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## The Dania Beach PATCH Urban Farm and Market Honors its Volunteers

**Dania Beach, FL** – On Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> from 9AM – 1PM, the PATCH Urban Farm and Market celebrates and honors the volunteers that have 'dug in' and made a difference in the community. Between the months of January – May 2017, volunteers have contributed **743.5 hours** at the PATCH, a testament to the dedication of the community in providing a network of secure, healthy food sources. During the event, top volunteers will be awarded shirts and prizes honoring their tireless efforts in maintaining the PATCH Garden and its fresh, healthy, and pesticide-free fruits and vegetables.

"The PATCH provides a platform for education, cultural growth, community participation and economic development. Our volunteers are passionate about access to local, healthy and affordable food, offering their time, expertise and philanthropic giving to create more sustainable communities, and we're proud to support their volunteer and charitable efforts," states Rachel Bach, Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Executive Director.

There are numerous ways volunteers can get involved in the PATCH. Gardening volunteers assist by planting, mulching, spreading dirt, weeding, cutting grass, and cleaning up at the PATCH. Greenmarket volunteers help with at-market promotions like cooking demonstrations, kid's activities, and community outreach. In addition, the PATCH offers a variety of soft skills volunteer opportunities to include programs for youth focused on entrepreneurship and community engagement. To volunteer your time, sign up online here: http://www.handsonbroward.org/register.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month the PATCH hosts special family events. For more information call 954-924-6801.

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