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Branches to manage Community ID Program after Miami-Dade County approves Launch

Miami (February 3, 2022) – Branches is proud to share that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) has approved Mayor Daniella Levine Cava's plan to launch a Community ID program in Miami-Dade County, following legislation sponsored by Commissioner Eileen Higgins, District 5, that was approved by the Board in June 2021.

Branches, a local nonprofit dedicated to providing life-changing opportunities to children, youth and families, will run the Community ID program in Miami-Dade County which will be modeled after similar programs in Broward and Palm Beach counties. Branches was recognized to administer the program due to its years of experience and strong understanding of Community IDs and similar assistance programs for our residents.

"Branches is proud to lead the Community ID program in Miami-Dade County," said Mr. Brent McLaughlin, President & CEO of Branches. "The ID provides access and opportunity in ways that can be empowering and uplifting as individuals work to improve their lives. We look forward to serving the community in this way!"

The Miami Community ID will be an accepted form of photo identification for select County services that can be life-changing for many Miami-Dade residents including seniors, survivors of domestic violence, formerly incarcerated or homeless individuals, foster youth, transgender individuals, undocumented residents, and others lacking proper documentation. These residents often struggle to obtain an identification demonstrating that they live in the county and therefore have difficulty accessing basic services.

"I originally sponsored this issue when I was a Commissioner and I'm proud to see it finally become a reality as Mayor. This is a long-awaited solution for many of our residents who do not have an ID card that could make their lives easier on a daily basis," said Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava. "Creating a community ID card not only gives access to basic services to residents who have been left out for not having a driver's license, but it also makes our community safer by fostering a better relationship between the police and the community."

Branches is honored to be leading this program in Miami-Dade County. Once the ID program is launched, residents will be able to apply for a card at Branches sites or to attend an outreach event which will be held on a regular basis across the county. Many of these events will be in partnership with the Miami-Dade Public Library System.

To stay updated on when Community IDs will become available, please visit www.branchesfl.org/MiamiID

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About Branches

For over 45 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 wellness 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 additional information about Branches, please call 305.442.8306 or visit http://www.branchesfl.org.

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