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**The Bayfront Park Management Trust Partners
with Camillus House & Health on Lazarus Project**

The Bayfront Park Management Trust has partnered with Camillus House & Health on the Lazarus Project initiative. The goal of the Lazarus Project is to provide specialized behavioral outreach throughout the city of Miami, including Bayfront Park, to the chronically homeless population, providing medical care and supportive services that lead to housing and self-sufficiency for program clients. A team from Camillus House & Health is on-site at Bayfront Park helping address these issues with expanded outreach. Team members are engaging, building relationships and helping to obtain housing, shelter and day services for those in need. The team offers showers by inviting them to Camillus House. The team also helps with laundry and other activities of daily living, getting the homeless to utilize the resources that Camillus House & Health has to offer rather than utilizing Bayfront Park.

This specialized outreach initiative also engages, assesses, treats (medically and mentally) and secures supportive permanent housing placement for persons who are chronically homeless and vulnerable or both, specifically in Bayfront Park. Through coordinated street outreach activities, the project engages persons experiencing homelessness at Bayfront Park and facilitates access to the healthcare and social services delivery system. The project addresses their immediate health needs, and ultimately any long-term chronic conditions, and provides mental health treatment and navigation to benefits with the end goal of stabilized housing. The project targets the chronically homeless, particularly those identified as the most service-resistant and having severe mental disorders, cognitive and other disabilities as well as chronic illness.

Bayfront Park Management Trust Chairman, Miami Commissioner Frank Carollo observed, "This Partnership between Camillus House and the Trust demonstrates both organizations' commitment to our community's less fortunate. And, we're optimistic that a difference will be made in the lives we touch." In response to the growing need for behavioral health services among persons who are chronically homeless in Miami, Camillus House & Health has expanded the number of psychiatric prescribers from one and half to six over the past year. Individuals reached through this critical outreach initiative also have access to the full range of medical and social services offered by Camillus House & Health, which include primary and psychiatric care, dental care, podiatry, dermatology, housing, showers, meals, therapeutic classes, and other related activities. The goal is to help this vulnerable population break the cycle of homelessness through engagement, treatment and ultimately by providing supportive housing.

For more information on Camillus House & Health, please visit www.camillus.org

The Bayfront Park Management Trust was created in 1987, by the Miami City Commission, to manage Bayfront and Museum Parks "for the purpose of ensuring maximum community utilization and enjoyment." The Trust receives no government support for its operations, supporting all of its efforts through earned income.

The nine (9) member board is led by Commissioner Frank Carollo.