



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### ***Aventura City of Excellence School***

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ACES Special Events/Projects

## **ACES PROVIDES HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF TO THOSE IN NEED**

Aventura City of Excellence School students, staff and families came together to help those that recently suffered tragic losses due to Hurricane Ike's catastrophic events in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

ACES Parent, Scott Ziluck and Marisol Masferrerz said, "It broke our hearts to see how much people were suffering. Our kids and their friends at ACES really wanted to do something special to help. The school, students and families backed our efforts 100% to initiate a program. They researched organizations where ACES donations would be the most beneficial and selected "Food for the Poor." After renting a truck, daily non perishable goods and items were collected at ACES front desk for the past 2 weeks through the aid of administration, students and families. The ACES truckload of non perishable items was dropped off to "Food for the Poor." ACES Vice Principal, Daniel Sandberg said, "There's no end to what our ACES Caring Community can accomplish when we work together to assist those in need. Our students and families serve as role models to teach others that social responsibility counts. Our students take great pride in their contributions to help improve the quality of life for others"

#### **About ACES:**

Aventura City of Excellence School (ACES), established in 2003, serves 900 students grades Kindergarten through eighth grade as the first municipal-sponsored school in Miami-Dade County. ACES' Middle School Wing opened in August 2005 and filled to capacity in August 2007. ACES has achieved an A status for the past four years and is considered a Leader in

"Educational Best Practices," teaching the "whole child," known for its innovative programming. ACES maintains a low student-teacher ratio, state of the art facilities, advanced technology, a safe environment for students to learn, a values-based Education and a progressive curriculum; including programs for Gifted Students, Exceptional Student Education (ESE), English as a Second Language (ESOL), and Before and After School Care. In addition, ACES offers many unique programs for students and families including; "Special Interest Clubs," After School Sports, Art and Drama Programs, Parenting Workshops and a Middle School Leadership Speaker Series for students and families featuring leading entrepreneurs and an Authors Series. ACES won first place for the "Best Garden" in the Fairchild Botanical Garden Exchange for two years in a row. In addition, ACES has also won a State Innovation Award, State School of Character Award, ranked as a National Finalist for the prestigious National Schools of Character Awards and has won five National Character Education Promising Practices Awards. ACES has been honored as one of the highest ranking combination schools (i.e. Elementary and Middle School) in the State of Florida and in the district. For more information, visit ACES school Web Site at [www.aventuracharter.org](http://www.aventuracharter.org) or call 305-466-1499.