

BRIDGE BUILDER

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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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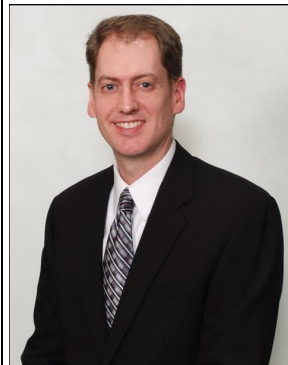
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From the Desk of the Director

Closing the Opportunity Gap



Part of the headline of the New York Times article stated 'Talent is universal, but opportunity is not'. The story focuses on a homeless refugee family from Nigeria whose 8 year old son, Tani, became the New York state chess champion after just one year of practicing chess through a club at his New York City public school. His Dad has been working two jobs, one of which is renting a car so that he can drive for Uber. The piece ends with the Dad saying, "The U.S. is a dream country."

So what does this have to do with Branches? Our mission at Branches is based on the premise that every person deserves an opportunity. One well-placed opportunity for most anyone can turn a dream into reality.

Take the journey of young Martine Marcelin when she was a student at Coral Reef Senior High School. One day after class she shared with her English teacher that she was struggling in math. He offered to tutor her at 6:30 a.m. a few days each week. She readily accepted and by the end of that semester, she had aced her math class. She went on to earn a full scholarship at Florida Southern College. Years later, Martine Marcelin is now the program manager for Branches' Climb to College & Career program.

One of the very important opportunities we provide Branches' students is professional SAT/ACT test prep. We hired a local test prep company called First Class Test Prep. It is owned and operated by Martine's former English teacher. Together we are providing weekly test prep sessions for high school juniors and seniors.

In providing this opportunity, we have learned that Branches' students often need to take the test more than once in order to be successful. In fact, a second, third and even fourth time taking the SAT exam may result in such improvement that a student is able to receive \$10,000 and even more in additional scholarships. Branches students who have taken the SAT at least 2x have **increased their scores by an average of 23%**.

Speaking of opportunities, we are still recruiting mentors for our Branches' youth! By giving of yourself, you too can help create a life-changing opportunity for our youth. And one day they too will say this truly is a 'dream country'.

With Hope and Gratitude,

Brent McLaughlin
Executive Director



Some of our Branches youth enjoying and challenging themselves at our 2019 Oasis Spring Break Camp Ropes Course!

Branches Happenings

Mentoring our Youth

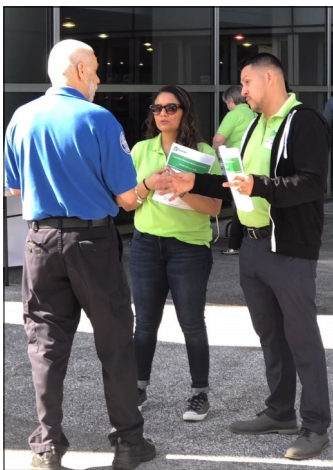
Thanks to the proper guidance from the Branches Climb to College & Career program, all of Branches 17 High School seniors will be attending college this Fall. That brings Branches total current college student count to 42, and almost every single student is First Generation! Branches is incredibly proud of our youth and their accomplishments. We know how hard they have worked on their post-secondary goals and dreams.

In addition, we are incredibly grateful to our Branches volunteer mentors who help guide our youth to stay on the right path towards success. However, we need more mentors! Therefore, we held our first Mentoring Matters Happy Hour on Thursday, March 7th at Capital One Café. Guests enjoyed appetizers and wine and Branches shared a bit more about the mentoring program. **If you or someone you know would like to become a mentor, please contact us at 305-442-8306 x2012 or email us at mmarcelin@branchesfl.org. THANK YOU!**



Surviving the Government Shutdown

During the longest Government Shutdown in U.S. history, lasting from December 22, 2018 - January 25, 2019, Branches was extremely busy serving hundreds of federal workers in Miami who had been affected by the loss of income. Branches' Financial Wellness team served at Miami International Airport, providing information about critical financial resources available to TSA employees. Branches also served alongside Feeding South Florida at their distributions and provided resources and information about assistance for government employees.



The Branches team specifically helped individuals with financial coaching, free tax prep, helping navigate late mortgage payments to banks, utility companies etc. With the support of United Way of Miami-Dade, Branches was also able to provide rental and utility payment assistance for those most in need. Branches also tried to assist affected workers with transportation and childcare costs which is often an area of need not covered by many programs. Even though the Shutdown ended with most workers receiving back pay, 78% of U.S. workers live pay check to pay check, making this shutdown extremely difficult and stressful for many employees and their families. If you know someone that needs to schedule a Financial Wellness Check-Up, contact us at 305-688-3551 x2008 or Financialwellness@branchesfl.org



Branches Team providing services to federal workers at Miami International Airport.

