



**Miami Lakes Youth Center (the “Spot”) Council
Report to the Town Council
For the (2015-2016) Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2016**

Report Date: December 2016

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Miami Lakes Youth Center Council by David Turino, Chairperson on this day, 6 of December 2016.

The Spot:

Located at 6075 Miami Lakes Drive, is 4,000 square foot facility with multipurpose activity rooms, a classroom area for after school educational programs and tutoring, and an outdoor patio area with a half basketball court and a new state of the art playground.

The Spot offers a number of amenities including: Study Area, Game Room, Flat Screen Television, Microsoft Xbox One Console, Insignia Flex Tablets 8G, Amazon Kindles, Billiard Table, Table Tennis, Open Patio, 1/2 Basketball Court, and free Wi-Fi access.

2015-2016 Highlights:

- November 21st, 2015, the Spot’s grand opening takes place!
- May 3rd, 2016, Members of the first ever Miami Lakes Youth Center Council were honored by the Town’s Mayor and Councilmembers. The first Youth Center Council comprises of five middle school and eight high school students who attend various local schools in the Town’s area.
- May 18th, 2016, the first Youth Center Council meeting takes place and its officers are elected (see listing of current officers below). The Youth Council is charged with the responsibility of “governing” the Spot.
- Throughout 2016 supervised, weekly events and activities are offered at the Spot. These include, among various others: (i) Team Building Activities, (ii) Seminars, (iii) Workshops, and (iv) Other quality educational, fun, and engaging activities and events. A representative sample of 2015-2016 Spot events include:

- Harry Potter Forever Night
 - A Knight of Chess
 - Family Feud Night
 - Air Hockey Competition
 - Community Service Event
 - Nailing the Interview Workshop
 - Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Workshop
- Throughout 2016, supervised, monthly educational and fun field trips are offered to the Town's youth. The field trips include among various others, an exhilarating trip to indoor go-kart racing and a nerve-racking visit to the PanIQ Room, where players use their wits and teamwork to succeed.

Current Areas of Focus:

- The overall goal is to make the Spot's offerings available to as many of the Town's residents as possible.
- The Spot's council believes that increased awareness (of the Spot's offerings) will result in increased attendance (as it appears that the general populous is not fully aware of the Spot's wonderful offerings).
- In order to increase awareness:
 - Local media advertisement (i.e. The Miami Laker newspaper)
 - We continue working on establishing a liaison with local schools (i.e. MLK-8 Center) in order to get the word out on the Spot's offerings.

Youth Center's Council * Members:

Member Name	Council Position	School Represented
David Turino	Chairperson	Barbara Goleman High
Gabriela Perez-Robles	Vice Chairperson	Monsignor Edward Pace
Vanessa Perez-Robles	Secretary	Monsignor Edward Pace
Savannah Hernandez	Marketing & Recruitment	Miami Lakes K-8 Center
Daniella Brunetti	Research & Planning	Mater Lakes Academy
Gabriela Brunetti	Member	Mater Lakes Academy
Ryan Campos	Member	Barbara Goleman High
Lauren Paulet	Member	School for Advanced Studies
Mia Concepcion	Member	Miami Lakes K-8 Center
Max Concepcion	Member	Miami Lakes K-8 Center
Ariana Rejas	Member	Terra Environmental High
Katerina Sliwinski	Member	Miami Lakes K-8 Center

Budget for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year: \$7,000.⁰⁰

Closing Comments:

The Spot's Council continues to work hard on selecting and implementing quality events which are fun, educational and add value to the Town's youth and residents.

Through this involvement, the Spot's Council members are able pursue their civic interests by volunteering their time while learning valuable skills in the areas of: time management and organization, public speaking, team building and collaboration, participation in a democratic process, etc.

It has been my honor to serve on the Spot's Council and would like to take the opportunity to thank the Mayor and the Town's Council Members for the Spot. I feel that our community is privileged to have such a special place where youth can enjoy, learn, and just be kids in a safe and beautiful environment.

Respectfully, David Turino, Chair, for the Youth Center's Council.