



Branches

Trish & Dan Bell Family
Empowerment Centers

BLACK TIE
&
BLUE JEANS
GALA

May 2, 2026

J.W. Marriott Marquis Miami
Sponsorship Opportunities



BLACK TIE & BLUE JEANS GALA

23rd Annual Black Tie & Blue Jeans Gala

Featuring

2026 Trish & Dan Bell Community Empowerment Award
Honoring
Dr. Jose L. Dotres
Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Philanthropic Chairs

Trish & Dan Bell

Gala Chairs

Leah & Phillip Sylvester

Gala Committee Members

Kathleen Bands
Jorge Borges
Maria Comellas
Noel Daluise
Desiree Fernandez

Isabel Fernandez
Kayla Hernandez
Blanca Langer
Carl Lee
Angeliki Marakas

Lucy Núñez
Cristina Miller
Audrey Otero
Karla Richey
Nidia Ruiz

Hanai Sablich
David Smith
Tara Templeton
TJ Villamil
Rev. Dr. Audrey Warren

The Evening's Enchantress

Laurie Jennings
6-time Emmy-Award Winning TV News Reporter & Anchor
President, Laurie Jennings LIVE

Online Auction

Hotels, Spas, Travel Packages, Restaurants, Art, Sports Memorabilia and more!

Where

JW Marriott Marquis Miami
255 Biscayne Blvd. Way
Miami, FL 33131

When

Saturday,
May 2, 2026
6:00 PM

Dress Code

Cocktail Attire or
"Designer" Jeans



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www.branchesfl.org





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Branches' Mission & Impact

Branches' mission is to partner with families to build educational and financial assets, community and hope.

For over 50 years, Branches has been helping hardworking families build brighter futures through our four signature programs:



Grow

Elementary School
Helps children develop a love for learning through afterschool academic and enrichment activities.



Climb

Middle and High School
Supports youth in becoming better students and better people with a focus on post-secondary preparation and career exploration.

Climb Higher

Supports young adults in completing post-secondary education through financial coaching, mentoring and the Climb Higher Scholarship.



Achieve

Financial Wellness for Families
Teaches families how to achieve financial wellness through one-on-one financial coaching, free tax prep and micro-business training.

100%

of Branches' students enroll in post-secondary education

73%

of Branches' students graduate debt-free



9,780



people served through Branches' financial wellness and small business services.



\$10,043,748 in tax refunds secured for the community



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Step into an enchanted forest for an elegant evening in support of Miami families.

Shining Star Sponsor — \$50,000

- Premier table for 20 guests
- Exclusive Private VIP Reception invitation for 4 guests
- Top billing as Shining Star Sponsor on all event materials
- Digital full-screen ad on ballroom screens
- Name/Logo on event website, signage, and screens
- Name/Logo included in World Red Eye and SocialMiami.com publications
- Full-page ad in digital program with priority placement
- Dedicated social media spotlight
- Verbal recognition from the stage

Diamond Sponsor — \$25,000

- VIP table for 10 guests
- Exclusive Private VIP Reception invitation for 4 guests
- Digital full-screen ad on ballroom screens
- Name/Logo on event website, signage, and screens
- Name/Logo included in World Red Eye and SocialMiami.com publications
- Full-page ad in digital program
- Social Media Recognition
- Verbal recognition from the stage

Platinum Sponsor — \$15,000

- VIP table for 10 guests
- Exclusive Private VIP Reception invitation for 2 guests
- Digital full-screen ad on ballroom screens
- Name/Logo on event website, signage, and screens
- Name/Logo included in World Red Eye and SocialMiami.com publications
- Full-page ad in digital program
- Social Media Recognition
- Verbal recognition from the stage



Gold Sponsor ————— \$10,000

- Table for 10 guests
- Exclusive Private VIP Reception invitation for 2 guests
- Name/Logo on event website, signage, and screens
- Half-page ad in digital program
- Social Media Recognition

Exclusive Underwriting Opportunities \$7,500 each

Valet Sponsor (1 Available)

- 4 tickets
- Logo on valet signage and event screens
- Brand recognition on valet tags
- Full-page digital program ad
- Social media recognition

Cocktail Reception Sponsor (1 Available)

- 4 tickets
- Logo on cocktail reception signage and event screens
- Brand recognition on cocktail napkins
- Full-page digital program ad
- Social media recognition

Entertainment Sponsor (1 Available)

- 4 tickets
- Logo on entertainment signage and event screens
- Brand recognition on photobooth photos
- Full-page digital program ad
- Social media recognition

No table included.

Bronze Sponsor ————— \$5,000

- Table for 10 guests
- Name/Logo on event website, signage, and screens
- Social Media Recognition





Sponsor Form

Please fill out this form or visit www.branchesfl.org/2026gala to become a sponsor and support Branches!

Name: _____

Name You'd Like to Be Listed As: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Sponsorship Level:

- Shining Star Sponsor (\$50,000)
- Diamond Sponsor (\$25,000)
- Platinum Sponsor (\$15,000)
- Gold Sponsor (\$10,000)
- Valet Sponsor (\$7,500)
- Cocktail Reception Sponsor (\$7,500)
- Entertainment Sponsor (\$7,500)
- Bronze Sponsor \$5,000
- General Donation \$ _____

Payment Method

- Invoice me
- Pay online at www.branchesfl.org/2026gala
- Check mailed to Branches at 11500 NW 12th Ave, Miami, FL 33168
- Credit Card:

Name: _____

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please return to:
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