



Parks Foundation
of Miami-Dade

2019 Annual Report

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Message from the President

As I head into my second year as President of the Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade, I am proud to share some selected accomplishments of the organization that improved the health and wellbeing of Miami-Dade County residents.

In 2019, for the first time in the Foundation's history, we hired an Executive Director. This is a significant milestone as we continue to support the needs of Miami-Dade County's Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Department. The Board of Directors and I are excited to move into a new phase for the Foundation by seeking dedicated funding sources to help support park and recreation programs.

As we begin this new year and new opportunity to promote our parks, beaches, marinas, golf courses, other amazing facilities and parks programs, I am pleased to present this report, which provides a snapshot of outstanding parks projects and programs we were privileged to support over the past year. The partnership between the Parks Foundation, its community partners, and Miami-Dade County has as its shared goal the improvement of the health, economic development, and overall quality of life of our community through enhancing and sustaining its parks system.

We continue our commitment to the vision of Miami-Dade County residents by supporting the Parks and Open Space Master Plan that was unanimously adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners in 2008 and incorporated into the county's Comprehensive Development Master Plan in 2009. Implementing the vision of the Master Plan will transform Miami-Dade County into a more livable, beautiful, sustainable, economically, socially and environmentally vibrant community.

The accomplishments contained in this report are the result of the public-private partnership between Miami-Dade County and the Parks Foundation. We look forward to continuing this collaborative relationship and invite all residents of the community to consider partnering with us by joining the Parks Foundation or volunteering in parks, as we continue efforts to help provide recreational programs, conservation initiatives and ensure the sustainability of parks for this and future generations. Please visit LiveAParkLife.org to learn more.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Quick', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John J. Quick
President
Board of Directors
Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade, Inc.

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- John Quick, President:** Attorney; Partner, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman; Chair, Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board
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**Through the Power of Parks:
Impacting Lives and Enhancing the Community**

The Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade was created in 2004 in support of the Building Better Communities Bond Issue when visionary community leaders acknowledged that additional private and public sector support is essential to maintain, expand, and sustain the needs of the rapidly growing community that relies on Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department for quality of life. Today, Miami-Dade Parks is the nation's 3rd largest park system and stewards of over 270 heritage, regional and neighborhood parks, 40 recreation centers, 19 public pools, 6 marinas, 17 miles of beaches, 5 golf courses, 3 campgrounds, over 13,800 acres of passive and active parklands, and an additional 26,000 acres of natural areas.

The Parks Foundation remains committed to working closely with Miami-Dade County to foster a healthier, more livable and sustainable Miami-Dade by providing year-round support for park facilities and equitable access to parks programs for our community's residents, with a focus on children, special needs groups, and active older adults. Through our corporate partnerships, membership campaigns, and fundraising initiatives, we support capital projects, scholarships for children, including swimming lessons, after-school and summer camps, and other parks activities.

Executive Summary

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade, it is my pleasure to share our annual report for 2018. This report provides a snapshot of outstanding parks projects and programs we have been privileged to support over the past year. I am proud of the partnership between the Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade and Miami-Dade County and the common goal we share: to improve the health and overall quality of life for everyone through parks!

