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**THE DADE COUNTY (FL) CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INC. PARTNERS WITH
HIS HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOME TO ADDRESS CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION**

MIAMI – The Dade County (FL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated has joined with HIS HOUSE Children's Home to implement a series of workshops as part of curriculum focused on Childhood Obesity Prevention. The partnership targets children ages 7-11 that are enrolled at the HIS HOUSE Academy. HIS HOUSE Academy teachers will incorporate the childhood obesity curriculum into their overall academic program, and members of the Dade County (FL) Chapter of The Links, Inc. will facilitate scheduled sessions, from January through April, implementing specific modules of the curriculum. Some of the session topics include building better bodies, making wise choices, selecting nutrient rich foods, and celebrating your healthier family.

"Childhood obesity is a serious concern," said Barbara Edwards, Chapter President. "The Dade County (FL) Chapter of The Links, Inc. is excited to join with First Lady Michelle Obama and the nation in bringing awareness to a serious problem, while also teaching the importance of making healthy choices."

For more information about the partnership, please contact Dr. Barbara J. Edwards, President, Dade County (FL) Chapter of The Links, Inc., at bedwards@fmuniv.edu or Ms. Jeris Smith, Program Coordinator, Dade County (FL) Chapter of The Links, Inc., at jerissmith@comcast.net.

ABOUT THE LINKS, INC.

The Links, Incorporated, founded in 1946, is one of the oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of women who are committed to enriching and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry. The Links, Inc. has a membership of over 12,000 professional women. The Dade County (FL) Chapter, The Links, Inc. is celebrating more than two decades of service to the Miami-Dade community. In June 2011, the Dade County (FL) Chapter, The Links, Inc. will reach a milestone, celebrating 25 years of friendship and service.

ABOUT HIS HOUSE ACADEMY

HIS HOUSE Academy offers at-risk students in grades 3K through 8 a faith-based private school education in a small classroom setting. In a trauma-sensitive learning environment, the Academy is committed to providing each child with the care and attention necessary for consistent behavioral and academic development. Partially funded by The Children's Trust, the after-school enrichment program includes: music, dance, and aviation exploration.

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