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

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In Memory Of:

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In-Kind Donations

Under The Tree Toy Shop

- ◆ Crowe, LLP - 30 toys
- ◆ Girl Scout Troop 486 - 40 toys
- ◆ Miami Dade College, North Campus—100 toys
- ◆ Morgan, Patricia & Richard - 25 toys
- ◆ Mothers of PreSchoolers (MOPS) Homestead - 242 toys/stocking stuffers
- ◆ Prime Time Miami - 76 toys
- ◆ Ross, Larry W - 25 toys
- ◆ State Farm South Florida - 110 toys
- ◆ Villamil, Christina - 3 toys

Thanksgiving 2018

- ◆ BBVA Compass Bank - 3 large boxes of food
- ◆ BD Medical Technology - 55 pounds of food
- ◆ BE Aerospace - 11 turkeys for Branches Lakeview Grow & Climb families
- ◆ Cao Chocolates - 40 pounds of food
- ◆ Coconut Grove Montessori School - 280 pounds of food
- ◆ Comunidad Vina - 5 turkeys and several bags of food
- ◆ Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce - 4 large bags of food and a \$25 Publix gift card
- ◆ Cornerstone Church - 30 pounds of food
- ◆ First UMC Coral Gables - 65 pounds of food
- ◆ FirstBank Florida - 3 large boxes of food
- ◆ Florida Community Bank- Coral Gables - 4 large bags of food
- ◆ Gordon Food Service - One large box of Thanksgiving items
- ◆ Goya Foods of Florida - 1,584 cans of green beans
- ◆ Gulliver School - 135 pounds of food
- ◆ Johnson & Wales University - Cooked 96 turkey breasts for Norland UMC
- ◆ JP Morgan Chase Bank - 60 pounds of food
- ◆ Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University - 2 large boxes of food
- ◆ Kendall UMC Day School - 150 pounds of food
- ◆ Magic City Casino - 120 pounds of food
- ◆ Maxwell, Leslie - Organized a Thanksgiving food drive for Branches and collected 70 pounds of food
- ◆ Miami Herald Media Company - 175 pounds of food
- ◆ Miami Marlins Community Foundation - 50 vouchers for Thanksgiving baskets
- ◆ Mothers of Pre-Schoolers (MOPS) Homestead - 800 pieces of Thanksgiving desserts
- ◆ Palmer Trinity Private School, Inc. - 1,800 pounds of food
- ◆ Plaza Construction - 245 pounds of food
- ◆ Poinciana UMC - 84 pumpkin pies
- ◆ Regions Bank- Coral Gables - 275 pounds of food

- ◆ Seaside National Bank & Trust - 35 pounds of food
- ◆ The Collision Solution - 101 pounds of food
- ◆ The Growing Place of FUMCCG - 340 pounds of food
- ◆ Union Mortgage Investment Group Corp. - 75 pounds of food
- ◆ Unity on the Bay - 38 cans of cranberry sauce, 53 cans of gravy, 63 boxes of stuffing mix, and 85 boxes of mashed potato mix
- ◆ University of Miami SONHS - 4 large boxes of assorted Thanksgiving food

Other In-Kind Donations:

- ◆ Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts - 125 tickets to SIRO-A: Techno Circus on 10- 5-2018
- ◆ Aramark - Over 300 lbs. of fresh fruits and vegetables
- ◆ Baden Sports - 60 tickets to see Harlem Globetrotters
- ◆ Barrantes, Edna Carolina Falla - 1 Toy Kitchen Set and Toy Cookware
- ◆ BB&T Brickell - 15 tickets plus 4 parking passes for the Marvel Universe LIVE show on 01-10-2019 for Branches South Miami students
- ◆ BNI Biscayne Connection - 12 Halloween costumes
- ◆ Bottomley Evergreen - 235 Christmas Trees
- ◆ Briceno, Maria - 25 new books for Branches elementary and middle school students
- ◆ Brodie, Patricia & Marshall - 1 large bag of candy and 1 large bag of toys
- ◆ Crowe, LLP - 1 large box of snack bars, 60 lunchboxes, 4 gift cards (value of \$25 each)
- ◆ Curtis, Lupe - One XBOX and several games.
- ◆ Food Marketing Institute - Several van loads of food
- ◆ Garden Bros Circus - 30 child tickets
- ◆ Gonzalez, Charles - 60 tickets to Perez Art Museum
- ◆ Gordon Food Service Donations Committee - 2 large boxes of snacks for Branches' Grow and Climb students
- ◆ Greist, Douglas - 10 calendars, 20 movie tickets, 3 books, 4 dozen roses and a few boxes of candies
- ◆ Hall, Adam & Abby - A Bugaboo stroller and a box of children's books
- ◆ Jergova, Stana - Playstation 2 console, accessories and 12 games