- In 2019 the Foundation contributed **\$608,500** to Miami-Dade County Parks.
- Year 2 of a **\$1.8 million**, 5-year (2018-2023) award from The Children’s Trust, the largest grant ever awarded to the Parks Foundation, continued to support the expansion of Miami-Dade County Parks’ nationally acclaimed Fit2Lead parks program for high-risk youth. It funded the participation of 271 teens, and the hiring of 65 of these as paid interns who received job training and mentorship through the program.
- The Parks Foundation’s advocacy and fundraising efforts supported a series of events for friends of Miami-Dade County Parks and promotional giveaways to parks patrons, bringing community awareness to and celebrating the 90th anniversary of Miami-Dade County Parks in 2019. The Foundation raised **\$24,000** to fund this initiative, elevating the visibility and image of public parks throughout the community.
- In support of youth sports, the Foundation sponsored Miracle League team registrations for adults with disabilities enrolled in Miami-Dade County Parks’ Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Program, provided healthy meals for PlayBall4All participants, and purchased new Youth Girls Softball uniforms.
- A **\$25,000** AvMed grant to the Foundation helped fund Miami-Dade County Parks’ Active Older Adults Program, which engages community residents 55+ in health-improving activities. In 2019, 800 of our county’s older adults participated in this parks program.
- The Foundation provided fiscal sponsorship to the Neat Streets Miami/Million Trees Miami initiative, receiving **\$135,700** in funding that increased Miami-Dade County’s tree canopy, and planted or gave away 3,700 new trees.
- In partnership with Miami-Dade County Parks, the Foundation co-hosted the National Recreation and Park Association Innovation Lab, as industry leaders from around the nation convened here in Miami-Dade County to learn from Miami-Dade Parks’ leadership role in design and resiliency strategies and explore the role of park and recreation agencies.
- The Parks Foundation received **\$25,000** in NFL Green funding, part of a **\$50,000** Legacy Project which implemented green conservation projects throughout Miami-Dade County Parks’ beaches, parks, and natural areas ahead of 2020’s Super Bowl LIV.

These accomplishments advance the mission of the foundation to mobilize dollars and advocacy in continued support Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces, and in this way, help improve and sustain the community’s recreational, health, educational, environmental, and cultural life. We are proud to provide these results.



Parks Foundation
of Miami-Dade

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Health & Fitness

2019 Highlights

2019 AFTER-SCHOOL AND SUMER CAMP PARKS PROGRAMS

Fit2Lead

- In 2019 the Parks Foundation, in partnership with Miami-Dade County Parks and other community partners, continued the expansion of Miami-Dade Parks' nationally recognized **Fit2Lead Youth Development and Internship program**, funded by **Year 2** of the largest grant in Parks Foundation history, a **\$1.8 million, 5-year award (2018-2023)** from the Children's Trust. The evidence-based **Fit2Lead** intervention combats poverty, juvenile delinquency and encourages investment by local commerce back into the community – through parks programs! The expanded Fit2Lead model matches Miami-Dade County's most vulnerable high school students from the identified high-need communities of Goulds, Perrine and Richmond Heights with neighborhood businesses who will serve as employers, community partners and mentors to the teens. It also facilitates yearlong academic support, social-emotional learning and skill-building in job coaching, the arts, sports and college readiness for these teens through their participation in Fit2Lead at Miami-Dade Parks.
- In 2019, **271** youth from high risk populations within the county were registered in the Fit2Lead program, and **65** of these young people were hired as paid park interns. This mentoring and leadership parks program is a national model. Research findings confirm a 31% reduction in juvenile arrests in zip codes where the program was implemented.



Health & Fitness

2019 Highlights

Sports Development

In 2019, the Parks Foundation supported Miami-Dade County Parks' Sports Development programs in providing **1,000+** of Miami-Dade County's children and teenagers with opportunities to develop lifelong healthy habits and build leadership skills. These programs offer opportunities for children and teenagers to learn teamwork through sports, and while participating in a variety of athletic activities including flag football (**240 participants**), basketball (**95 participants**), dance (**180 participants**), and track and field (**60 participants**).

With funding received from its strong community partner The Marlins Foundation, the Parks Foundation supported these programs as follows:

- contributed hundreds of healthy meals for PlayBall4All softball and baseball parks program participants.
- sponsored the registration fees for adults with disabilities enrolled in Miami-Dade Parks' Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Program to play in the Miracle League of Miami-Dade's Spring 2019 season at Tamiami Park, on the first baseball field in Miami-Dade county designed especially for differently abled children and adults.
- purchased Youth Girls Softball Uniforms for the West Perrine Lady Sluggers, a Miami-Dade County parks program

Summer Band Camp

In the summer of 2019, Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade partnered with Miami-Dade County Commission District 9 as fiscal sponsor of South Dade **Summer Youth Band Camp** with a total value of **\$56,300**. Marching bands represent a natural element of football programs, many of which are located in communities struggling with gun violence and other high-risk behaviors in youth. The Summer Youth Band Camp, in existence since 2016, takes hundreds of young people off the streets and provides them with a positive environment to learn not only marching and music, but self-worth and useful life skills.



