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THE YOUTH FAIR'S TADPOLE THE CLOWN BROUGHT JOY TO BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND HOLTZ CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Children Were Surprised With Laughter and Smiles At Both Hospitals

MIAMI, FL – April 2016 - The Youth Fair's popular Tadpole the Clown made his rounds delivering bright smiles and laughter to the pediatric patients and families at Holtz Children's Hospital and Baptist Children's Hospital during two separate visits. His special surprise took place at Holtz Children's Hospital on March 24th and Baptist Children's Hospital on March 30th, where patients also received a special treat as a part of Tadpole's visit.

"We were excited to extend our celebration of 65 years of smiles outside of the fairgrounds to children who were not able to visit us this year," said Bob Hohenstein, president and CEO.

Tadpole the Clown is always a crowd favorite and has been a part of The Youth Fair's strolling entertainment for more than 18 years. Tadpole the Clown along with his clown partner, Katie are professional clowns, magicians and entertainers who engaged in daily adventures while exploring the Fairgrounds, saying hello to old friends and making new friends. The clowns use a number of vehicles and props to treat and entertain guests. He lives in the Peanut Capitol of the World - Sylvester, Ga. Tadpole is a Georgia Certified Firefighter and Fire Safety Instructor. He is a graduate and instructor of Clown School on the Road and a graduate of the Georgia Fire Academy Clown School. He has performed all over the U.S. and Canada with audience participation, laughter, and miles and miles of smiles.

The Youth Fair runs from March 17 – April 10, 2016, except March 28-29 and April 4-5 at Tamiami Park, which has been its home for 44 years, located at Coral Way (SW 24th Street) & SW 107th Avenue.

Gates open at 3:00 p.m. March 17, 18, 30, 31, April 1, 6 & 7. Gates open at 12, noon all other operating days. Admission at the gate is \$14 with free admission all day, every operating day for guests 5 years and younger and guests 65 years and better. Admission is also free all day for active duty and retired military personnel (with valid military ID) on Opening Day, March 17 and each Wednesday. Returning in 2016 is The Youth Fair 21-Day Admission Pass, which allows guests to pay \$25 for one admission each operating day and includes one free Souvenir Cup. Additional discount offers and coupons are available at www.FairExpo.com. Parking is free every day, all day. The Pay One Price Unlimited Ride Card is \$28 weekdays, \$35 on weekends at the fairgrounds.

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The Youth Fair offers many amenities for families including stroller and wheelchair rental, lost and found, paved walkways, convenient sitting areas, lush landscaping, restroom and diaper changing facilities and more. Sponsors include Coca-Cola, South Florida Ford and Sedano's Supermarkets. For more information, visit www.FairExpo.com or call (305) 223-7060.

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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