

BRIDGE BUILDER

Summer/Fall 2016

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Mission Statement:

To serve, educate and inspire people through student, family and financial stability services in partnership with our communities.

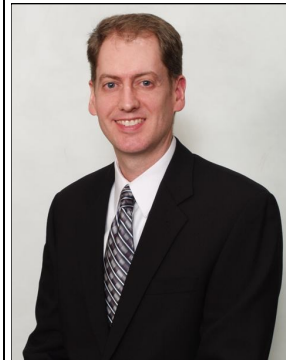
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Branches
Grow Deeper, Climb Higher

From the Desk of the Director



Making an Impact Day by Day

Dear Friends,

At Branches we have always set ambitious goals particularly when it comes to the impact we strive to achieve in people's lives. Whatever program or service we develop, our first and foremost goal is to create meaningful and long term value for people and communities.

With that vision, we create valuable opportunities for low income children and families to grow spiritually and become better people, to succeed in school and to live more financially stable lives. Over the past 15 years the result is that Branches has launched more than a dozen new services and established four sites throughout our community that offer the Grow, Climb and Achieve programs. Each year, we now serve thousands of individuals and families all supported by hundreds of partners and stakeholders.

The real value always has been and continues to be the impact that takes place in people's lives. For example academic success for all our students is a key objective for our Grow and Climb programs. This past school year of the more than 390 children and youth served at Branches, 95% of our students maintained or improved their grades in school achieving no less than a C in any given subject. To put this in context, when we launched our Lakeview site (near North Miami) three years ago, among the first group of children that enrolled, 92% of them were reading below grade level. Today 95% of those students are succeeding in school!

In addition, we are finding innovative ways to help working adults move toward and achieve financial stability. Those who have engaged in at least two coaching sessions with a Branches financial coach have reported drastically reduced levels of financial stress. Some of our recent results reveal that coaching clients have reduced debt on average by nearly \$6,000, increased their credit score by at least 10 points and saved nearly \$1,000. For working families who are accustomed to living paycheck to paycheck, these results are empowering and prepare them for a more financially secure future!

We are incredibly grateful to each and every person and institution that is part of the Branches family. You help to create these positive results each and every day! Thank YOU!

With Hope and Gratitude,

Brent McLaughlin
Executive Director



Students at Branches Lakeview succeeding in school and receiving awards for their local Spelling Bee competition.

Branches Happenings

Summer Shade Guides: Employing Our Youth

Thanks to the generous support from our donors, the 2016 Branches' Summer Shade Camp provided a safe, fun and caring environment for over 400 children this summer! Each day throughout the summer the children practice math and reading through new and exciting lessons and enrichment activities. This helps to prevent summer learning loss and ensures that all Branches students will be ready for the next grade and ready to learn come the new school year.

In addition to making sure that our children had a fun and memorable summer, we also provided opportunities to some very deserving role models. Branches is very proud to have employed 40 of our youth this summer to serve as Summer Guides, a.k.a. camp counselors, to help lead all the activities of summer programming. Branches' staff and AmeriCorps members provided full support, but this employment offered our guides with a chance to build their resume, learn employable skills, practice leadership and of course to earn some money.

Branches understands the value of hiring our youth! Our entire community must come together to support our youth and provide them with opportunities to help them grow and achieve long-term success in life. Thank you to all the dedicated funders of our Climb youth program for believing in our ability to affect change, and most importantly, for believing in our kids.



THANK YOU to all our generous donors for supporting Branches' programs!

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Branches Happenings

Black Tie & Blue Jeans Benefit Dinner and Auction

Branches celebrated its' 13th Annual Black Tie & Blue Jeans benefit dinner and auction on Friday, May 6th, 2016 at the JW Marriott Marquis. Over 400 guests attended and helped to raise over \$275,000 for Branches' programs which provide services and life-changing opportunities to low-income children, youth and families focused on long-term success.

