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**Branches Throws 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Bash**

*Branches will host a fun, casual happy hour on August 5<sup>th</sup> to raise resources for backpacks and school supplies for its 400+ students from low-income families*

August 2, 2021 - Miami, FL - On Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm, Branches, a local nonprofit dedicated to providing life-changing opportunities to children, youth and families, will celebrate its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Bash at Elks Lodge in South Miami. Sponsors and guests will help raise funds so Branches' Grow and Climb programs' children and youth can go back to school well-equipped and ready to learn.

"Nearly 60% of families in our community are struggling to make ends meet. Branches serves to create opportunities for these children and their families, and with generous support from our community, we know that our students will be able to succeed in school and ultimately attain a higher quality of life", says Brent McLaughlin, President & CEO of Branches.

The Back to School Bash guests are sure to enjoy DJ Mayner, as well as wine and prosecco, and delicious appetizers and treats provided by the featured restaurants which include: Bulla Gastrobar, Dukes and Dangles, Heaven on Earth, Misha's Cupcakes, Miami Island Grill, Pisco y Nazca and Sushi Maki. At the event, guests will also be able to build a backpack as well as write a note of encouragement for a Branches student in need. Cost to attend the event is a \$35 donation online or \$40 at the door.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Bash is made possible thanks to our "Best in Class" Sponsors Aetna and South Miami Hospital, "Gold Star" Sponsors Bilzin Sumberg and Kathy & Scott Howard, "Best Friend" Sponsors Alan Goldfarb P.A., BB Americas, FPL, HSBC, Team FootWorks, Missy & Jim Morgan and Nancy T. Hector, as well as "Apple" Sponsors Karen & Brent McLaughlin and Isabelle & Russell Pike.**

For more details, please visit [www.branchesfl.org/back2schoolbash](http://www.branchesfl.org/back2schoolbash) or contact Isabelle Pike at 305-206-5689 or [ipike@branchesfl.org](mailto:ipike@branchesfl.org)

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**About Branches**

For over 40 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 stability 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 more information about Branches, please contact Isabelle Pike at 305-442-8306 x1002 or ipike@branchesfl.org or visit Branches at [www.branchesfl.org](http://www.branchesfl.org)

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