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**Elevate Miami and Miami Dade College Launch FREE Computer Classes at 5 City Locations
Monitored Lab Hours also Available for Area Residents**

MIAMI, FL, May 14, 2008 - The City of Miami's Elevate Miami program, in partnership with Miami Dade College, are proud to announce the launching of FREE computer training classes at 5 area locations. Classes geared to the working-age adult and senior citizen population will be offered at Technology Learning Centers city-wide. This program is sponsored by *Microsoft* through a grant program called *Unlimited Potential*. Miami Dade College School of Community Education instructors, along with Miami Dade College students, provide the training and support for program participants. The City of Miami provides program oversight and administration.

A variety of FREE classes from computer basics to keyboarding to navigating the internet are available, and computer classes are offered at various times on different days of the week; please visit www.elevatemiami.com for more information. People interested in participating can register for a class at one of the following Technology Learning Center locations:

1. **Jose Martí Park** (351 SW 4 Street, Miami, FL) – 305-575-2103
2. **Curtis Park** (1901 NW 24 Avenue, Miami, FL) – 305-634-4961
3. **Reeves Park** (600 NW 10 Street, Miami, FL) – 305-579-6970
4. **Armbrister Park** (236 Grand Avenue, Miami, FL) – 305-442-0376
5. **Sisters & Brothers Forever Senior Center** (1925 SW 8 Street, Miami, FL) – 305-631-0700

In addition to the free classes, Technology Coaches are also available at each of these locations to provide assistance in using computer technology. Examples of assistance include setting up email accounts, help with navigating the internet, practice with using the various parts of the computer and more. See schedule below for a listing of monitored lab hours at the 5 Technology Learning Center locations:

Technology Learning Center	Monitored Lab Hours
Jose Martí Park	Monday & Wednesday: 5 – 8 PM Friday: 9 AM – 12 PM, 5 – 8 PM

	Saturday: 12 – 4 PM
Curtis Park	Tuesday & Thursday: 5 – 8 PM Friday: 9 AM – 12 PM, 5 – 8 PM Saturday: 9 AM – 12 PM
Reeves Park	Monday through Friday: 10 AM – 2 PM
Armbrister Park	Tuesday through Thursday: 5 – 8 PM
Sisters & Brothers Forever Senior Center	Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 10 AM – 2 PM Tuesday & Thursday: 12 – 1 PM

About Elevate Miami:

Created under the leadership of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, Elevate Miami prepares all residents and businesses of Miami for a leadership position in the global economy, establishing public and private partnerships that facilitate affordable technology, including mobile and low-cost internet access, employable skills sets and economic opportunities for all Miamians. The program is a comprehensive, life-long approach focused on the accessibility and affordability of technology and free training for youth, adults, senior citizens and small businesses. For more information, visit us at www.elevatemiami.com or contact 305-416-1538.

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