Health & Fitness

2019 Highlights

Active Older Adults

- Miami-Dade Parks' Active Older Adults programs provide the opportunity for Miami-Dade County's senior citizens to participate in free Yoga, Tai Chi, Zumba Gold, Enhance Fitness, and Cardio Fit Plus exercise classes, with a social component that combats loneliness and isolation in our community's older population.
- In 2019, over **800** Miami-Dade County residents 55 and over participated in the Active Older Adults programs at 8 park locations: Westwind Lakes, Arcola Lakes Senior Center, Continental, Country Village, Deerwood Bonita Lakes, Goulds, Gwen Cherry, and South Dade Parks.
- New programs launched in 2019 include Silver Sneakers Flex Classes, available at Country Village, Deerwood Bonita Lakes, Goulds, Gwen Cherry, and Westwind Lakes Parks.
- In 2019, the Parks Foundation, through an AvMed award, contributed **\$25,000** to **Active Older Adults programming** in Miami-Dade Parks.



Health & Fitness

2019 Highlights

Bike 305

The Parks Foundation partners with Miami-Dade County Mayor's Bike305 initiative and other community partners to help promote cycling as a way to connect people to communities through events and using the existing miles of safe off-road trails, paths, greenways and on-road bikeways that are all part of Miami-Dade County's parks system. Parks Foundation funding helps support Bike305's community events, including bike safety classes and teaching adults and children how to ride a bike.

Every March during Florida Bike Month, which has been designated "Bike305 Month," the Parks Foundation partners with Bike305 and Miami-Dade County Parks to host the signature event, "Bike to Work Day," which kicks off a calendar of cycling activities throughout March. Residents are asked to leave their car keys at home, and join the ride to reduce traffic congestion in Miami-Dade County and experience the stress-relieving health benefits of pedaling a bike. On March 1, 2019, led by Mayor Carlos Gimenez, **350** participants joined a police-escorted 7.5-mile bike ride from Coral Gables to downtown Miami.

In 2019, Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade helped raise **over \$5,000** for **Bike305** programs.



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Drowning Prevention: Learn2Swim

- The Parks Foundation provides scholarships to Miami-Dade County Parks' "Every Lesson Counts" learn-to-swim water safety campaign, with the goal of teaching one million swim lessons annually in the County. This partnership between the Parks Foundation, Miami Dade's Drowning Prevention Coalition, Miami-Dade County Parks, and partnering municipalities, schools, non-profits and private learn-to-swim providers, addresses drowning as the number one cause of death in children under age five in Florida (the highest rate in the nation). Findings indicate that water safety education and swimming lessons are effective ways to prevent drowning incidents.
- To keep the community's children safe around water, the Parks Foundation provided **50 Learn2Swim scholarships** in 2019, for a total value of **\$1,000** at community pools, including the following Miami-Dade Park pools: A.D. Barnes, Rockway, Tropical Estates, Marva Bannerman, Tamiami, Palm Springs North, Little River, Arcola, Gwen Cherry, Sgt. Joseph Delancy, Naranja, West Perrine, and Goulds.

Focus on Parks

- The Parks Foundation purchased lunches and t-shirts for Miami-Dade County middle schoolers who participated in Miami-Dade County Parks' Spring 2019 Focus on Parks Program, which combines exploration of public parks with photography, journalism and self-discovery. Participating youth are provided with cameras and the opportunity to photograph historical and ecological parks. The teens and pre-teens enjoy and take photos of parks' natural areas while kayaking or trail walking. Parks staff provide an overview of the parks' history and natural features. At the end of the experience the children select the favorite images they recorded, then express their ideas and feelings through journaling.



