



## 2021 BLACK TIE & BLUE JEANS - REIMAGINED VIRTUAL GALA & ONLINE AUCTION

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Dear Friends of Branches,

Greetings from Branches! We are currently planning our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Tie & Blue Jeans Virtual Gala and Online Auction to be held on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This virtual gala will include an evening online presentation featuring an update on our most recent work, presentations by Branches' children and youth as well as thank you's to our top funders and sponsors. Our online auction will add some fun to the virtual gala while raising much-needed funds for community programs focused on student services for at-risk children and youth and financial wellness services for low-income families.

Since the COVID-19 Pandemic hit the Miami community, Branches has been working tirelessly to serve our children & families. We ramped up our meal service and to date have provided over 29,000 grab-and-go meals for our children and families. Within 24 hours of the schools closing last March, Branches' Grow & Climb student services team began connecting with children, youth and families via phone calls, text messages and Zoom meetings. Socially distanced on-site services resumed in August. The Achieve team is providing financial wellness services through Zoom meetings and phone calls, providing financial coaching, small business and emergency assistance. The Achieve staff has provided over 4,800 virtual meetings with participants, Business Coaching sessions to over 1,240 small businesses, and are completing dozens of loan applications. Branches is proud to serve this community when people need us the most and thankful to all our donors and funders for making our Coronavirus response possible.

**We would greatly appreciate your consideration of donating an item for inclusion in the Branches online auction which will take place April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>.** Donations from individuals and businesses like you encourage our auction bidders to bid generously. All auction item donors will be acknowledged online.

Branches is a 501(c)(3) organization that has been serving the South Florida community since 1973. Our Federal Tax ID # is 65-0716969. Please consult your tax adviser to determine if all or a portion of your contribution may be tax deductible.

Should you need any additional information regarding our organization or the auction, please contact Renee Johnson at (305) 442-8306 x1010 or [rjohnson@branchesfl.org](mailto:rjohnson@branchesfl.org). Thank you for your kind support!



With Gratitude,

Brent McLaughlin  
Executive Director



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### Online Auction Item Donation Form

Item Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Item Description: (for auction flyer)

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Fair market value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Information:  
Company / Contact Person

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Address, City, State, ZIP:

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Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If the donation is a physical item, please advise if the item should be picked up or if you can deliver the item.

Circle One Option:    Pick Up Needed                  Delivery Available

**Our Online Auction will be held from Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Your support is greatly appreciated! All proceeds will benefit Branches.

**Please return this sheet when completed to Renee Johnson  
via mail or scan and email to [rjohnson@branchesfl.org](mailto:rjohnson@branchesfl.org)**

**Thank you very much!**

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