The event was co-chaired by Gala Chairs Mrs. Nicole Krauss of Publix and Mrs. Laurie Zapletal of BB&T and kicked off with a cocktail reception and a silent auction, followed by dinner and dancing, as well as an appeal and an exciting live auction, led by MC Mr. Carlos Suarez of Channel 10 and Auctioneer Mr. Scott Howard. The event also honored The Batchelor Foundation and Founder George E. Batchelor for their long-time and generous support of Branches with the Trish and Dan Bell Community Empowerment Award. All proceeds from the appeal of that evening supported Branches' Summer Shade Camp and all donations will be doubled since they are matched \$1:\$1 by a generous Challenge Grant provided by Trish and Dan Bell.

Branches would like to thank all who supported Black Tie & Blue Jeans. In particular, we want to recognize the following sponsors:

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Tribute Gifts

- ◆ In celebration of Mrs. Ruth Mathis (mother of Ava Moore) from Cristina Basso
- ◆ In honor of Ed Deppman from Leslie Maxwell
- ◆ In honor of Robert Onsgard from YourCause, LLC
- ◆ In honor of Trish & Dan Bell for their commitment to the community from Joyce & Richard Newman
- ◆ In memory of Geraldine Hursey from Janet & Bill McLaughlin

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Back To School In-Kind Gifts

- ◆ Alma Ad - 125 back packs; 125 Shirts; 15 boxes of school supplies for Branches Florida City.
- ◆ Carnival Fun Team - One large box filled with various school supplies for Branches Fulford.
- ◆ Jardine, Etta - 6 bags filled with various school supplies.
- ◆ Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) - 115 backpacks filled with school supplies for Branches Lakeview.
- ◆ Lima, Marjorie - 2 boxes of school supplies for Branches Florida City.
- ◆ McGlinchey, Kristine - 3 large boxes filled with various school supplies.
- ◆ Rodriguez, Jessica - 30 back packs; school supplies for Branches Florida City.
- ◆ Toca, Lazaro - 20 spiral notebooks, 15 packs of paper, 5 composition notebooks and 13 packs of pencils.
- ◆ Tripp Scott P.A. - 12 large bags and 4 boxes of various school supplies.

Other In-Kind Gifts

- ◆ BB&T Brickell - 20 tickets to see Disney on Ice: Frozen; 5 suite tickets to Harlem Globetrotters.
- ◆ Broward College South Campus - 25 bags, brochures, pens, lanyards and earbuds.
- ◆ Carbonell, Janet - 3 pairs of gently used women's dress shoes.
- ◆ Chester UMC - 6 yards of concrete for the Gaga Ball Pit for Branches Florida City.
- ◆ Collie, Jillian - 141 new and gently used books.
- ◆ Diaz, Adolfo - one toddler car seat, one electric toy car, one electric toy four-wheeler.
- ◆ Digital O Audio Video, Inc. - TV Installation for Branches Fulford Classroom.
- ◆ First UMC Coral Gables - barbecue and pool party for the Branches Florida City and Branches South Miami Climb Program youth on Sunday, April 24, 2016.
- ◆ Foster, Stephen - 4 large bags of gently used clothes and one plush rocking horse toy.
- ◆ Gulliver School - 6 boxes of arts and crafts materials.
- ◆ Investor Solutions - 6 desktop towers, 6 monitors, 4 keyboards, 3 mice and 2 Toshiba laptops.
- ◆ Matrix Paws LLC - 20 pairs of women's shoes, 8 pairs of boys shoes and 36 pairs of young men's shoes.
- ◆ Miami Dadeland Hotel – 3 large boxes of assorted travel size shampoo, conditioner, body lotion and soap.
- ◆ Miami Open - 60 bath towels.
- ◆ Modern Woodmen of America - 2 US Flags; 25 Climate Change booklets; 100 paper binoculars; and 100 wooden airplanes and stickers for Branches Florida City.
- ◆ Moore Stephens Lovelace - 3 HP Laserjet 3050 printers.
- ◆ Neighbors 4 Neighbors - 9 tickets to the Miami-Dade County Fair for Branches South Miami.
- ◆ Old Cutler Presbyterian Church Women's Ministry - several large bags and boxes full of school supplies.
- ◆ Pike, Isabelle – 1 Queen bed stand, box spring, mattress, sheet set, duvet, duvet cover, pillow cases and 1 8x10 sisal rug.
- ◆ Rogers, Nadine & Shaun – 1 box of over 13 Bionicle Lego sets.
- ◆ Schmidt, Don - soccer goals for Branches Florida City.
- ◆ The Miami FC - 20 soccer tickets to July 9, 2016 game and 24 soccer tickets for Branches Lakeview.
- ◆ United Way Miami-Dade - 10 tickets to the Miami Heat vs Denver Nuggets game on March 14, 2016 for Branches Florida City; 4 extra-large boxes of children's toys; and, 150 new paperback books (American Girl).
- ◆ University of Miami Office of Government & Community Relations - 20 UM pencils, 7 string backpacks and 3 light-up UM hats for the Climb to College and Career Program.
- ◆ WPLG Local 10 – over 400 new books for children and youth.
- ◆ Zambrano, Amy - 1 box of assorted board games; 3 boxes of assorted sports equipment; over 6 boxes of board games; 2 large boxes of Legos; and, 10 large bags of Legos, board games and books.
- ◆ Zinn, Curran - 3 large bags of baby girl clothes for Branches Florida City.

