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The Youth Fair's Tadpole the Clown visits Children's Hospitals across Miami

MIAMI, FL – April 7, 2014 - The Youth Fair's favorite clown, Tadpole, made rounds, delivering bright smiles and laughter to the pediatric patients and families recently at Baptist Children's Hospital and Holtz Children's Hospital. Tadpole the Clown is always a crowd favorite and has been a part of The Youth Fair's strolling entertainment for many years. He explores the fairgrounds every day to make new friends. Tadpole made a surprise visit to the children, where the youngsters also received a special treat.

"Reaching out to the Miami-Dade community has always been a huge part of The Youth Fair's mission and we are always delighted when Tadpole the Clown is able to visit and spend time with children who are not able to visit us", said Bob Hohenstein, President and CEO. "For many years, Tadpole has done a magnificent job of making each and every youngster, especially those that are ill, feel very special."

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The 2015 Youth Fair debuts on Thursday, March 19, 2015. The Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, known for generations as The Youth Fair, is a state of Florida

chartered, private, not-for-profit organization that has donated well over \$10 million in scholarships, awards and cash premiums to Miami-Dade County students and is dedicated to supporting education, showcasing youth achievement and promoting South Florida agriculture.

Baptist Children's Hospital brings together all healthcare services for children from birth to age 18. At Baptist Children's Hospital, more than 200 pediatricians including pediatric subspecialists, backed by pediatric-trained nurses and support personnel, offer their expertise in nearly every field. Among the services are a 24-hour Children's Emergency Center with child-sized equipment; intensive care units for newborns and youngsters; orthopedics, cancer, cystic fibrosis and heart disease. For more information about Baptist Children's Hospital, please visit BaptistHealth.net/Kids or call 786-596-KIDS (5437).

Holtz Children's Hospital at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center is one of the largest children's hospitals in the southeast United States and, in collaboration with the Miami Transplant Institute, is one of three centers in the country that specializes in pediatric multi-organ transplants. Holtz Children's is also home to one of the nation's largest neonatal intensive care units, producing some of the best medical outcomes in the United States. The Schatzi Kassal Project: New Born Neonatal Intensive Care Unit is a regional referral facility with 126 beds, 66 of which compose Florida's largest Level 3 facility to care for the most critically ill infants. In addition, Holtz Children's has more than 100 leading physicians from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine's globally-admired pediatrics faculty on staff – more than any other hospital in South Florida. For 2013-14, Holtz Children's was ranked among "America's Best Children's Hospitals" by U.S. News & World Report for gastroenterology and GI surgery, nephrology, neonatology, urology, cardiology and heart surgery, and diabetes and endocrinology. For more information visit www.jacksonhealth.org and www.fairexpo.com.

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