

The Miami Foundation
GiveMiami 2017
11.16.17 **day**



Take the Give Miami Day Pledge Today!

Please take a moment and **imagine** yourself wanting to go to school, but **you don't have a uniform to wear**; you want to learn, but you're **too hungry to think**; you want to graduate, but you have to **leave school to support your family**. This is the harsh reality for thousands of youth in our schools and across the nation who face many forms of adversity and trauma in their lives that keep them from a promising future.

This is a snapshot of last year's (2016-2017) students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools:

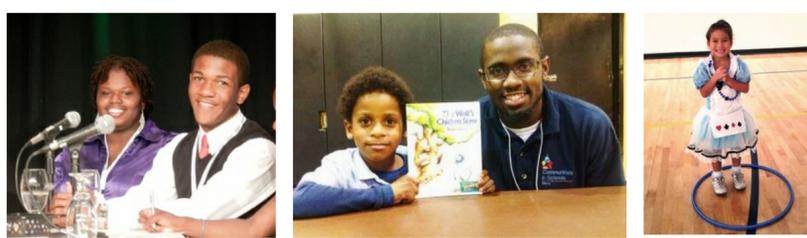
- The district average for students eligible for a free and reduced lunch was 70.7%;
- The graduation rate for economically disadvantaged students was 78.1%;
- The graduation rate for economically-advantaged students was 86.3%;
- The graduation rate for students who are classified as "at-risk" was 64.5%;
- The graduation rate for students who are not at risk was 85.9%.
- While 64.5% is an improvement from the 2015-2016 at-risk graduation rate of 58.2%, there is much work to do to close the achievement gap.

Communities In Schools of Miami works to ensure students have **equitable support** by providing the resources they need, when they need it, free of charge, and directly in the schools. Whether it's a new uniform, a bus pass, a ride to school, a meal, a job, or a chance, students need a web of support and supportive relationships with caring adults to succeed. They want and need us to believe in them and stick with them, and every action matters to them.

On Give Miami Day November 17th, please join us by offering your support and making a donation to Communities In Schools of Miami. *Every dollar makes a difference.* For just \$108, another at-risk student will receive the intensive, wraparound support services offered by CIS of Miami and our caring site coordinators to empower their achievement.

Please click [here](#) and make your Give Miami Day pledge. By making a pledge, you have the option to receive a text, email, or phone call reminder the day before.

[My Pledge](#)



Striking Against Striking Out Bowling FUNraiser

ROLL on over to the Bird Bowl on November 12th, there is no time to SPARE! We invite you to join us at our Annual Striking Against Striking Out Bowling FUNraiser to keep our students on the LANE to success!

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for kids under 10 years of age and you get two hours of bowling, bowling shoes, and a super-fun time for a great cause.

One bowling lane accommodates up to six bowlers. Sign up as a team or you can sign up individually and we'll put you on a team.

[Register Today!](#)

Thanksgiving & Holiday Drive

Please join us as we begin collecting donations for our Annual Thanksgiving and Holiday Drive. Last year, with the contributions from our generous community, we collected enough Thanksgiving food and holiday gifts to reach over 1,000 families in need. This year, we hope to reach even more families. If you are interested in hosting a Drive at your workplace, please email Karla Cadet at kcadet@cismiami.org to receive our Thanksgiving and Holiday Drive participation form. Individual donations can also be made at www.cismiami.org, - just simply write Thanksgiving/Holiday Drive as a note.



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92% of our students improved course performance



177 students received mentoring



94% of our students were promoted or graduated on time



18, 975 students served

1,129 students case-managed

45 community partners

257 volunteers provided 36,077 hours of services.



\$449,220 in-kind goods and services were leveraged

Who's Rad? Elyssa's Rad!

We're excited to announce that our President and CEO, Elyssa Linares, was selected as part of [Radical Partners](#) newest cohort of Social Entrepreneurship Bootcamp! Eleven leaders are about to embark on an intensive accelerator program that will help them grow as leaders and scale their impact. [Learn more.](#)



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