Placemaking 2019 Highlights



Tree Canopies

- In 2019, the **Neat Streets Miami/Million Trees Miami** funded the increase of tree canopy in Miami-Dade County through a total of **\$135,700** in grants awarded to the Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade.
- The **Neat Streets Miami/Million Trees Miami** partnered with the Parks Foundation to lead community volunteer projects and other initiatives that planted over **1,300 new trees** in Miami-Dade County and gave away **2,400 free trees** to residents.
- These trees improve climate resilience and help attract businesses to Miami-Dade. It has been established that improving a community's tree canopy produces numerous benefits, from reducing summer peak temperatures to improving air quality to strengthening social ties among neighbors.
- Trees increase property values and job performance and satisfaction, while reducing energy costs. Research has shown the presence of trees can help reduce crime in a neighborhood.
- Canopy trees enhance a community's resiliency by beautifying and greening resident commutes, pollution absorption, wind protection, noise pollution reduction and storm water retention.

Conservation & Stewardship

2019 Highlights

Community Engagement and Volunteerism in Parks Enhancement

- The Parks Department's P.L.A.C.E. (Parks Leadership and Community Engagement) Program connects people and parks through volunteer service that enhances park facilities such as Crandon Beach, Gwen Cherry, Kendall Indian Hammocks, Seminole Wayside, Tropical, and others throughout the parks system. Signature Service Days are part of the partnership between the Parks Department and Parks Foundation. In addition to community and group volunteer engagement, P.L.A.C.E. also partners with the Parks Foundation by connecting with community partners who provide grant support to the Foundation to support volunteer programs in parks.
- On January 19, 2019 the Parks Department and **80** volunteers from across Miami-Dade County commemorated national Martin Luther King Day of Service at Arcola Lakes Park. The volunteers, including the Miami Dolphins Special Teams volunteer group and the Parks Conservation Corps (PCC), engaged in beautification of the park. Activities included painting the inside of the community center, enhancing the game room at the senior center, landscaping around the community centers, tree mulching, rain barrel decoration, and overall park cleanup. The results of this Signature Service Day at parks included **240 hours of service** coordinated between P.L.A.C.E and the Parks Foundation, for a total volunteer hours value of **\$6,100**. The Parks Foundation helps build the P.L.A.C.E. program's capacity through grants and other charitable contributions awarded to the Foundation.

Sea Turtle Conservation

- Through grant funding from the Sea Turtle Conservancy, the Parks Foundation funded the translation and printing of educational brochures and cautionary sea turtle nesting signs in English, Spanish, Creole, French, Portuguese, and Russian, Miami-Dade County's 5 most spoken languages. These materials were used by staff during sea turtle nesting season to promote awareness and increase protection of sea turtle nests monitored by Miami-Dade County Sea Turtle Conservation Program. The project decreased nesting stake vandalism and enhanced accessibility to sea turtle education to people of diverse backgrounds.



Conservation & Stewardship

2019 Highlights

2019 Resilient Parks Innovation Lab Held in Miami-Dade

- The Parks Foundation partnered with the National Recreation and Park Association and Miami-Dade County Parks to jointly fund, organize and host the **Resiliency Innovation Lab** in Miami-Dade **January 16-18, 2019**. Miami-Dade Parks and Parks Foundation Board members joined park and recreation leaders from across the country to learn about Miami-Dade Parks' design and resiliency strategies, and to explore how communities nationwide can maximize the role of parks and open spaces in providing climate change solutions. Miami was selected as the conference setting because of its location in one of the world's most at-risk coastal areas. Attendees met with funders, policy experts and thought leaders, and conducted site visits throughout Miami-Dade County.



