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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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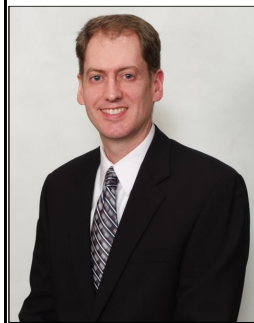
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From the Desk of the Director



The Future is Unknowable, but This We Know...

None of us could have ever imagined what the year 2020 would bring but now that it is nearly in the rearview mirror, we know that there is much work to be done in order to support children and families in restoring their lives. What exactly do I mean?

Consider this; in a typical year, Branches will provide approximately \$100,000 worth of direct supports to alleviate household emergencies such as helping people pay overdue electric and water bills, cover a month of rent, or provide food. This amounts to only 2% of our annual budget because our major emphasis is on creating opportunities for children and families to break the cycle of generational poverty. But in 2020, we have provided \$1,036,228 of direct supports to date (including emergency grants to small businesses). This does not include the in-kind value of more than 40,000 meals and bags of groceries that we have also distributed.

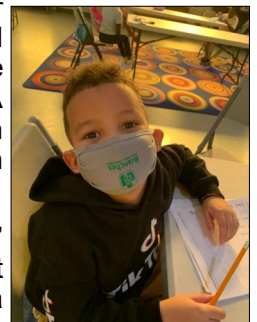
Clearly the pandemic has disrupted economic advancement for so many people and has set them back. Federal data reveals that an estimated 26,000,000 Americans are hungry and do not have enough food at some point each week. The Census Bureau reveals that 16% of households with children currently are facing food insecurity.

More than ever Branches' focus on creating long-term opportunities for children to succeed academically and for families to become financially secure and begin building assets is needed and essential. As we look to 2021, we will redouble our work supporting students throughout our community. We have seen far too many children fall behind academically because of the challenges of 'remote learning'. We are also laying plans to expand VITA throughout South Florida so that more families can gain access to this valuable and free income tax service which is an entry point that leads to financial wellness.

Thank YOU for generously supporting Branches' mission – what happens in 2021 is of course unknown, but I know this and am certain that together we will make it a year of renewal and hope, and a time for children and families to discover new and life-changing opportunities!

With Hope & Gratitude,

Brent McLaughlin
Executive Director



Financial Wellness Update

Partnering to Support our Micro-Businesses during COVID-19



At Branches, we seek to increase opportunities for economic mobility and wealth creation for the families we serve. We know that small business development is an important way to create wealth and financial sustainability, and our Micro-Business program helps increase those opportunities by supporting participants to become economically self-sufficient through entrepreneurial services.

Right now the small businesses we serve are struggling on two fronts, in their personal finances as well as their business finances. Many of the business owners we serve have been unable to operate, or were operating on a very limited basis for months throughout the pandemic. For some of our entrepreneurs, there are fears that they will not be able to pay rent, manage the technology needed to operate virtually, navigate the complicated process of applying for government loans and grants or help pay their employees.

Branches had the opportunity to partner with financial institutions and funders to provide micro-grants and technical assistance to small businesses in need of support paying their employees, rent, utilities and bills. Through our partnerships with United Way of Miami-Dade, Amerant, Metro 1 and The Miami Foundation, Branches has provided \$868,126.14 in financial grants to support 450 small businesses.

Throughout the pandemic we have adapted to serve our participants in new and innovative ways. We transitioned to a virtual coaching model and in partnership with Capital One and Mercy Corps, we have been able to expand our capacity for providing technical assistance. We are offering mentoring services to entrepreneurs in Miami through MicroMentor, a free, easy-to-use social network that allows entrepreneurs and volunteer business mentors to connect so they can solve problems and build businesses together. We have focused on partnering with different financial institutions and volunteer networks to recruit mentors to assist our businesses. We have recruited over 50 mentors from our Branches' volunteer network, United Way's Volunteer Miami platform, and Citi Community Development Group. These mentors have provided technical assistance to our businesses in areas ranging from business planning to navigating available resources to IT support and more.



"I want to thank Branches and MicroMentor for connecting me with a business mentor. It is a real help and assistance knowing that you can have access to a mentor that can help and give you ideas and information as to how to navigate business in general, especially with a pandemic around us. My mentor was very generous, patient, knowledgeable and understanding of all my questions. He helped us with several topics like business planning, increase of sales, and access to capital. We are grateful to Branches and MicroMentor for all of the help we have received this year."

Julian Arias- The Alchemy Master

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Thanksgiving Recap

Celebrating 20 Years of Branches' Thanksgiving Meal Delivery!

