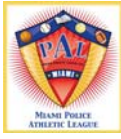


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**THE MIAMI POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE, INC. (PAL)/ TACOLCY  
TRACK AND FIELD TEAM THANKS COMMUNITY SPONSORS BY GIVING  
BACK TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH HELPING THE ELDERLY.**



Thursday, August 13, 2009 – Miami, FL - Today, August 13, 2009, at 2pm, 14 inner-city kids representing the Miami Police Athletic League Tacolcy Track and Field team, will say thank you to their Community Partners who collaborated in sponsoring the team's travel to Des Moines, Iowa, where they competed at the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) Junior Olympic

Games on August 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The kids plan to show their appreciation through community service, by cleaning and landscaping the yard of an elderly resident of the City of Miami, residing at 1791 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Miami, Florida. "This elderly resident is currently immobile and is unable to do any type of manual labor. That's why it is so important that we demonstrate appreciation to our community sponsors by helping those that live within our community" says Ashaala Jenkins, Director of the Miami Police Athletic League. The elderly resident is a client of Coventry/ Vista & Humana, a member of the City of Miami Police Department's CATE program (Crimes Against the Elderly), and is also a client of the 54<sup>th</sup> Street Medical Plaza. For many of these inner-city kids, it was their first time traveling outside of the City of Miami. A very special thank you is expressed to *CBS4 News* for informing the community at large about the Miami PAL Tacolcy Track & Field team, and their need for funding for their first Junior Olympic experience. Chief John F. Timoney and staff will be in attendance as well. The collaboration of Community Sponsors include: *The Dade Community Foundation*, the *South Florida Youth Foundation*, the *54<sup>th</sup> Street Medical Plaza*, *Coventry/Vista & Humana*, *The City of Miami Police Department Personnel*, & *Learning for Success, Inc.*

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**About Miami PAL:** The Miami Police Athletic League (PAL) is a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 Organization that provides an intensive recreational and educational program for youth, ages 7-17 years, to prevent excessive exposure to neighborhood negative influences. PAL encourages inner-city youth from elementary through high school, to utilize their free time after school and on weekends, developing skills in sports and gaining a deep appreciation for stretching their bodies and their minds. The goal of PAL is simple: "Filling Playgrounds, Not Prisons". It is a unique opportunity for youth and Miami police officers to work together in a very positive manner.

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