Grow, Climb...

Climb to College & Career Bootcamp



Proud Branches students are all smiles as they prepare for the banquet.

Summer is a popular time when most high school juniors and seniors visit colleges and start planning for their future as they anticipate the start of a new school year. However, that is not always the case for all students. The reality is that many low income students face college planning challenges due to social and language obstacles, less access to information and guidance, less exploration because of low expectations and underestimation of the amount of financial help available.

On August 12 and 13, Branches Climb to College & Career held an overnight boot camp at the University of Miami to help 33 rising junior and seniors jump start the college planning process. The students had the opportunity to explore the college campus, learn tips to prepare for college entrance exams and plan ways to pay for college through Financial Aid 101. During the boot camp, students also met one-on-one with a professional college counselor to create a plan for the application process and build a list of best fit colleges. In addition, students worked with writing coaches to draft their personal statements. The boot camp ended with a banquet where the students dressed up to celebrate each other.



High school senior meets with a college counselor to plan for the future.

After completing the boot camp, through the Branches Climb to College & Career program, students will benefit from a series of life skills workshops, college tours, test preparation sessions, academic tutoring, a mentor relationship and ultimately be able to qualify for a Branches Climb thru College scholarship.

Warren Willis: More Than Just Camp

On Monday, August 1st, 54 of our middle and high school students embarked on an early morning five hour bus ride, which buzzed with excitement, to Warren W. Willis Camp in Fruitland Park, FL. Warren Willis, a camping ministry of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church has a 65 year tradition of Christ centered camping experiences that transform the lives of young people.

Thanks to the generous support from Trish and Dan Bell, Branches students have the opportunity to take part in this amazing experience and take a break from their often turbulent lives and escape to paradise, even if it just for a few days. For many of our students, Warren Willis Camp is the first time they leave their community. Upon arrival, the campers' schedules are packed with activities for the different age levels; elementary, middle, and high school students each have different themed programming that allows them to work together to accomplish specific goals. Some fun activities range from crafts to archery, from soccer to cooking, and from sailing to yoga.

This special camp is truly a place for growth, love, and for branching out in ways our students never thought they could, and it is an experience that will stay with our Branches campers forever.



Outdoor fun!



Middle School girls enjoying some free time together.



Pool time is a favorite camp activity!



All smiles at Warren Willis Camp!

Achieve!

Outcomes : Measuring Success

At Branches, we empower families. We believe that motivated people and those open to become more motivated are more likely to benefit from opportunities provided to them. Therefore, Branches has incorporated both coaching and empowerment methodologies in how we engage children and families. One program which empowers families is the United Way Center for Financial Stability (UWCFS), housed and operated by Branches.

The UWCFS provides working individuals and families with a full range of services and support – from financial coaching to free tax preparation and benefits enrollment to employment assistance and credit counseling. Clients are paired with one of the UWCFS' financial coaches, who customize the services to meet their clients' specific financial needs and goals. National research shows that this personalized approach achieves clear, long-term results. Each coach will monitor their client's progress and provide support and counseling along the way to help the client reach their goals.

