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THE YOUTH FAIR RAISES NEARLY \$50,000 TO BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY STUDENTS

Concessionaires Hosted The 2nd Annual Red Thornberry & Miami-Dade County Youth Fair Scholarship Golf Classic & 2nd Annual Surf 'N Turf

MIAMI, FL – April 13, 2016 - Concessionaires of The Youth Fair united for the second year in a row to organize the 2nd Annual Red Thornberry & Miami-Dade Youth Fair Scholarship Golf Classic and the 2nd Annual Surf 'N Turf. Proceeds from sponsorship packages and tickets from both events benefited the scholarship fund for Miami-Dade County students, raising nearly \$50,000.

The 2nd Annual Red Thornberry & Miami-Dade Youth Fair Scholarship Golf Classic included a scramble format golf tournament including 18 holes of Championship Golf, barbeque buffet, fun bags for all players and door prizes. The golf tournament was named in honor of Red Thornberry, who was a game vendor at the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair beginning in 1993. Mr. Thornberry began his career in the game business in 1947 and especially loved The Youth Fair. His son, Billy Thornberry, now carries on in his father's footsteps as one of the Youth Fair's current game vendors.

The 2nd Annual Surf 'N Turf Fest Scholarship Fundraiser treated participants to fresh lobster tail and savory meat accompanied coleslaw together with corn on the cob, a Youth Fair favorite. The Surf 'N Turf Fest took place at the Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition grounds – vendors, concessionaires, sponsors and Fair employees were all invited to attend.

"We are excited to have been able to bring back these fundraisers for a second year, we appreciate everyone who contributed to this scholarship fund and the dedication of those who organized these great events benefiting the community", said Bob Hohenstein, president and CEO.

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Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enriching our community by promoting education and South Florida agriculture, while showcasing and rewarding youth achievement. The organization accomplishes this by producing the first-class annual Youth Fair with quality entertainment, and providing facilities and resources for numerous other events throughout the year.

The Youth Fair works closely with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department to bring fresh opportunities to children from pre-kindergarten to high school seniors. The result is year-round programs in academics, the fine arts, agriculture, summer camps and sports. This new golf tournament will help increase the funds available for scholarships.

About the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition

The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition (The Youth Fair) is the largest charity event in South Florida. The not-for-profit association is dedicated to promoting education and agriculture while showcasing and rewarding youth achievement and providing quality family entertainment, all without taxpayer dollars. The annual Youth Fair exhibits more than 53,000 student projects to more than 650,000 Youth Fair guests and awards more than \$300,000 annually in college scholarships, cash premiums and awards to students. To date, The Youth Fair has presented well above \$10 million to the Miami-Dade community. It was recognized as the 2015 Leisure & Entertainment Services Firm of the Year by the Latin Builder's Association, was named as the 2015 Non-Profit Organization of the Year by the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and was awarded the 2015 Diamond Award for Outstanding Hospitality Entity by the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce. The Fair Exposition Center, which is the second largest convention center in Miami-Dade County, hosts an additional 70 community events each year. Visit fairexpo.com or call 305-223-7060.

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