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ACES AND THE MIAMI DOLPHINS DEMONSTRATE "COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY COUNTS"

AVENTURA, FLORIDA — Aventura City of Excellence School, (ACES), Middle School Leadership Speakers Series reinforces values that lead to success by bringing "Leading Entrepreneurs and Authors" to ACES to educate, motivate and inspire students and families.

Dolphins CEO, Mike Dee rocked the ACES community by bringing a popular team of well known Dolphin figureheads to demonstrate that "community counts" in any successful organization. ACES families came out in droves for an exciting and inspiring evening out with over 350 people attending. Dee, new to the Dolphins this year, came to South Florida and the NFL after a distinguished 15-year career in Major League Baseball, where he played a lead role in the resurgence of two franchises and was a member of two World Series Championship teams. He shared the Dolphins philosophy of reaching out to the community fans by getting more involved. ACES students and families were thrilled to get an opportunity to meet Pro-Dolphin football rookie Brian Hartline, radio show host Jimmy Cefalo, the "Voice of the Dolphins" and Dolphin mascot TD. Dee discussed his desire to put a team on the field that's worthy of the fans' support, his goals to compete in the playoffs and to enhance the fans experience at Land Shark Stadium by being active participants in the community. Hartline told students, "To be successful you must stay focused and be well-balanced." Students and parents alike enjoyed asking the Dolphin celebrities a myriad of questions, getting their autographs and taking photos with them.

Later ACES Principal, Ms. Alm was presented with a \$1,500 check from the Golden Rule Foundation's *Healthy Kids, Healthy Character and Healthy Aging Program* joining hands with Consulate HealthCare, Medline, United HealthCare, Laboratory Corporation of America, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Conte of the Seniors First Organization. Golden Rule CEO, Henry Vales presented the check to ACES for its Intergenerational Learning initiatives. He also brought highly respected 1972 Dolphin Pro-Football player Bob Kuechenberg to emphasize the evening's Dolphins and Intergenerational theme.

ACES Intergenerational Learning Program puts "Seniors First" through school and city-wide service learning projects and activities that bring students and seniors together to share meaningful experiences. Mr. Vales said, "Each older person is a precious resource. When we lose an older adult, we lose a library of experience, knowledge and wisdom."

