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Little Havana's First "Mano a Mano" Event with City of Miami Police Was a Success



'Mano a Mano', 'Hand in Hand,' was created to help build a better relationship with the police officers

[MIAMI, FL - November 2, 2018] To help improve relationships and build trust between residents and police officers in Little Havana, Live Healthy Little Havana Community Liaisons recently held an inaugural “Mano a Mano, Hand in Hand” walk. Urban Health Partnerships’ Una Comunidad Conectada (UCC) project, which focuses on increasing

share the vision of a healthy Little Havana.

The event, which began at Jose Martí Park in Little Havana, included opening remarks by Commissioner Eileen Higgins. Representatives for Commissioner Joe Carrollo were in attendance. Commander of the City of Miami Police Department Nerly Papier provided closing remarks about the importance of communicating with the police and understanding the resources available to reach them, either publicly or anonymously. She said, “Siempre piense no solo por usted, sino también por sus hijos, que están creciendo en esta comunidad, always think not just for yourself, but also for your children who are growing in this community.”

Residents participated in interactive activities, engaged with Little Havana Neighborhood Resource Officers, enjoyed refreshments and went on an interactive walk around the park and nearby neighborhoods led by the Community Liaisons. The walk provided an opportunity for residents and police officers to ask and answer any questions. This helped to build trust, connections and provided information about local resources. **The next Mano a Mano event will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018, at 4:15 p.m. at Riverside Park, 99 SW 4th St, Miami, FL 33130.**

Led by Urban Health Partnerships, the Una Comunidad Conectada project is funded by Health Foundation of South Florida, and is implemented in partnership with Live Healthy Little Havana (LHLH). The mission of Health Foundation of South Florida is to be an investor and a catalyst for collaborations, policy and systems change that improves the health of South Florida communities, with a focus on vulnerable, low to moderate-income populations. Established in 1993, the Foundation has awarded over \$125 million to nonprofits providing programs and services in Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. For more information, visit www.hfsf.org or call 305.374.7200.

Images from the first Mano a Mano event on October 11, 2018:

Imágenes del primer evento Mano a Mano el 11 de octubre de 2018:



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