A HUGE Thank You to our premiere *Thanksgiving Day Sponsors* for their generous support and making this special day possible:



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Thanks to the efforts of our amazing donors and volunteers, Branches provided over 5,100 meals to individuals in need this 2020 Thanksgiving Season! Due to COVID-19, we were forced to limit the number of volunteers for health and safety reasons, yet a few hundred volunteers still helped cook, package and deliver meals on Thanksgiving morning at 6 sites throughout Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Sushi Maki also helped out, cooking over 3,000 of the needed meals for this special event.

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 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 Amerant Bank, Ashcroft Capital, The Batchelor Foundation, The Tonkinson Foundation and US Century Bank for serving as *Thanksgiving Site Sponsors*. Thank you also to MyKetamineHome, Peterson's Harley Davidson, POMTOC and United Healthcare for serving as *Thanksgiving Sponsors*. Appreciation also goes to our *Thanksgiving Supporters*: BB Americas Bank, Nancy Hector and Unity on the Bay. Many thanks to our in-kind donors as well such as Aquarius Press, First United Methodist Church (UMC) of Miami, Peace UMC, Poinciana UMC, Redlands UMC, Goya Foods of Florida, The Miami Dolphins, Sonshine Via de Cristo and United Way of Miami-Dade for their dedicated support.



Let the meal packaging begin!



Volunteers working hard at First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables.



All smiles, even masked, on Thanksgiving morning.



Volunteers get loaded up with meals and head out to deliver!

A special THANK YOU to our incredible Food Drive Partners!

UPS, Palmer Trinity Private School, Kendall United Methodist Church, Westminster Christian School, Florida Professional Law Group and University of Miami's School of Nursing & Health Studies

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In Honor Of:

- ♦ Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization from Sandra & Erwin Vettel
- ♦ Coral & Ken Allen's 60th Wedding Anniversary from Winona Cowie
- ♦ Emma "da bomb" Nateman from Kevin Nateman
- ♦ Karen Hegler from Shannon Kearns
- ♦ Kim Torres from Charles & Diane King and Robin Norell
- ♦ Megan Beddow from Johanna M. Ralsten-Cox
- ♦ Susan and Rene' De Miranda's 40th Wedding Anniversary from Winona Cowie
- ♦ The Growing Place from Diana Rydbeck
- ♦ The Super Duper Branches Team & Board from Carmen Victoria Irizarry-Lopez

Happy Birthday to Isabelle Pike from:

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- ♦ Carl & Patricia Christensen from Peter Christensen
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- ♦ Gabriel Pena Davila
- ♦ Hanai Sablich
- ♦ Melissa Saltos



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**for their generous donation of food, groceries
and meals for our children and families!
We are so grateful.**

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In-Kind Donations

Back to School 2020

- ◆ Adeyeye, Temitope - One pack of 3-ring binders.
- ◆ Altadonna, Jennifer - One pack mechanical pencils, one pack headphones, one pack college ruled paper and one pack #2 pencils.
- ◆ Aramark - One Extra large box of school supplies and a Cork Board.
- ◆ Aramark Corporation - Seven hundred Purell hand sanitizers.
- ◆ Armstrong, Kim & Daniel - Three packs of green composition notebook wide ruled and one pack pencil boxes.
- ◆ Carmano, Cindy - Two packs of Wide Ruled paper.
- ◆ Cetta, Susana - One pack Crayola crayons bulk (24 ct), one pack #2 pencil and one pack block erasers.
- ◆ Collver, Heather - One pack bulk backpacks (24 ct).
- ◆ Cox, Margaret - Five packs of 3-ring binders.
- ◆ Dammann, Jacqueline - Three animal friends critter backpacks.
- ◆ Dekker, Corina - Three packs of pencil sharpeners, one pack school pencil cases, one pack scissors, one pack college ruled paper and one pack composition notebooks wide rule.
- ◆ Dou, Jeannette & Remy - Five packs oxford college ruled composition notebooks.
- ◆ Drake, Lisa - Four packs bulk headphones.

- ◆ The Education Fund - 150 Backpacks filled with supplies.
- ◆ Fernandez, Desiree & Winlaw, Spencer - One pack composition notebooks wide ruled, one pack Crayola crayons and one pack bulk classroom headphones.
- ◆ Fink, Laura C. - Two backpacks, one pack zipper pencil pouch, five packs expo markers, one pack of scissors, two packs colored pencils and one pack of 3-ring binders.
- ◆ Flannery, Matt - One pack of mechanical pencils one pack of plastic folders, one pack of kids scissors and one pack of Elmer's glue.
- ◆ Furniss-Roe, Tina & Robert - Three packs of sharpeners, two packs bulk BIC pens, two packs highlighters, one pack wood-cased pencils, two packs of erasers, two packs Wide Ruled composition notebooks and two packs College Ruled composition notebooks.
- ◆ Gautier, Tami - One pack green wide ruled composition notebook and one pack washable markers.
- ◆ Ghani, Anisa - One 10 pack 4GB USB, one pack bulk classroom headphones, one pack Elmer's glue, one pack kids scissors, one pack memory sticks.