Conservation & Stewardship

2019 Highlights

NFL Green Environmental Initiative

- 2019 saw the return of the NFL Super Bowl to Miami accompanied by *NFL Green*, the NFL's sustainability platform. In partnership with Verizon and the Super Bowl Host Committee, the program aims to reduce the environmental impact of Super Bowl events and leave a Green Legacy in host communities.
- A partnership between NFL Green, the Miami Super Bowl Host Committee, Miami-Dade County Parks, Neat Streets Miami and The Parks Foundation leveraged **\$25,000** awarded by NFL Green to the Parks Foundation into a **\$50,000 Superbowl Legacy Project**: a series of completed community greening projects across Miami-Dade County in the months leading up to Super Bowl LIV. Long-lasting contributions to Miami-Dade County Parks' resiliency included:
- On May 11, 2019, the *NFL Golden Shovel* Event brought together the Miami Super Bowl LIV Host Committee, Miami-Dade County Parks, Miami Dolphins, Verizon Green, the Parks Foundation, and over 75 community volunteers at Miami-Dade County Parks' Crandon Park and Gardens. **11 trees, 250 sea oats, and 54 pollinator plants** were planted in the gardens. In addition, the groups held beach & butterfly gardens clean-ups, removing **100+ pounds** of debris.
- On September 22, 2019, Neat Streets Miami/Million Trees Miami, Miami-Dade Parks, the Parks Foundation, the Superbowl Host Committee, and neighborhood volunteers transformed Glenwood Park in the county's Liberty City Brownsville neighborhood into a community garden space, enhancing this pocket park with 6 mature fruit trees, 2 raised flower beds, over 100 plants, and 1 rainwater barrel. The first 100 residents on-site received a free fruit tree.
- Oct. 26, 2019, 100+ community volunteers joined NFL Green, Miami-Dade County Parks, Verizon, the Parks Foundation, the Super Bowl Host Committee, and TERRA high school's PTSA and students to revitalize the nature preserve at Kendall Indian Hammocks Park with **204 additional trees** and **54 new native plants**.
- On December 3, 2019, NFL Green, Miami Super Bowl Host Committee, Verizon Green, Miami Dolphins, Force Blue Navy Seals, Miami-Dade County Parks, and the Parks Foundation planted **150 trees and 100 native plants** on Pelican Harbor Island. This project included a kayak team-led cleanup that removed over **900 pounds of debris** from the island and a Pelican Harbor Sea Bird Station rehabilitated seagull release ceremony.



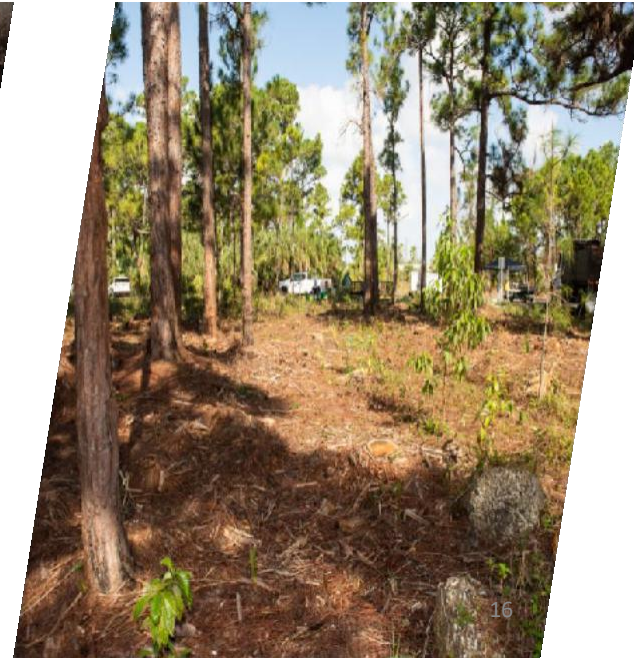
Conservation & Stewardship

2019 Highlights

NFL Green Environmental Initiative (continued):

In the week preceding the big game, **Superbowl LIV Green Week** moved into high gear across Miami-Dade County, as the **\$25,000** funding awarded to the Parks Foundation by NFL Green and leveraged into a \$50,000 NFL Legacy Initiative funded the following additional contributions. ***As a result of this and other community partnerships, the Miami Dolphins won the NFL's Huddle for 100 club competition, a league-wide effort to encourage volunteerism and meaningful contributions throughout the nation. The Dolphins Foundation recognized Miami-Dade County Parks and the Parks Foundation, stating that "your assistance with sharing your volunteer hours made this possible. Thanks for your partnership and help with this amazing win and display of love for our community."***

