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Dear Friends,

Walking through the halls with a Communities In Schools of Miami site coordinator is an experience that warms the heart. Students come from all different directions to receive a hug, an encouraging comment, or to ask where the granola bars are. Since you all can't see their dear faces, I am writing to you to tell you how wonderful it is to watch their expressions light up knowing someone is always there to greet them with a smile. One of my favorite things about our Annual Fundraiser is that it gives us the opportunity to share with you the wonderful work of our team and the many talents of our students. With just four weeks to go before our Bowties & BBQ event on April 4th, 2017, we are working hard to put together what is turning out to be quite an exciting evening in the making!

This year we have several special guests whom I'm looking forward to introducing you to. Here is a sneak peak at some of those guests. I can't wait for you to meet them! I would like to personally invite you to join us in our most heart-warming nights of the year.

I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Elyssa Linares

President/CEO



Dale Erquiaga is the president and CEO of Communities In Schools, the nation's leading organization dedicated to empowering students to achieve in school and in life.

Dale most recently served as the chief strategy officer for Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval and previously served as the state's superintendent of public instruction and as a senior advisor to Governor Sandoval.

Dale has a long career in public service and marketing communications. He worked for the Clark County School District as executive director of government affairs, public policy & strategic planning.

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Matthew Novoa is a senior at North Miami Senior High School. Matthew became a participant of Communities in Schools of Miami during a very hard time in his life. He had lost his dad and was very unhappy at home. As a result, his grades started to fall.

Matthew will start college this summer and attributes his success to the support offered to him by Communities In Schools of Miami.



Guitars Over Guns' (GOGO) program is designed to engage youth through culturally relevant artistic mediums, using a hands-on approach to learn music, dance, and visual arts. Professional artists are paired with small groups of students for the school-year, using this unique arts-learning process to build strong mentoring relationships. Through this connection, GOGO mentors are able to help their students navigate the obstacles standing between them success.

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