



Special Needs Advisory Board Report to Town Council January 2020

MISSION STATEMENT: To create a model town for inclusion by identifying specific Miami Lakes families with an interest in matters pertaining to individuals with special needs, connecting them to existing programs, services and events; and, serving the Town Council in an advisory capacity to identify unmet needs and assist with the discovery of possible solutions.

MEMBERSHIP

Name	Committee Position
Vivian Levy	Chair
Jesenia Orellana	Vice Chair
Carlos Fernandez	Treasurer
Jen Coello	Secretary
Lisbeth Coto	Member
Jill Brookner	Member

NOTE: Currently, there are no vacancies in the Special Needs Advisory Board

FIRST YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Hosted and funded Kick off Brunch/Resource Fair
2. Created intake forms to collect data from the special needs population in the Town of Miami Lakes and surrounding areas
3. Participated with our own table in the Health and Fitness Fair
4. Created and funded Transition Skills Pilot Program for adults with special needs
5. Participated in the Veteran's Day Parade
6. Volunteered at the Mayor's Gala
7. Coordinated and funded FUNclusion event
8. Participated with our own tent in the 2019 Nightmare on Montrose Halloween event
9. Provided Disability Awareness Training for employees of the Town of Miami Lakes
10. Implemented Monthly Parent Support Group meetings
11. Awarded scholarships for 5 children to participate in dance therapy classes at Spectrum Dance/Miami Dancity in Miami Lakes
12. Partnered with UM CARD to promote their autism friendly initiative and provide a Law Enforcement training in 2020

BUDGET 2020-2021

Social and Recreational Programs	\$	10,000.00
Trainig for Miami Lakes officials/staff/first responders	\$	1,000.00
Integrated Services (1-stop shop for services)	\$	814.12
Community Awareness	\$	15,000.00
After-school/weekend programs for life and job skills	\$	15,000.00
TOTAL	\$	41,814.12

FUTURE PROJECTS/PENDING MATTERS/CONSIDERATION:

1. Awaiting results from special needs assesment
2. 2nd Annual Resource Fair
3. Participate in the Town's events (Health and Fitness Fair, Veteran's Day Parade, Halloween, etc.)
4. Law Enforcement Trainig
5. Continue Transition Skills Program
6. Participate in Mayor's Gala
7. Funclusion
8. Provide more Disability Awareness Training
9. Continue monthly Parent Support Group Meetings
10. Painting with a Twist social activity for adults
11. Computer classes
12. Art classes
13. Scholarships
14. Advise the Town on inclusive practices for all events

Respectfully submitted to Council,

Special Needs Advisory Board