One recent example of success is Mr. Franklin Cardona. Mr. Cardona came to the UWCFS looking for the opportunity to be able to become a homeowner and provide a better home for his family. At the time, he was struggling to manage his money due to a levy on his bank account from 2 creditors that had a judgement against him. With financial coaching assistance, Mr. Cardona has been able to set a realistic budget that meets his current responsibilities and allows him to start saving toward homeownership, and pay debts. After 11 months of coaching, he was able to save over \$7,000 toward negotiating and paying down his debts. After paying his debts, he was able to build his savings to \$8,000 toward homeownership and emergency funds. Mr. Cardona was able to decrease his credit card debt and improve his FICO credit score by 116 points. He was also able to qualify for a first time home buyer loan and is currently in the market searching for his first home. Mr. Cardona is in the process of reaching his goal of achieving the American dream of homeownership and becoming financially secure!



Financial Coach Nathan Beauchamp and Mr. Franklin Cardona

VITA : Real Impact on our Community



One of our VITA clients preparing his taxes with guidance from Rudy Tabares, Branches Financial Coach

Branches is proud to once again have served as the Miami-Dade County lead agency for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program which offers free tax help to people who earn approximately \$54,000 annually or less and need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. Our volunteers and staff also help filers check if they qualify for special tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) among others. About 80% of individuals living in Miami-Dade qualify for VITA, yet less than 2% are taking advantage of it.

Branches partnered with United Way of Miami-Dade in order to educate our community about VITA and spread the word about this free service to key neighborhoods. Branches and its partners are very proud to share that we were able to prepare 9,792 free tax returns and secure over \$11.5 million in tax refunds for our local residents.

We are incredibly proud of this accomplishment!

To celebrate the 430+ volunteers who helped make VITA possible, Branches hosted a special thank you reception at United Way on Friday, May 20th to show our sincere appreciation for their hard work. Together, these amazing volunteers served a total of 10,020 hours helping individuals prepare their taxes free of charge. Thank you again to everyone involved in this incredible community effort!



VITA Volunteers are all smiles at the thank you reception!



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Branches To Celebrate 16th Thanksgiving Meal Delivery Anniversary

Thursday, November 24, 2016

To mark the 16th year of this meal delivery program, we will prepare and deliver meals from 9 sites on Thanksgiving Day throughout Miami-Dade and Broward Counties to feed at least 6,000 community members in need. But we need your support! Some ways you can help:

Be a Premiere Sponsor!

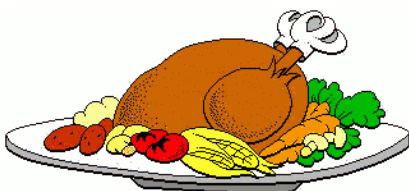
- **\$5,000—Thanksgiving T-Shirt Sponsor**
- **\$2,500 —Thanksgiving Site Sponsor**
(Provides 500 meals)
- **\$1,000 —Thanksgiving Sponsor**
(Provides 200 meals)
- **\$500 — Thanksgiving Supporter**
(Provides 100 meals)

For sponsorship details, please contact:
Yessenia Hernandez
Phone: 305-442-8306 x1010
Email: yhernandez@branchesfl.org

Raise Additional Support!

- Help us raise cash and in-kind donations to support the Thanksgiving Day Meal Delivery.
- Organize food drives (workplace, church, school, etc.) to collect non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving meals. All non-Thanksgiving food items are distributed by our partner churches' food pantries to community members in need during the year.
- Organize volunteer teams to help with meal prep and delivery on Thanksgiving Day.

**For food drive and volunteer details,
visit www.branchesfl.org
and click on Events, Thanksgiving!**



When this ministry began in 2001, we delivered about 600 meals. In 2015, we delivered over 6,200 meals with the help of over 1,100 volunteers. THANK YOU again to our supporters who faithfully help us each year to provide for those who have little. God Bless!