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**RED CROSS W.H.A.L.E. TALES WEEKEND AT MIAMI SEAQUARIUM GETS
THE WORD OUT ABOUT WATER SAFETY FOR KIDS**

**Kids learn water safety tips during annual event at Miami Seaquarium on
Saturday, May 5th and Sunday, May 6th, 2007**

MIAMI, FL – April 16, 2007 – In an effort to teach kids water safety, Miami Seaquarium, Palmetto General Hospital and Miami-Dade County Public Schools join forces with the American Red Cross of Greater Miami & the Keys to host W.H.A.L.E. (**W**ater **H**abits **A**re **L**earned **E**arly) Tales, a water safety program for children. The annual event will take place at Miami Seaquarium on Saturday, May 5th and Sunday, May 6th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. During the weekend, in addition to the regularly scheduled shows and exhibits at Miami Seaquarium, kids and their parents will receive discounted admission and will learn important water safety tips in a fun and interactive way.

“Florida has one of the highest unintentional drowning death rates in the nation for the one to four year old age group. W.H.A.L.E. Tales is designed to teach children water safety so that these statistics can be improved considerably,” said Michelle Jantz, Health and Safety Director for the American Red Cross Broward County and Greater Miami and The Keys. “As the summer months approach, the Red Cross reminds parents and their kids the importance of knowing how to be safe in, on and around water.”

Invitation coupons offering one child to enter for free with a \$15 paid adult admission will be distributed to more than 230,000 Miami-Dade County Public School children in Grades K - 5. In addition, 50 percent off coupons also can be found in select South Florida publications.

During the weekend, Miami Seaquarium will donate \$1 to the American Red Cross for each W.H.A.L.E. Tales coupon paid admission. Plus, Palmetto General Hospital on behalf of Tenet Healthcare Foundation will donate \$3,000 to the American Red Cross of Greater Miami and the Keys for their water safety program.

Longfellow's W.H.A.L.E. Tales was created by the American Red Cross to teach children Grades K-5 water safety. The program offers guidelines for staying safe while having fun while in close contact with water.

The American Red Cross is a non-profit, humanitarian organization, which provides relief to victims of disaster and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. For more information about American Red Cross Water Safety Awareness Programs call 1-866-797-7990.

Palmetto General Hospital, part of Tenet's Miami-Dade/Broward Health Network, is a 360-bed acute-care hospital located at 2001 West 68th Street in Hialeah, Florida. The hospital has served the medical and health care needs of Northwest Miami-Dade and Southwest Broward counties for more than 30 years. Palmetto General Hospital offers a broad range of services, including adult and pediatric emergency rooms, maternity, mental health, cancer center, hyperbaric, wound care, sleep disorders center, a cardiac program that includes both medical and surgical services and a bariatric program that has been designated a Center of Excellence by the American Society for Bariatric Surgery. Palmetto General Hospital is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency. The hospital has earned a five-star rating and is ranked among the top five percent of hospitals in the nation

for maternity care by HealthGrades, a health care quality ratings company, and is one of only 34 hospitals nationwide to earn Solucient's 100 Top Hospitals(r) designation six or more times. To learn more about Palmetto General Hospital, visit www.palmettogeneral.com.

Miami Seaquarium, South Florida's most popular tourist attraction, is a family-oriented marine-life park open to the public 365 days a year. The park provides visitors with a greater understanding and appreciation for marine life through shows, presentations and marine-life exhibits. Miami Seaquarium is an accredited member of the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums, an international organization committed to the care and conservation of marine mammals. Accreditation by the Alliance means this facility meets or exceeds all the standards of excellence for marine mammal care, husbandry, conservation and education. For Summer Camp enrollment or additional information, please call 305-361-5705, ext. 207 or 298. Summer Camp information & registration forms are available on our website at www.miamiseaquarium.com.

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