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Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2016 3:42 PM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Stephanie Sylvestre, Chief Programs Officer/Chief Information Officer, The Children's Trust (Gifts) INQ 16-249

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From: Turay, Radia (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2016 3:14 PM
To: 'stephanie@thechildrenstrust.org' <stephanie@thechildrenstrust.org>
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Subject: INQ 16-249 Stephanie Sylvestre, Chief Programs Officer/Chief Information Officer, The Children's Trust (Gifts)

Dear Ms. Sylvestre,

You have inquired whether, in your capacity as Chief Programs Officer/Chief Information Officer of The Children's Trust, you may attend the birthday party and artist seminar in Cuba of an individual, who serves as President/CEO of Opa-locka Community Development Corporation (OLCDC), a service provider of The Children's Trust. The basic facts you have presented thus far are as follows:

- You are the Chief Programs Officer/Chief Information Officer for The Children's Trust
- You were invited to the personal birthday party and artist seminar in Cuba by Willie Logan
- Dr. Logan is the President/CEO of the Opa-locka Community Development Corporation (OLCDC)
- OLCDC is a service provider of the Children's Trust
- You are personally acquainted with Dr. Logan
- It is the personal birthday party of Dr. Logan, independent of the OLCDC
- The invitation is unrelated to any business that the OLCDC has pending before your agency
- You will pay the entire cost of attending including transportation, lodging, meals, any registration fees related to the artist seminar, and any incidentals that may arise during the trip.

Under these circumstances the birthday celebration would not be considered a gift to you since it is customary for individuals that are invited to attend such functions without paying any entry fee, and any gratuitous birthday present that you may present to him is on a personal basis and unconnected to any business being transacted with The Children's Trust. No gift disclosure need be made by in connection with accepting a private birthday celebration invitation. There is no prohibition under the Miami-Dade Code to you attending this event.

This opinion is based on the facts presented. If any of these facts change, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Clarifying question

Greetings,

A provider is having a birthday party and artist seminar in Cuba in February. I would like to attend. Does this create any conflict? I am paying 100% of the cost to attend including attending the party and seminar.

Thanks,

Stephanie Sylvestre

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