



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Overtown Organizations Celebrate Black History with “Light of Hope”

Student March & Rally

Miami, FL, February 2015

Students from Overtown organizations will be marching through the streets of Overtown on Friday, February 27th in the first annual “Light of Hope” ending with a community rally at 5pm at Gibson Park that includes a moment of silence for children and youth who have lost their lives in the community and a ceremonial release of lanterns.

Bringing positive chants such as “One Heart, One Beat, One Community, WE ARE OVERTOWN!” Touching Miami with Love, Overtown Youth Center, Urgent Inc., Catalyst Miami , Girl Power, and Gibson Park students will be showcasing the positive in celebration of Black History Month to the Overtown community. The closing rally at Gibson Park includes children and youth speakers, the introduction of the “Overtown Handshake,” and lantern release.

“This is a great opportunity for the young people of Overtown to stand together for positive change,” said Touching Miami with Love Overtown Site Director Trina Harris. “Young leaders are growing in the partnering organizations represented and we want to shine a “light of hope” on these young people who are passionate about seeing a different future for themselves.”

Tina Brown, Executive Director of Overtown Youth Center says, “Our goal is to elevate the voices of our children so that they may live in a community that they belongs to them and not to violence. A community in which they can live, play and thrive. It is our goal to teach them the ways of peace so that they can become the light of their community and that they may infiltrate the hearts of those who live in darkness.”

Individuals from neighboring communities are invited to attend this event as they join their voices with Overtown to declare, “We are a Light of Hope!”

WHO: Touching Miami with Love, Overtown Youth Center, Urgent Inc., Catalyst Miami ,
Girl Power, and Gibson Park

WHAT: Light of Hope Community Student March & Peace Rally

WHEN: Friday, February 27, 2015 at 5:00pm

WHERE: Gibson Park, 401 Northwest 12th Street, Miami, FL 33136

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Touching Miami with Love was founded in 1995 and serves over 200 children and youth, Kindergarten to 12th grade, in programs and services in the Overtown and West Homestead community changing the graduation rates and futures of their communities one child at a time.