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Tree Planting to be Held in Allapattah Area

-Close to 50 volunteers plant 30 live oak and gumbo limbo trees -

MIAMI, FL—As part of the Green Miami campaign to increase the City of Miami tree canopy to 30 percent in the next ten years, the City of Miami VISTA Partnership and the Allapattah NET Office, together with nearly 50 volunteers from Miami Bethany Community Services will be **planting 30 live oak and gumbo limbo trees in Allapattah on Friday, June 27, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. along the route connecting Miami Bethany Community Services and Melrose Park**, between NW 24th to 27th Avenues, and NW 29th to NW 36th Streets.

The Green Miami campaign aims to increase community awareness of the benefits of trees and how to protect them. The campaign is a partnership between Mayor Diaz's Green Commission, the City of Miami, and social service and educational organizations such as Miami Bethany Community Services.

The planting is part of Miami Bethany Community Service's Better Educated Students for Tomorrow (BEST) summer camp. It is a year round out-of-school program that assists at-risk youth of Miami-Dade County ages 5 through 17. BEST provides homework assistance, FCAT preparation, and instruction in reading, math, drama, dance, music, art, life skills, physical fitness, and field trips. The Miami Bethany Community Service summer program is funded by The Children's Trust.

For more information, please contact Vanessa Muñoz at (305) 416-1519 or Julie Irvin at (305) 638-2283.

What: Tree Planting to be held in Allapattah

When: Friday, June 27, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Where: Starting at Miami Bethany Community Services, 2490 NW 35th Street, to Melrose Park, NW 30th Street and NW 25th Avenue

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MEDIA NOTE: Media interested in covering the event are encouraged to contact 305-416-1509.