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City of Coral Gables  
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Dear Ms. Olazabal,

Please let me introduce myself, Denise Dixon, Development Manager of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, South Florida Chapter. I coordinate the seven walk events held all over South Florida in efforts to create awareness and raise funds for local programs and research towards a cure for MS.

On Saturday, April 5, 2014 The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, South Florida Chapter will be holding the Coral Gables MS Walk and MS 5K Race at the Park at City Hall. More than 1,400 walkers and runners are expected to participate and help raise \$865,000 in support of direct services for people living with MS. Through the support of local sponsors and the community we are able to dedicate the money fundraised from the Walk MS and Run to the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; with that I am requesting that the City of Coral Gables parking fees be waived for the organization.

The success of Walk MS and Run highly depends on the access from the parking garage on the corner of Andalusia and SW 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave to the event site; primarily because many participants use canes, wheelchairs, or scooters for assistance. The organization has been very appreciative of the fees being waived for the past three years. Another parking area that is used for the event is metered parking on Biltmore Way. Biltmore Way is closed off during the event and used as the Start/Finish area between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. There are about 25 metered spaces between both sides of Biltmore Way. The Special Events Department indicated that we will be charged for these spaces. Any assistance in helping waive the parking fees will be much appreciated.

For over 25 years Coral Gables has hosted Walk MS and we look forward to continuing the partnership as move closer to cure for MS. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at 954-731-4224 x3912 or [denise.dixon@nmss.org](mailto:denise.dixon@nmss.org). Thank you very much for your support in joining the movement against MS.

Warmest regards,



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