GOOD MORNING EVERYONE...

MAYOR REGALADO, COMMISSIONER BARREIRO, COMMISSIONER CAROLLO

DEAR FRIENDS...

IT'S MY PLEASURE TO JOIN YOU THIS MORNING FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF THE AMISTAD APARTMENTS.

AS WITH MANY OF OUR NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUILDINGS THAT WE ARE EITHER RENOVATING OR OPENING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY...

AMISTAD APARTMENTS IS A PUBLIC / PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP THAT BRINGS US TOGETHER WITH OUR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS AT PINNACLE HOUSING GROUP AND CARRFOUR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.

IN FACT, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME PINNACLE AND CARRFOUR HAVE PARTNERED AND THE RESULTS ARE SEEN IN THIS BEAUTIFUL BUILDING.

AMISTAD APARTMENTS IS A SPECIAL BUILDING IN MANY WAYS...

AND ONE OF THESE WAYS IS THAT IT PROVIDES HOUSING AND A NEW BEGINNING TO PEOPLE AND FAMILIES WHO WERE FORMERLY HOMELESS.

AMISTAD IS ALSO AN EXAMPLE OF HOW WE CONTINUE TO RAISE THE BAR FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY.

EVERY UNIT IS EQUIPPED WITH MODERN AMENITIES...

AND THE BUILDING PROVIDES BEAUTIFUL COMMON AREAS AS WELL.

WE ALSO CONTINUE OUR COMMITMENT, TOGETHER WITH PINNACLE, OF INSTALLING ARTWORK TO BEAUTIFY OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUILDINGS.

FINALLY, I AM HAPPY THAT WE ARE PROVIDING GREATER HOUSING OPTIONS, AND BUILDINGS THAT THE RESIDENTS CAN BE PROUD TO CALL HOME.

LET ME FINISH BY THANKING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT…

THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION…

WELLS FARGO BANK…

AND OUR OWN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR PROVIDING THE FUNDING FOR THIS BUILDING.

ALSO, A BIG THANK YOU TO THE FOLKS AT PINNACLE, CARRFOUR, AND ALL OF YOU WHO MADE TODAY POSSIBLE.

AND TO THE RESIDENTS, CONGRATULATIONS AND MAY GOD BLESS YOUR NEW HOMES!

NOW, SOME WORDS IN SPANISH.

QUIERO DARLE LA BIENVENIDA AL ALCALDE REGALADO, AL COMISIONADO BARREIRO, AL COMISIONADO CAROLLO…

Y A TODOS USTEDES QUE NOS UNEN PARA LA APERTURA DE LOS APARTAMENTOS AMISTAD.

ESTE EDIFICIO NUEVO Y MODERNO ES OTRO EJEMPLO DE COMO ESTAMOS RENOVANDO Y ABRIENDO NUEVOS EDIFICIOS DE VIVIENDAS ACCESIBLES PARA NUESTRA COMUNIDAD.

TAMBIEN, ES UN EJEMPLO DE COMO HEMOS TRABAJADO CON EL SECTOR PRIVADO PARA CONSTRUIR ESTOS EDIFICIOS DE UNA MANERA MAS RAPIDA Y AHORRANDOLE DINERO A LOS CONTRIBUYENTES.

LOS APARTAMENTOS AMISTAD ES UN EDIFICIO ESPECIAL PORQUE REPRESENTA UN NUEVO COMIENZO PARA TANTAS PERSONAS QUE ERAN DESAMPARADOS.

HOY, ELLOS, Y OTRAS FAMILIAS TIENEN ESTE LINDO HOGAR DONDE VIVIR.

QUIERO DARLE LAS GRACIAS AL DEPARTAMENTO DE “HUD…”

AL “FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION…”

AL BANCO WELLS FARGO, Y A NUESTRO DEPARTAMENTO DE VIVIENDAS DEL CONDADO POR CONTRIBUIR LOS FONDOS PARA ESTE EDIFICIO.

TAMBIEN, LE DOY LAS GRACIAS A “PINNACLE,” A “CARRFOUR,” Y A TODOS LOS QUE AYUDARON CON ESTE PROYECTO.

DEJENME TERMINAR POR FELICITAR A LOS NUEVOS RESIDENTES QUE CON TANTO ORGULLO PUEDEN LLAMARLE AL EDIFICIO AMISTAD SU NUEVO HOGAR.

MUCHAS GRACIAS Y QUE DIOS LES BENDIGA SUS HOGARES.