Special Needs Advisory Board
Report to Town Council June 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
David Gomez	Member
Angela Medina	Member

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

UPDATES:

1. Special Needs Service Directory has been posted on the Town's website on the Special Needs Advisory Board page. There are over 20 links to organizations and resources for special needs individuals and families.

2. On February 26, we provided a behavior workshop by Certified Behavior Analyst, Audrey Amadeo

3. On March 7th, we participated in Job-A-Palooza hosted by the Arc of South Florida

4. Awarded scholarships for 5 children to participate in dance therapy classes at Spectrum Dance/Miami Dancity in Miami Lakes.

5. Together with Giving Gators, we delivered meals to families with special needs in the area.

6. Gigi's Playhouse Virtual Event Sponsor

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. Summer Painting with a Twist Event
2. Wellness Workshop for parents via Zoom
3. Provide more Disability Awareness Training via Zoom

4. Law Enforcement Training for Special Needs
5. Tutoring Services
6. Advise the Town on inclusive practices for all events

Respectfully submitted to Council,

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