



2006 News

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ASPIRA 4th Annual Discovery of Puerto Rico Festival and 25th Anniversary of ASPIRA of Florida, Inc.



ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., a non-profit community based youth organization, celebrated the 2006 *Puerto Rican Festival* on Saturday, November 18, 2006. The pictures are students from ASPIRA's Charter Schools & Aspirantes from the Clubs System.



ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., hosted its 4th annual "Puerto Rican Festival" with a **DOUBLE** Celebration: the *Discovery of Puerto Rico* and 25th Anniversary of ASPIRA in Florida. The festivities were held at ASPIRA South, located at 14116 SW 288 Street, Homestead, FL 33033. Approximately 500 people attended.

The mission of ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., is to foster the social advancement of Puerto Rican, Latino, and other young people as they pursue educational excellence, gain leadership skills and apply them to the betterment of the community. ASPIRA supports a wide-range of programs open to all youths and their parents regardless of race, national origin or gender.

Currently, ASPIRA South offers academic advisement, charter school education, college access services, adult basic education, the general education high school diploma, English as a Second Language, computer instruction, citizenship classes and a family literacy program.

The Festival showcased live entertainment, music, dance, arts and crafts, food and activities for the entire family. The community participated by selling arts and crafts at the festival.

We greatly appreciated the contributions of: the Miami-Dade Commissioner Dennis Moss & Aide Maricelys Vazquez, Miami-Dade County Police Department, Sergeant First Class James C. Boggan Jr./U.S. Army, Kimberly Shaw/Miami-Dade College Homestead Campus, Javier Valentin & Maria Vera/Pan-American Grain, Belia Martinez/PEPSI, Investigator Luis E. Martinez/State Attorneys' Office Community Outreach Division, Roberto Sanchez & Marisol Veliz/ Amerigroup Community Care, Sallie Mae & Johnny Espinal / DJ GIZMO.

The Performers were; Students of ASPIRA South Charter School, Shaquille Marcano-Quiles, Diandra Sosa, Perrier Ramos/La Plena Es, Pito Alfonso/DJ GIZMO, Street Dance Troup, ASPIRA North Charter School/Aqui Se Puede! Folkloric Ensemble, El Mexicano, Prince Markie Dee, ASPIRA South Charter School/ Folkloric Parade, Vickynara, 4EVER, La Loba/Sandy La Chica del Reggae and Los Polleros y La Pollera.

The staff invites you again to this special event next year. Bring your friends to learn more about Hispanic heritage. For more information, please contact Ms. Elizabeth Quiles, PR Festival Committee Coordinator at (305) 242-0016, or via fax at (305) 246-3898.

PR Festival Committee Members: Mildred Zephyr, Juan Carlos Rivera, Edwin Omar Colon, Vivian Rowe, Lucy Del Valle, Any Reyner, Carol Nuñez De Sole, Iris N. Corchado, Lesnay Vasquez, and Cristina von Lindenberg.