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### **Branches Partners with The Miami Foundation to Help At-Risk Youth Succeed**

Branches, Inc. has been partnering with The Miami Foundation for over 10 years, and has received more than \$250,000 in grant funding to support its programs focused on providing opportunity to low-income families and breaking the cycle of generational poverty.

Most recently, Branches, Inc. was awarded a grant by The Miami Foundation of \$20,000 to support its Climb to College & Career initiative which focuses on postsecondary success. The program is designed to prepare and assist Branches' high school students from low-income communities who attend lower performing schools to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviors necessary to be successful in high school and beyond.

Branches is a local non-profit organization serving Miami-Dade County and primarily focuses on student services and financial stability. Its Grow Program serves elementary students, preparing them for lifelong success through enrichment of their minds, bodies and hearts. The Climb Program serves middle and high school students, focusing on the development of their individual assets in order to maximize opportunities to become better students and better people. Branches' Achieve Programs target the well-being of the entire community through services fostering financial stability and long term success. Services include the ASSETS small business solutions program, the Ways to Work car loan program for working families, free VITA tax preparation and hunger relief. Branches is also proud to house and operate the United Way Center for Financial Stability (UWCFS).

"We are honored to partner with The Miami Foundation. The Foundation is truly making a lasting difference in Greater Miami," said Brent McLaughlin, Executive Director of Branches, Inc. "We are excited to bring impactful programming and services to the children, youth and families in our communities and to help them succeed in the long-term."

#### **About Branches**

For over 40 years, Branches has made a positive impact in the community by delivering on its mission to serve, educate and inspire people through student, family and financial stability services. Branches provides long-term, holistic services for motivated individuals and families. We help people grow deeper and climb higher in life by building a foundation through education so they can achieve their goals and fulfill their potential. For additional information about Branches, please call 305.442.8306 or visit <http://www.branchesfl.org>

#### **About the Miami Foundation**

The Miami Foundation partners with donors to champion their causes and improve local quality of life. Since 1967, we've done this by taking leadership on civic issues, investing in our community and nurturing philanthropy. Thanks to our more than 1,000 donors, we currently manage over \$360 million in assets and have made almost \$300 million in grants that create opportunities for residents, make Miami-Dade County more resilient and foster home-grown creativity. Learn more at [miamifoundation.org](http://miamifoundation.org)