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The Dania Beach PATCH Back to School Event a Huge Success

Dania Beach, FL (August 28th, 2017) – On Saturday August 19th, 2017 the Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (DBCRA) hosted its third annual free Back to School event at the PATCH Farm and Market. More than 400 people attended the event. Art N Soul sponsored the giveaway of 175 backpacks and Travis Daniels Photography sponsored 20 free back to school haircuts. The Kiwanis did their second free food demonstration and giveaway, at the PATCH and were joined by Dania Beach Commissioner Bobbie Grace who assisted in preparing and serving samples of a healthy and nutritious meal. Miss Dania Beach USA Ivhanna Gil attended and discussed her anti-bullying platform with those present. She advised children that when troubled to reach out for advice. “Bullying is never ok. The great thing is that there is much that you can do to stop or prevent it. If you see bullying happening whether to you or someone else, you need to take action,” states Gil. Ms. Gil also sang her original composition against bullying which was well received by the crowd.

The PATCH hosts numerous family-friendly activities and events and has become the primary destination for environmental and health education. The PATCH also provides opportunities for adult and children’s education, through workshops, its community garden and field trips and tours for local schools and organizations in order to utilize the garden as a mechanism to introduce students to science, environmental stewardship and entrepreneurship.

“Overall, this event was wildly successful, and we are excited to make next year’s even greater. We thank parents for attending the event with their children and achieving our goal to have children in the community excited for a fresh start to the new school year, while promoting healthy and active lifestyles,” states DBCRA Acting Interim Executive Director Kathleen Weekes.

The PATCH Farm and Market is located at 1201 W. Dania Beach Boulevard, Dania Beach, FL. The market is open to the public every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and every 3rd Saturday of the month the PATCH hosts special family events. On Saturday September 16th, a Neighborhood

Garage Sale will be held at the PATCH. To participate and sell your items during the garage sale apply online at touchbroward.org/db_patch_garage_sale. For more information visit www.thepatchgarden.com or call 954-924-6801.

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