

GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE!

LET ME BEGIN BY THANKING MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT FOR WELCOMING US TO MIAMI GARDENS THIS MORNING!

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK COUNTY COMMISSIONER BARBARA JORDAN AND OUR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT ALBERTO CARVALHO FOR JOINING US ON THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY!

CITY YEAR VICE CHAIR, CORI MELTZER AND MIAMI DOLPHINS PRESIDENT AND CEO, TOM GARFINKEL - THANK YOU.

I AM PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THIS \$1 MILLION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MIAMI DOLPHINS AND CITY YEAR MIAMI.

AS COUNTY MAYOR AND AS A FORMER CITY YEAR MIAMI BOARD MEMBER, I AM THRILLED TO WITNESS THE LAUNCH OF A WHAT I BELIEVE WILL BE A TRANSFORMATIVE PARTNERSHIP TO BENEFIT EDUCATION IN MIAMI GARDENS THROUGH CITY YEAR MIAMI. AS YOU KNOW, THE STEADFAST CITY YEAR CORPS MEMBERS CONTINUE TO MAKE A

POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN. THEY PROVIDE ACADEMIC TUTORING AND MENTORING TO AT-RISK YOUTH.

I HAD THE PLEASURE OF BEING A MEMBER OF CITY YEAR MIAMI'S FOUNDING ADVISORY BOARD, AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU - I COULDN'T BE PROUDER.

CORPS MEMBERS ARE THE FIRST PEOPLE A CHILD SEES IN THE MORNING AND THE LAST THEY SEE BEFORE THEY HEAD HOME.

I COULDN'T THINK OF A MORE NOBLE WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THESE CHILDREN.

THROUGH THIS PARTNERSHIP TO FUND CITY YEAR SCHOOL TEAMS IN MIAMI GARDENS, ONE OF THEM BEING THE ONE WE ARE IN TODAY - NORLAND HIGH SCHOOL - MIAMI-DADE'S GRADUATION PIPELINE CAN DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE BY BUILDING A CONTINUUM OF SUPPORT, SO THESE STUDENTS ARE ON TRACK TO GRADUATE.

AND ISN'T THAT WHAT WE ALL WANT TO SEE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

DURING THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR ALONE, CITY YEAR MIAMI DEDICATED ALMOST 123,000 HOURS MENTORING AND SERVING STUDENTS; AND THROUGH ATTENDANCE COACHING, CORPS MEMBERS DURING THE SAME SCHOOL YEAR ENSURED THAT STUDENTS DIDN'T MISS SCHOOL AT THE MOST CRITICAL TIME OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

AS THE COUNTRY'S FOURTH LARGEST SCHOOL SYSTEM WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO INVEST IN THE EDUCATION OF ALL CHILDREN, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO RESIDE IN OUR OWN BACKYARD.

CITY YEAR MIAMI MAKES A MEASURABLE IMPACT IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND I COMMEND SUCH AN EXTRAORDINARY ORGANIZATION THAT GIVES BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY—OUR CHILDREN—OUR FUTURE LEADERS.

AGAIN, THANK YOU CITY YEAR MIAMI FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO THE MIAMI DOLPHINS FOR CONTINUING

THEIR POSITIVE IMPACT IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!

