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Branches' 19th Annual Thanksgiving to Deliver Nearly 5,000 Meals to Families in Need

(November 7, 2019) - On November 28th, 2019, Thanksgiving morning, Branches plans to cook, package and deliver nearly 5,000 hot meals to needy individuals and families from 9 different sites throughout Miami-Dade and Broward counties. This is the largest meal delivery effort in Florida on Thanksgiving Day. Over 800 volunteers give of their time on Thanksgiving morning by putting together individual meals via assembly lines and passing them off to volunteer drivers who deliver them. Each meal includes turkey, green beans donated by Goya Foods of Florida, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, a bread roll and of course a piece of pumpkin pie.

However, Branches' Thanksgiving program is about much more than just a hot meal; all meals include a Meal Insert in English, Spanish and Creole, which provides clients with valuable information about free community resources and programs provided by Branches and other key partners. Thank you to United Way of Miami-Dade for printing those full color Meal Inserts for our Thanksgiving Meal Delivery.

Branches is excited to be celebrating its 19th Thanksgiving Anniversary. Branches partners with several local United Methodist Churches and congregations to make this Thanksgiving miracle possible. Volunteers begin the cooking preparations a few days prior to Thanksgiving which include the seasoning of turkeys and prepping of all the vegetables, trimmings and dessert. Many volunteer chefs and cooks will spend countless hours getting ready for the big day to make sure that everything goes off without a hitch.

In addition, Branches will provide over 400 hot meals to its Grow & Climb children and youth program participants on Thanksgiving Eve, which includes a wonderful celebration focused on gratefulness.

A huge thank you goes out to our premiere Thanksgiving Meal Delivery sponsors:

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To learn more about this program or to make a gift, please visit <http://branchesfl.org/thanksgiving-meal-delivery>.
Thank you!

About Branches

For over 45 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 wellness 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>.

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