
INQ 16- 85 Copeland

From: Copeland, Morris (JAC)
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 12:41 PM
To: Ethics (COE) <ethics@miamidade.gov>
Cc: Turay, Radia (COE) <Radia.Turay@miamidade.gov>; Perez, Martha D. (COE) <perezmd@miamidade.gov>; Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE) <GDIAZGR@miamidade.gov>
Subject: Re: INQ 16- 85 Morris Copeland, Director of Juvenile Services (MDC) (Gifts)

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 15, 2016, at 12:16 PM, Ethics (COE) <ethics@miamidade.gov> wrote:

From: Copeland, Morris (JAC)
Sent: Monday, February 29, 2016 12:25 PM
To: Ethics (COE) <ethics@miamidade.gov>
Subject: FW: Melissa Institute Peace, Harmony & Moonlight Event
Director Copeland:

You have inquired regarding whether you may accept complimentary tickets offered by The Melissa Institute to attend its Peace, Harmony & Moonlight Event on March 17. The Melissa Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study and prevention of violence through education, community service, research support and consultation. Its mission is to prevent violence and promote safer communities through education and application of research-based knowledge. You have indicated that to your knowledge the Institute is not a County contractor, vendor or service provider; does not lobby your agency; and is not the recipient of County grants. The agency has provided work products free of charge to the County and school system for analyzing crime data and victimization.

From what you have indicated, I see no reason why you should not accept the complimentary tickets offered by the Melissa Institute. Section 2-11.1(e) of the County Ethics Code does not prohibit the acceptance of gifts as long as they are not provided in connection with any County decision or action that you may be taking in your official role. Because the complimentary tickets are provided to you due to your public position, and include entry to Fairchild Tropical Garden, dinner and a tour, they are considered a gift to you under County ordinance, and, in the event that the value of the gift exceeds \$100.00 you would be required to report it on a County Gift Disclosure Form, or, if you file annual disclosure on State Form 1, on a State Gift Disclosure Form. If there is a ticket price for people who attend from the general public then that value may be used to calculate the value of the gift, minus any portion that may be applicable to a donation to the Institute. If there is no charge, then you should inquire concerning the approximate cost per person for the purpose of determining whether gift disclosure is required.

Sincerely,

Joe Centorino

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Good afternoon,

I am forwarding this correspondence to determine if I can accept the invitation to attend the event aforementioned in the email below.

Thanks

From: Snyder Aaron [<mailto:Snyder.Aaron@bcg.com>]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 9:16 PM
To: Copeland, Morris (JAC)
Cc: Rosa Nancy
Subject: Melissa Institute Peace, Harmony & Moonlight Event

Morris,

Hope all is well! BCG is once again supporting the Melissa Institute's Peace, Harmony & Moonlight event taking place on Thursday, March 17th. If you have not yet been before; it is truly a great event - for a worthy cause - in a spectacular setting. Our donation includes a table for 10 and we would be delighted if you (with or without an S/O) could join us. Details for the event are noted below; let me know if you can make it.

Look forward to hearing from you; please also copy Nancy on your reply.

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2016
Loc: Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden | 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables
Event: Peace, Harmony & Moonlight (to benefit The Melissa Institute)
Time: 6:00pm Reception & Silent Auction
6:00-7:30 Special Tram Tour of the Garden
8:00pm Dinner

Best,
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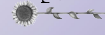
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The Melissa Institute
For Violence Prevention and Treatment



Peace, Harmony & Moonlight

On St. Patrick's Day!

Thursday, March 17, 2016



Peace

The Melissa Institute for Violence Prevention and Treatment is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to prevent violence and promote safer communities through education and application of research-based knowledge. The Institute was established to honor the memory of Melissa Aptman, who was murdered on May 5, 1995. Our goal is to reduce the incidence of violence. Our hope is for peace.

Harmony

Beautiful live music will caress your ears as soft breezes whisper around you. Come wine and dine with friends old and new. It's a gathering that promotes harmony — the kind you hear and the kind you feel.

Moonlight

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden at night is a magical place. Take a special tram ride through the garden in the moonlight as you view sculpture by internationally renowned artists. It promises to be a peaceful, memorable evening that will linger with you long after the moonlight has faded.

Come to a St. Patrick's Day Party Under the Stars! Peace, Harmony & Moonlight

Thursday, March 17, 2016

6 p.m. • Reception & Silent Auction
6-7:30 p.m. • Special Tram Tour of the Garden
8 p.m. • Dinner

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables

RSVP by March 10, 2016
Seating is limited; please reply quickly

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