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# Branches Celebrates 50 Years at its Black Tie & Blue Jeans Gala

Miami, FL (April 24, 2023) – On Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, Branches, a local nonprofit dedicated to providing life-changing opportunities to families and their children, will celebrate its Annual Black Tie & Blue Jeans Gala and Auction at the J.W. Marriott Marquis Miami. This year's Gala will celebrate Branches' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary under neon lights and attendees will have the opportunity to play various games like Mario Kart, corn hole, ping pong, foosball, and more with their guests as well as Branches youth. It will be a fabulous night of fun and games that is not to be missed! The <u>Online Auction</u> is already live and will close on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30pm.

This year's Gala is made possible thanks to Philanthropic Chairs Trish and Dan Bell, Gala Chairs Karla and Scott Richey, and MC Ron Magill of Zoo Miami. Trish and Dan Bell have also committed to a generous \$ for \$ Matching Grant for all gifts made to the evening's appeal. In addition, Branches will be honoring Ana VeigaMilton and Cecil Milton of The José Milton Foundation with the 2023 Trish and Dan Bell Community Empowerment Award, celebrating their incredible contributions to the Miami community. 500+ local philanthropists and corporate partners are expected to attend the Gala and help raise funds for Branches' programs which provide life-changing opportunities for families to help them break the cycle of intergenerational poverty, through after-school enrichment and post-secondary focused support for children and youth, as well as a wide array of financial wellness services.

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# **About Branches**

For 50 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 life-changing opportunities to hardworking families and their children to help them break the cycle of generational poverty. For more information about Branches, please contact Isabelle Pike at 305-206-5689 or ipike@branchesfl.org or visit Branches at <a href="https://www.branchesfl.org">www.branchesfl.org</a>

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