- On January 14, 2020, Miami-Dade Parks, the Parks Foundation, Verizon Green Team, and the Miami Super Bowl Host Committee completed a natural area restoration and Parks for Pollinator project at A.D. Barnes Park. The project engaged 47 volunteers, including 20 adults with disabilities. Thirty-four (34) trees and shrubs were planted, three (3) new Parks for Pollinator Gardens were established (including 24 pollinator plants), and 10 native ferns were replanted.
- An herb sensory garden with 20 herb variations was created at the A.D. Barnes Leisure Access Center which operates Miami-Dade County Parks' parks programs for adults with disabilities. A living wall element was also installed at the nature center with 47 new native plants for participants to enjoy.
- On January 17, 2020, 114 volunteers planted 20 new and curated specimens of citrus grove plants in raised planter boxes along a new aesthetically pleasing pathway at Redland Fruit and Spice Park. Volunteers also weeded herb gardens, mulched existing trees, and removed invasive plants throughout the park.



Special Parks Events

2019 Highlights

Movie & Music Nights in the Park

- The Foundation partners with Commission District Offices, as requested by Commissioners, to support *Movie Nights in the Park* and *Music Nights in the Park* where families can get together and enjoy a free “Theatre Under the Stars” and other memorable experiences in Miami-Dade Parks. In 2019, Parks Foundation provided support to family events in parks such as Haulover Park, Lake Stevens Park, Oak Grove, and North Trail Park, for a total value of **\$16,200**.

Heritage Festivals in Parks

- The Parks Foundation provided support to heritage and seasonal festivals in park facilities and public spaces in 2019, as requested by Commissioners, for a total value of **\$9,300**. Examples include Black Heritage Festival, Hispanic Heritage Festival, Easter, and Christmas events for the community.



Foundation Financials

Through the generosity of community residents, foundations, corporate partners, and its Board of Directors the Parks Foundation advances its mission to create a healthier, more livable and sustainable Miami-Dade community by ensuring the implementation of the Parks and Open Space Master Plan and the development of year-round equitable and accessible recreation programs for all, with a focus on children, active older adults and people with disabilities.

Statement of Financial Position*

December 31, 2019

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 1,112,607
Accounts receivable	\$ 53,986
Prepaid expenses	\$ 1,025
Investments	<u>\$ 106,286</u>
Total current assets	\$ 1,273,904

LIABILITES

Accounts payable	\$ 1,536
Fiscal sponsorship funds	<u>\$ 207,408</u>
Total liabilities	\$ 208,944

Net Assets

Total net assets	\$ 1,157,880
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 1,366,824

*Official 2019 audited financials are pending



Statement of Activities REVENUE

Donations	\$ 148,939
Grants	\$ 310,796
Sponsorships	\$ 100,500
Investment Income	<u>\$ 19,268</u>
Total	\$ 579,503

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$ 169,037
General Support	<u>\$ 294,608</u>
Total	\$ 463,645

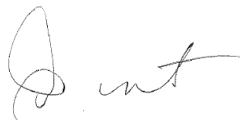
Consistent with national fundraising standards referred to in Section 4(a) of the amended and restated agreement between Miami-Dade County and the Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade, Inc. approved by Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. R-573-15, and the requirements of Chapter 496 of the Florida Statutes, the Foundation provides the Parks Director an annual report that includes audited financial statements complying with OMB Circular A-133; Form 990 including all attachments as filed with the Internal Revenue Service; and a financial report form as filed with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statutes Section 496.407.



Since joining The Parks Foundation as Executive Director almost a year ago, I have been inspired by the many passionate and committed parks employees, volunteers, and donors who dedicate their time, effort and donations to protecting and conserving Miami-Dade County's parks. We are the stewards of parks and open spaces and will continue to champion, protect and care for parks. This will be the legacy we pass on to this and future generations.

I hope you will consider becoming a Parks Champion. You can give back to your parks in a number of ways, through making a donation or by volunteering to help beautify and improve our parks. Volunteers can be individuals or corporate, church, neighborhood, or other types of groups. Your investment in our parks is vital to the health and environmental sustainability of Miami-Dade County. Together we can make an impact and a difference in protecting and preserving Miami-Dade County's parks system. To learn more, please visit LiveAParkLife.org.

Warmly,



Executive Director

Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade
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