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- ◆ Giostra, Elizabeth & Jerrold - One pack classroom headphones.
- ◆ Girl Scout Troop 220 - One pack #2 pencils, one pack Wide Ruled paper, one pack washable markers and one pack headphones
- ◆ Gonzalez, Arlene - One pack Wide Ruled composition notebooks, one pack #2 pencils and one pack bulk BIC pens
- ◆ Gonzalez, Manuel - One pack BIC mechanical pencils
- ◆ Grimm, Carly - One pack 4GB USB flash drive (10 ct), one lion animal friends critter backpack, one pack wide ruled composition notebooks, one pack Crayola colored pencils, one pack Crayola crayons, one pack 3-ring binders and BIC Extra Smooth Mechanical Pencil
- ◆ Howard, Kathy & Scott- Five animal friends critter backpacks (lion), one pack 3-ring binders, one pack bulk backpacks, two packs bulk high trail backpacks and two 100-pack wide ruled composition books.
- ◆ HSBC Bank USA Aventura - One Medium box filled with school supplies.
- ◆ HSBC Bank USA Brickell - One large box of School Supplies.
- ◆ HSBC Bank USA Coral Gables - One box of School Supplies .
- ◆ HSBC Bank USA Doral - One extra large box filled with school supplies.
- ◆ Jones, Robin S - Five packs of pencil erasers, one pack of bulk classroom headphones, three packs of Elmer's liquid glue, two packs of scissors and one pack of binders.
- ◆ Kearns, Shannon - Four packs of wide ruled composition notebooks, one pack BIC pens bulk, four packs BIC pencils and one pack classic bungee bulk backpacks (24 ct).
- ◆ Kowalski, Kathleen & Robert - One pack Crayola bulk color pencil and one pack bulk backpacks w/ side mesh water bottle pocket (24 ct).
- ◆ Landon, Keith - One pack of pencil boxes, one pack of pencil sharpeners, one pack of bulk headphones, one animal friends critter backpack and two packs of binders.
- ◆ Leon, Alexander - Two packs of pencil sharpeners, one pack college ruled composition notebooks and one pack wide ruled composition notebooks.
- ◆ Life Pointe Church - Sixty backpacks filled with school supplies.
- ◆ Maderal, Karen L - One pack bulk crayons, one pack Elmer's liquid glue, six animal critter backpacks, and four packs of Wide Ruled composition notebook.
- ◆ Matsuda, Yui - One pack Wide Ruled paper, one pack of duo tang folder and one pack of bulk Crayola colored pencils
- ◆ McClary, Thomas, Jr. - One pack #2 pencils, one pack of crayons and one pack wide ruled paper
- ◆ Melinda Cunningham & Tom McKerchie - Two packs pencil sharpeners, one pack of scissors and one pack of pencil cases
- ◆ Merker, Laurie & Paull - One pack pencil sharpeners, one pack zipper pencil case and one pack 3-ring binders
- ◆ Molina, Maria - One backpack, two packs Elmer's liquid glue, one pack zipper pencil pouch, one pack plastic folders, one pack kids scissors, three packs erasers and two packs expo markers
- ◆ National Christian Foundation South Florida - 140 Swiss Gear Backpacks for Branches Youth
- ◆ Pearson, Christina - One small bag filled with assorted school supplies
- ◆ PEO Chapter A - 30 USB Drives; 50 back to school bundles (45 Pieces for K-12); 150 #2 pencils; 60 BIC ballpoint pens black
- ◆ Pomeray, Lori & John - Two 6-pack wide ruled paper
- ◆ Regions Bank- Coral Gables - 36 pk erasers, 24 binders, 38 adult scissors, 48 wide rule composition notebooks, 41 pk #2 pencils, 32 pk college rule loose leaf paper, 25 scientific calculators, 36 pk mechanical pencils, 12 pencil boxes, 24 pk color pencils, 24 pk highlighters, 28 wide rule spiral notebooks, 12 pk glue sticks, 12 pk index cards, 28 rulers, 24 dual prong folders, 24 pk crayons, 24 pk pens, 5 backpacks
- ◆ Reisner, Susan - Two packs wide ruled composition notebooks
- ◆ Ruiz, Nidia - One pack zipper pencil pouch, one pack Elmer's liquid glue, one pack college ruled composition notebooks and one pack mechanical pencils
- ◆ Sacasa, Lydia C. - Two packs liquid Elmer's glue, two packs kids scissors and two packs zipper pencil pouch
- ◆ Simply Healthcare Plans, Inc. - One hundred backpacks and two large bags of school supplies
- ◆ Solera, Lourdes - Two packs pencil boxes and one pack green wide ruled composition notebooks
- ◆ Staish Khatri, Nisha - Two backpacks
- ◆ The Templeton Family Foundation - 140 Swiss Gear Backpacks for Branches Youth

