



CITY OF DORAL

Office of the City Manager

Letter to Council

LTC No.: 112-2017

To: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Edward A. Rojas, City Manager

Date: October 12, 2017

Subject: **Disney on Wheels – Children’s Rehab Network Partnership**

This Letter to Council (LTC) is to inform the Mayor and City Council-members of the Doral Police Department Neighborhood Resource Unit’s (NRU) continued community policing efforts in serving our community stakeholders.

The Neighborhood Resource Unit (NRU) has been supporting the Children’s Rehab Network since the inception of the Department. The Children’s Rehab Network cares for children ages newborn to 21 years old whose conditions require continuous nursing, education, and therapeutic care. They work to help stabilize and improve a medically fragile child’s condition and to assist the family as much as possible. Parents get help so they can return to work, go back to school, or care for their other children.

This year the Lil Abner Foundation is organizing and sponsoring a “Disney on Wheels” trip for sixteen (16) of the children in the Children’s Rehab Network. The kids are special needs kids that are medically fragile and they will be accompanied by a nurse, doctors and their parents. Their life expectancies are less than that of an average teenager and this opportunity to go to Disney may be a once in a lifetime opportunity for these families. Officers Luis Martinez and Felix Delgado, representing the Doral Police Department, will be participating in the event using their own time. The Officers will depart on Friday, November 3, 2017 and return on Sunday, November 5, 2017. The willingness of our Officers to participate on their own time demonstrates a great deal of compassion for these children and strengthens our bond with the community.

Note: The Children's Rehab Network and the Lil Abner Foundation have provided a release/waiver form for the trip exempting our two (2) Police Officers and the City of Doral from any liability during the "Disney on Wheels" trip.

Through the NRU's community policing efforts and other community policing programs, the city of Doral has generated goodwill and loyalty among its residents and developed effective working relationships with both residents and business owners. Through participation in these initiatives and other programs, residents come to possess a true understanding of the added value of a professionally managed, community-focused police department and of their own roles in helping to maintain a high quality of life in their communities.

If you should have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the City Manager's Office or Donald De Lucca, Police Chief.

c: Albert P. Childress, Deputy City Manager
 Donald W. De Lucca, Police Chief