of the 136 million pounds of food distributed, more than 38 million pounds were fresh healthy fruits and vegetables. For more information, visit FarmShare.org.

About Joshua’s Heart Foundation

Joshua’s Heart Foundation (JHF) was founded in 2005 in Miami, Florida by Joshua Williams when he was four years old. Joshua’s Heart is dedicated to the fight against global hunger and poverty. JHF is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit, youth-run organization, which empowers needy people to improve their quality of life by providing necessities like groceries and personal items. JHF also effectively engages and educates youth on committing to fight hunger and poverty on a global basis. Volunteers are an integral part of Joshua’s Heart’s efforts to stomp out hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world. Our volunteers are both children and adults who work directly with the needy and in administrative and planning areas. For more information, visit JoshuasHeart.org.