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South Dade Children's Resource Network staff and partner volunteers set to go door-to-door to prevent child abuse

MIAMI, Fla.—The South Dade Children's Resource Network will initiate a Door-to-Door Campaign, with approximately 20 Network staff and volunteers set to reach out to the community by going home to home informing residents of the services the Network offers.

What: Door-to-Door Campaign

When: Saturday, July 26
10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Where: Kick-off at Bethel Baptist Church
14440 Lincoln Blvd. in Richmond Heights.
Dates for other Network target communities (Goulds, Naranja, Cutler Bay and Perrine) will soon follow.

"We want to take this opportunity to let residents know that we are here to help offer much-needed services right here in their local community," said Dr. Ted Greer, the Network's senior vice president.

The South Dade Children's Resource Network is a new service partnership founded by Kids Hope United that gives vulnerable families a single point of access to appropriate, effective, coordinated services. Services are available to qualifying families on a voluntary basis.

The Network offers community-based support and service navigation through an assigned Family Support Specialist who can assist with issues such as housing/homelessness, mental health, substance abuse, child care and emergency assistance funds.

The initiative, funded by The Children's Trust of Miami-Dade County, rolled out services on May 1 to the communities of Cutler Bay, Goulds, Naranja, Perrine and Richmond Heights. Kids Hope United serves as the lead and fiscal agent for the grant.

The Network will accept self-referrals and referrals from the community through the Network Help Desk at 866.547.1232. The Network expects to serve more than 500 children and their families by March 2009.

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The South Dade Children's Resource Network is funded by The Children's Trust. The Trust is a dedicated source of revenue established by voter referendum to improve the lives of children and families in Miami-Dade County.