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- ◆ Johnson, David & Janet - 24 Packets of Maggie Season Up
- ◆ JP Morgan Chase Bank - 2 large boxes of snacks and 3 boxes of baby wipes
- ◆ Kendall UMC Women - 50 toiletries bags for 2019 Oasis Camp.
- ◆ Keurig Dr Pepper Inc. - 1 commercial Keurig coffee machine and several boxes of coffee k cups, tea, creamer, cups, sugars and stirrers
- ◆ Law Offices of Dagmar Llaudy - 75 Halloween Costumes, over 7 boxes and 12 large bags filled with Halloween costumes
- ◆ Leyva Jr., Jessica & Giraldo - one 4x6 Rug, one 4x6 Tapestry, one 9x12 Rug
- ◆ Morgan, Patricia & Richard - 35 Magnavox Bluetooth Headphones for Climb high school students
- ◆ OneUnited Bank Miami - 75 copies of the book "I Got Bank"
- ◆ Palmer Trinity Private School, Inc. - 20 gift cards, 10 large bags of toys
- ◆ Pike, Isabelle - 1 Big Builder Pro Toy Workshop with tools, 1 child booster car seat, 1 pack and play, 9 party dresses and 1 large bag of baby toys
- ◆ Squire Patton Boggs, LLP - 30 iPads and 3 Apple desktop computers with accessories
- ◆ Toluba, Pastor Mike – use of Wesley Foundation at FSU and TCC's space on Friday, January 18th and Saturday, January 19th for the Branches Climb to College & Career Campus Tour.
- ◆ Touch a Heart Foundation - Sponsored Holiday Party for Branches Lakeview Grow Program (30 children) on December 14, 2018 complete with gingerbread house decorating kits, gift bags and pizza and drinks
- ◆ United Healthcare - 64 water bottles for Branches volunteer project
- ◆ Vautero-Beeckman, Andre - 35 activity sets including a coloring book, puzzle and markers
- ◆ Velazquez, Silvia M. - Step2 Heart of the Home Kitchen Including a 41-piece Accessory Cook Set
- ◆ Venot, Silvana & Alex - 3 Large Eye Shadow Pallets, several individual Eye Shadows, Several Mascaras and other make-up items
- ◆ Verdiguell, Elliot - Over 8 large boxes of assorted Halloween costumes
- ◆ Walt Disney World Co. - Twenty (20) complimentary One-Day Park Hopper tickets.
- ◆ Wells Fargo- Doral - 2 large boxes of Halloween costumes
- ◆ Wells Fargo Foundation - One (1) \$75 gift card to Whole Foods Market
- ◆ Zoo Miami - 4 admission tickets



Touring Branches Florida City!

From L to R: ED Brent McLaughlin, Dan & Trish Bell, Marile & Jorge Luis Lopez, Esq., Student Services Director Kim Torres



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2018 Thanksgiving Recap

18th Annual Thanksgiving Meal Delivery Another Success!

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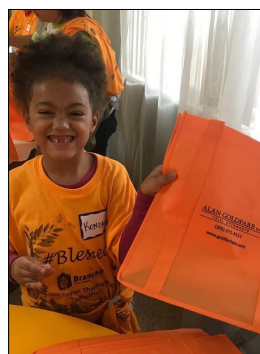
Thanks to the efforts of our amazing donors and volunteers, Branches provided over 4,500 meals to individuals in need this 2018 Thanksgiving Season! Over 800 volunteers helped cook, package and deliver meals on Thanksgiving morning at 7 sites throughout Miami-Dade and Broward counties.

Due to the generosity of hundreds of caring individuals, we were able to make a lasting impact in the lives of thousands of people in need. Along with a hot, delicious Thanksgiving meal, clients also received a very important resource pamphlet containing information about Branches programs, and emergency and public benefit services.

A Big Thank You to The Batchelor Foundation, Mercantil Bank and Molina Healthcare for serving as Thanksgiving Site Sponsors. Thank you also to All About Gas Service, Killian Pines United Methodist Church, National Christian Foundation of South Florida and VITAS Healthcare for their caring support as Thanksgiving Sponsors! Appreciation also goes to our *Thanksgiving Supporters*: Banco do Brasil, Calder Casino, City National Bank, Nancy T. Hector, Kathy & Scott Howard, Beth Serrate and US Century Bank. Many thanks to our in-kind donors as well such as Aquarius Press, Johnson & Wales University, Miami Marlins and United Way of Miami-Dade for their generous support.



Volunteers are all smiles serving up delicious hot meals.



A young volunteer showing off the Alan Goldfarb P.A. meal delivery bags!



Volunteer drivers are off to deliver meals to needy families.



A Branches student enjoying a yummy meal.

A special THANK YOU to our incredible Food Drive Partners!

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