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- ♦ Van Gundy, Kim & Stan - Two packs pencil sharpeners, two pack BIC pens bulk pack of 240, two packs arteza highlighters, one pack wood-cased pencils, one pack large erasers, three packs wide ruled composition notebooks, two packs college ruled composition notebooks and two packs of erasers
- ♦ Villa, Daniel - Twenty boxes of headphones, fourteen boxes of pens and ten packs college ruled paper
- ♦ Zollo, Ada - One bulk pack of Washable Markers and two packs of green Wide Ruled composition notebooks

COVID-19 Response

- ♦ Key Biscayne Community Foundation - A box of a thousand gloves and seven face masks.
- ♦ Kearns, Shannon – Hand-made face masks and baked goods to Branches Florida City.
- ♦ McLeod, Leah - 75 face masks for Branches Florida City children and youth.
- ♦ United Healthcare - Four hundred-fifty face masks, five '6-feet apart' floor signs and one hundred hand sanitizer pens
- ♦ XPI - Four hundred face masks and six hundred face mask kits
- ♦

Halloween 2020 Costume Donations

- ♦ Fernandez, Desiree & Winlaw, Spencer - Two boxes of costumes.
- ♦ Furniss-Roe, Tina & Robert - Seven large bags filled with Halloween costumes.
- ♦ Girl Scout Troop 3472 - One bag of Halloween costumes.
- ♦ Palmer Trinity Private School, Inc. - Fifteen costumes.
- ♦ Plaza Construction - One medium box of Halloween costumes.
- ♦ Tannehill, Annie - Two large boxes of donations.
- ♦ The Growing Place of FUMCCG - Three large boxes of Halloween costumes.

Other In-Kind Donations

- ♦ Anonymous - One Seasons 52 Gift Card.
- ♦ Balkin, Lisa - Convertible crib/toddler bed, mattress and bedding.
- ♦ Bi-Lo Winn-Dixie HQ – Four \$50Winn Dixie Gift Cards.
- ♦ Gallego, Jackie - One pack binders.
- ♦ Hegler, Karen - Fifty "End of Summer Shade" Goodie Bags.
- ♦ Irizarry-Lopez, Carmen Victoria - 1 Movie night basket filled with popcorn and movies for a Branches family, 1 SAT practice textbook, 2 bags filled with clothes for Branches families, 1 basket filled with fruits for Branches Lakeview staff and Six dining room chairs.
- ♦ Kafie, Vivian - A large Barbie Dream House with all the accessories and several Barbie and Ken dolls plus a Barbie car and bicycle.
- ♦ Lafosse-Marin, Steffany & Stephane - A dishware set for a Branches family.
- ♦ Molina Healthcare of Florida, Inc. - Lunch for Branches Lakeview staff on 10/22/20.
- ♦ Morgan, Patricia - One hundred snack bags from ZTA Miami Alumnae.
- ♦ Mothers of PreSchoolers (MOPS)- Homestead - Seventy-five snack bags for Branches Florida City.
- ♦ Palmer Trinity Private School, Inc. - Seventy soccer balls for Branches children and youth.
- ♦ Parker, Lindsey - One pack of binders.
- ♦ Perez, Roberto - 3 boxes of National Geographic Magazines, 1 Nespresso machine, 2 steamer, 1 picture frame.
- ♦ Publix Super Markets, Inc. - Three Publix gift cards (\$250 value).
- ♦ Ramos, Indira - Fifty-five snack bags, thirty-six items of Kraft Mac N' Cheese, Apple Sauce and Vienna Sausages each.
- ♦ Ruiz, Nidia - A Refrigerator.
- ♦ Sanko, Jill Steiner - Three hundred and twenty one snack bags for Branches students.
- ♦ Templeton, Tara - One box of a Tomser 26 color Tie Dye Kit.
- ♦ The Growing Place of FUMCCG - One box of books and two small bags filled with school supplies.
- ♦ UM School of Nursing and Health Studies - Three hundred and six snack sacks for Branches Florida City students.
- ♦ Van Gundy, Kim & Stan - A 60" Spalding portable Basketball hoop.



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Support Branches' Under the Tree Toy Shops!

At Branches, we empower families. A few years ago, we began focusing on how we could better serve our parents over the holidays. Instead of just handing out toys to all of our kids, we launched the Branches Under the Tree Toy Shops which allow our families to select and purchase a toy of their choice for their children. All toys are sold at drastically reduced prices, from 80% - 90% off. This instills pride in our families as they are able to give their own gifts to their own children on Christmas morning. And our parents simply love it!



**Please consider purchasing toys which will ship directly to Branches via our NEW Under the Tree Toy Shops
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