



Communities
In Schools

Miami



Summary of Success

Communities In Schools of Miami served 2,931 students during the 2010-2011 fiscal year through four (4) programs: Bridges to Graduation, AmeriCorps Programs, Violence Intervention Project (VIP), and Supplemental Education Services (SES). In addition, CIS of Miami served 7,365 youth and children through school and community-wide special activities and events held throughout the year. **A total of 10,296 students in Miami-Dade county benefited from our services.**

Accountability and best practices are at the foundation of our organization. Our end of the year evaluation uses both quantitative and qualitative strategies to measure impact. Below are some highlights from our evaluation report, to be released shortly on our website.

- 77% of the eligible students in Bridges to Graduation graduated and received their diploma or certificate.
- 91% of students were promoted to the next grade level.
- 88% of Bridges students that were referred to CIS due to academic needs improved their grade point average.
- 80% of students who participated in the school-to-mentor program improved their grade point average.
- 81% of the children in Miami Reads! and Out-of-School programs improved their reading skills.
- 91% of youth in VIP increased their knowledge on non-violent problem solving skills.

- 92% of students serving their suspensions in the Alternative to Suspension program did not incur a repeat suspension.

Furthermore, CIS of Miami mobilized the following community resources: 1) **356 volunteers** provided 53,162 hours of service; 2) In all, 95 agencies, groups, and businesses partnered with CIS of Miami and contributed programming and services; 3) \$1,276,331 in in-kind facilities, goods, and services were received, representing a 71% increase from the prior year.

Communities In Schools Recognized as a High-Impact Nonprofit by Philanthropedia

Philanthropedia, a nonprofit aimed at helping donors give more strategically, has recommended Communities In Schools as a high-impact nonprofit working with at-risk youth in the U.S. Philanthropedia was recently acquired by GuideStar, the industry leader in nonprofit data with information on more than 1.8 million nonprofits. As a result, GuideStar has a national audience of millions of professionals, funders, advisors and individuals.



Office Depot National Sack Pack Program

Since 2001, Office Depot and the Office Depot Foundation have been giving backpacks and sack packs to children to help them boost their self-esteem, build their confidence and succeed in school. In fact, they have been characterized as "a symbol of hope."

The Foundation donated 200 sack packs in five colorful designs. As in previous years, each sack pack came with a zippered pouch containing essential school supplies. The sack packs were distributed to our AmeriCorps Miami Reads elementary school sites, much to the pleasure of both parents and children.



Students Giving Back



Volunteers Share their Talents



School to Work mentoring brings focus and joy to students' lives

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