



Our Deepest Gratitude

On Saturday, April 8, 2017 we celebrated our annual fundraiser, presented by [Publix Super Markets](#), at the Intercontinental at Doral Miami. Our annual fundraiser supports the educational programs and services that help over 15,000 South Florida students each year succeed in and out of school.

“Together we can create a society where all children discover their own greatness and build on their strengths, optimizing their own unique brand of excellence to become productive, fulfilled members of our community,” explained Elyssa Linares, President & CEO.

This year's theme was “Bow Ties & BBQ,” a family-friendly function to commemorate our dedication to empowering students to stay in school through mentoring, tutoring, skill development, community resources and more.

Guests enjoyed a delicious barbecue dinner, silent auctions, craft sales, and activities for both children and adults including a “make your own bow ties” station, table tennis, sand art and a photo booth.

The evening would have not been a success without the support from our wonderful sponsors: Publix Super Markets Charities; Greenberg Traurig; Florida Power & Light; Richard & Judie Jacobs; City National Bank; JPMorgan Chase & Co.; Olympus; Kaufman, Rossin & Co.; Lehman Auto World; Doral Hyundai and Doral Kia; Popular Community Bank; CI Management; and Shutter Box Photo Entertainment.

Our deepest gratitude goes out to everyone who joined us. It is our hope that if you are currently not engaged with our programs that you will join us in being the ladder for students throughout Miami-Dade County.

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE
You can make a lasting difference in the life of a child and help end the dropout crisis.

All In For Kids

Our community has come out in full force to support Miami-Dade County Public Schools' students, families, and teachers.

Hygiene Kits: [Cushman & Wakefield](#), [Olympus](#), [PSAV](#), and individuals donated over \$1,500 of hygiene supplies. Thanks to their efforts, our site coordinators have hygiene closets for youth and families to access throughout the year. Contact vjacobs@cismiami.org to learn more about our ongoing hygiene drive.

School Supplies: NBC 6 and Telemundo 51 teamed up with Comcast and NBCUniversal employees for the annual Comcast Cares Day, Saturday April 22nd. Employees worked side-by-side with community volunteers filling teacher's supply boxes with school supplies and hygiene products to distribute to CIS students across Miami-Dade County.

Volunteering: Microsoft employees participated in Booker T. Washington Senior High School's Third Quarter Report Card Conference (RCC). Volunteers spent the day having one-on-one sessions discussing student's academic performance, behavior, and attendance. If you wish to participate in our next RCC, contact dmora@cismiami.org.



Subaru Love Promise

[Subaru of America](#), on behalf of [Lehman Subaru](#), presented a \$12,676 check at our Bow Ties and BBQ event. Proceeds directly benefit comprehensive wrap-around support services including tutoring, mentoring and financial literacy to children in grades K-12. Thank you for sharing the love!



2017 Community Grant Recipient

Communities In Schools of Miami is thrilled to be one of [The Ocean Reef Community Foundation](#) 2017 grant recipients. The Community Grants Program awards funding to dozens of worthy charities in the areas of Education, Youth, Health & Family Services and Community at Ocean Reef and in Homestead, Florida City and the Upper Keys each spring. The Ocean Reef Community Foundation awarded \$20,000 to "Bridges to Graduation & Beyond" program at Homestead Senior High School. This program surrounds students with support so they could focus on their education.



Student Spotlight: Andony

"I used to call her a 'stalker' behind her back and thanks to that 'stalker', CIS Site Coordinator, I had an A the following grading period. Every day I look at my calendar and today I'm less than 60 days away from graduation. When that day comes I will stand on that stage and will owe gratitude to my parents and a huge thanks to Communities in Schools of Miami for providing me with the much needed support and resources I needed to graduate. Read his [full story](#).

Action Alert

CIS of Florida is requesting \$2 million in state funding (HB 3827) to serve nearly 35,000 more students at 45 schools in seven school districts, including Miami-Dade County. This state investment will almost double the number of students served and can be done without any additional administrative or infrastructure costs as these are already borne by the local communities. Each dollar invested in CIS produces an \$11.60 return on investment at an average cost of just \$159 per student per year.

Please lend your support to this bill by emailing Governor Scott and encouraging him to support HB3827. Thank you on behalf of the families of Miami-Dade who will benefit from this support.