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MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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A Message from the CEO

Hire a Youth, Change a Life!

"When I was a kid, I loved the Guides. Now that I have become a Guide, it is like a dream come true!" – Rita, age 16

One of the best 'investments' we make at Branches with our resources is hiring our youth and young adults as Summer Shade Guides. This past summer we hired 34 young people to serve as Summer Shade Guides. In total we paid them over \$52,000 which represents 1% of our annual operating budget. The return on investment is beyond compare!

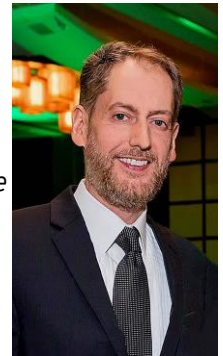
The Summer Shade Guide program is more than just a job. Youth learn essential leadership and life skills, serve as role models for the younger children, develop critical job experience, open bank accounts, learn money management and much more! Without them serving alongside our staff and AmeriCorps members, we would not be able to serve more than 400 children on a daily basis throughout the summer.

The biggest return on this investment in a young person is that the experience of being employed, being in a leadership role, being accountable in their service and being a part of the Branches family in a meaningful way makes an indelible impact on them as a person. They 'grow up' during the Summer Shade Guide experience and become 'grateful' for the many and diverse opportunities they receive at Branches. *"Besides participating in the Climb program, I now volunteer three times a week at Branches with the Grow children because I learned by being a Summer Shade Guide that I can make a difference in someone's life."* – Andrea, age 15

To our many donors who make this possible; thank YOU for enabling us to offer the Summer Shade Guide program each year! It is a valuable investment that keeps on paying dividends in these young lives!

With Hope & Gratitude,

Brent McLaughlin
President & CEO



Financial Wellness Update

Providing services that focus on creating opportunities for families as a whole.

Branches and City National Bank Launch SPARK Micro-Business Program



On Wednesday, August 31st, Branches and City National Bank of Florida proudly hosted the official launch of the SPARK Micro-Business Program. SPARK provides micro-businesses in the Miami-Dade community an opportunity to access mentoring, educational workshops, business coaching and grants to help them succeed. We officially welcomed our first 25 businesses into the program and even surprised them with a laptop!

Thank you so much to City National Bank (CNB) for their partnership and an investment of \$200,000 in Miami-Dade's Small Business community. Thank you also to UnitedHealthcare for their kind support of our entrepreneurs and providing them access to technology to help them thrive. Lastly, thank you Matthew A. Pigatt of the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce and Commissioner Eileen Higgins for joining us and sharing words of encouragement. It was a beautiful and inspiring event and we are grateful to all our partners for making this event and the program a reality.



Matthew Pigatt, Commissioner Higgins, Entrepreneur Kenemo Williams, Eddie Dominguez-CNB, Brent McLaughlin-Branches



Branches' SPARK Micro-Business entrepreneurs mix and mingle at the reception.



On Friday, September 9th following the SPARK Launch, Branches hosted a Laptop Distribution and Training, from how to best use the device to cybersecurity. A huge thank you to United Healthcare IT professionals for leading this informative training session.

Grateful for our Partners



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

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Branches' Back to School Bash!

The Bash raised nearly \$50,000 to support our Back to School efforts for our students.

Over 150 guests attended Branches' 6th Annual Back to School Bash on Wednesday, August 10th, at the University of Miami's Newman Alumni Center. Guests mixed and mingled as they enjoyed drinks, delicious appetizers and desserts which were all donated by our incredible restaurant partners. Later that evening, guests were asked to help stuff new backpacks with school supplies for our students, which they did with much enthusiasm as they danced to music by DJ Mayner. Guests also wrote a special note of encouragement for a Branches student which was placed into each backpack. We appreciate everyone who came out to this fun event and supported our children and youth!

We also want to acknowledge all our wonderful school supply drive partners who helped ensure Branches' 500 students went back to school well-equipped and ready to learn. A special thank you goes out to the following donors who went above and beyond: Alma Advertising Agency, Bank United, Carnival Cruise Lines, Diane Guilick, Donna Embree, Homestead Hospital, Jackie Gallego, Kelly Melchiondo, Southern Glaziers Wine & Spirits, UM/Sigma Beta Tau and the Templeton Family. Here's to an awesome school year!

A special thank you goes out to all our sponsors and individual donors who helped to make the Back to School Bash such a huge success.

Please visit branchesfl.org/back2schoolbash to learn more and watch our fun Bash Recap video!

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Palmer Trinity School was honored with the 2022 Herbert C. Parlato Volunteer Award for their incredible support of Branches!



Maxine Ruiz-Toledo, Manny Garcia, and Russ Beck pack school supplies.



Board Member Scott Howard and Branches staff are all smiles!



Megan Sullivan, Ania & Ray Bade, Travis Sullivan and daughter Cailyn Sullivan show off their backpacks!

Thank You, Branches Donors & Stakeholders!

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- ❖ Muzaffar Anvery from Nick Khan
- ❖ Bill McLaughlin from Shirley Lanxon

In-Kind Donations

- Macdonald Cleaners - women's blouses, men's dress shirts, and a men's jacket.
- Mele, Michelle - baby clothes, baby swing, baby bouncer, play pen, diapers, and baby musical toy.
- Otero, Audrey - queen-size mattress and box spring.
- Zeta Tau Alpha Miami Alumnae – 150 assorted sandwiches and snacks.

In-Kind Donations Back-to-School

- AmeriHealth Caritas Florida - 500 pens, pencils, sharpeners, pencil pouches, erasers and 6 inch rulers
- Bank United Kendall - 2 extra large boxes of school supplies
- Baptist Health South Florida - Homestead Hospital - 12 large boxes of School Supplies
- Regions Bank- Coral Gables – 5 boxes of assorted school supplies
- Simply Healthcare Plans, Inc. - 48 backpacks and 300 duo tang folders
- Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits - school supplies
- The Templeton Family Foundation - 85 SWISSGEAR backpacks

In-Kind Donations Branches South Miami

- First UMC Coral Gables Women's Group - 10 hurricane supply kits
- Jordan, Harry – 1 Macbook Air Laptop
- Netto, Maya - glue sticks, black sharpies, sketchbooks, paint brushes, white copy paper, oil pastel sets, pencils, scissors, acrylic paint, construction paper, crayons, erasers, watercolor sets
- United Healthcare - 200 back packs, 200 water bottles, 200 oral hygiene kits, 375 school kits, and 300 rain ponchos

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