



Communities
In Schools

Miami



PARTNERSHIPS: THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF CIS OF MIAMI AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Our mission “to surround students with a community of support” is made possible by our partnerships in the community. Each year, more than 90 organizations and 350 volunteers help deliver vital services to our students so they can achieve in school.

Below we highlight some of these key partnerships, and we encourage you to learn more about them. Click on the underlined names to visit their websites.

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE – GEARUP PARTNERSHIP

As a partner with CIS of Miami for over fifteen years, [Miami Dade College](#) has consistently shown its support through our School-to-Work mentor program, multiple life skills presentations, and now our latest collaboration, the GEARUP program. Working together at their North, InterAmerican, Kendall, and Wolfson campuses and their Take Stock In Children program, this powerful initiative is aimed at preparing students for higher education and instilling a college-bound culture in our target schools.

The partnership hosted its first winter camp at the Wolfson campus. GEARUP students from John F. Kennedy and North Miami Middle Schools participated. Along with daily math and reading instruction, the students had a chance to attend various field trips. One of the trips was a tour of the Miccosukee Indian Museum that featured clothing, paintings, and artifacts from the Miccosukee Tribe. The students also enjoyed airboat rides and watching alligator wrestling.

Parents of students have an important role in GEARUP. Monthly Saturday Academies provide workshops for parents and students. We held our first Saturday Academy for parents and students at the MDC North Campus. The second is scheduled at the Miami Dade Kendall Campus for our Arthur and

Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts students.

[Take Stock In Children](#) is busily matching our students with mentors and scholarships to ensure that our students are not only academically prepared but financially prepared. If you would like to help us by mentoring our students, please contact us.



DIPLOMAS NOW: TRANSFORMING EDUCATION

Diplomas Now is a national school transformation initiative that benefits students, their schools and their communities. For students, this means graduating with a meaningful diploma ready for the future. For schools, it means raising achievement scores and graduation rates and letting teachers teach by providing extra adults to help meet students' social and emotional needs. For the community, it means decreased dropout rates, a better trained workforce and new generation of local leaders. Now in its second year in Miami Dade County, this initiative is producing great gains in its targeted schools.

[Diplomas Now](#) partners include:

CIS of Miami is providing our Integrated Student Services model that includes mentoring, counseling, leadership development, and life skills to students attending Miami Jackson Senior High School, Booker T. Washington, Charles Drew Middle, and Miami Edison Middle School.

[City Year](#) is an AmeriCorps program that unites diverse young leaders for a year of full-time service. City Year Corps members are trained to work in underserved schools to provide targeted academic and school-wide interventions to help students get on track and stay on track to graduate. As tutors, mentors and role models, City Year Corps members have an impact on the lives of children and transform neighborhoods across the United States and in South Africa.

[Talent Development](#) is a program at Johns Hopkins University that specializes in research and comprehensive school reform models to address off-track indicators. Talent Development's middle and high school programs specialize in organizational, curricular and environmental reforms to make the whole school a better place for students to learn.

[Miami Dade County Public Schools](#) is the fourth largest school district in the United States, comprised of 392 schools, 345,000 students and over 40,000 employees. A truly global community, district students speak 56 different languages and represent 160 countries. Under the leadership of Superintendent Alberto Carvalho and his team of dedicated leaders and educators, the District has received state and national recognition for unprecedented increases in student achievement and graduation rates.

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responsible for providing charitable contributions to eligible non-profit organizations. The Foundation is committed to developing sustainable partnerships and programs in underserved regions that provide opportunities for improved health, environment and education.



THE CHILDREN'S TRUST: MAJOR FUNDING PARTNER

[The Children's Trust](#) invests in programs and services that improve the lives of Miami-Dade's children and families. As our most substantial funding partner, the Trust currently funds significant portions of our Bridges to Graduation and Violence Intervention Project.

In addition to funding, they have been a great source of support in the area of professional development for our staff. Staff have participated in informative workshops ranging in topics such as male parenting, suicide prevention, behavior management, and summer reading strategies. Staff also benefit from the consultation sessions provided by the Trust's partners, especially the [All Children Together](#) (ACT) organization, who has helped us in better meeting the needs of children with disabilities.

We continue our pledge to the Children's Trust to provide accountable and effective services to our students. Accountability is paramount for The Children's Trust, evidenced by the rigorous programmatic and fiscal monitoring of all of their providers. We are proud to share our current monitoring scores from The Trust: Bridges to Graduation – 97.91; AmeriCorps Miami Reads! – 97.88; OOS Programs – 95.82; and VIP – 94.57.

A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT

With more than ninety partners, we could fill many pages describing their important role in the community and our programs. We highlight just a few of our program partners below. In short, they provide us with vital facilities, funding, services, volunteers, and in-kind goods. Without them, indeed there would be no "Communities In Schools". Last year the value of donated facilities, services, and goods totaled to \$1,276,331! We thank them for helping us build a strong community of support for our students and schools.

Please visit our website at www.cismiami.org and view the links listed to learn more about some of our program partners: the Miami Rescue Mission, Miami Dade County Park & Recreation, Boys and Girls Clubs of Miami, Camp Jernee, KW Property & Management, US Coast Guard, City of North Miami, NFL

Youth Education Town, AHEC, Miami Dade Department of Corrections, Miami Lighthouse, ImageMentors, Inc., Office Depot, and Infinigy. **Funding partners** this year include: AT&T, Bank of America, Carlton Fields, Carnival Corporation & plc, The Children's Trust, CIS of Florida, CIS National, Gwen Cherry Foundation, Home Builders Institute, Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, Miami Dolphins, Attorney's Denise Moon Memorial Fund through the Miami Foundation, Peacock Foundation, Inc., PepsiCo, Publix Super Markets Charities, William J. and Tina Rosenberg Foundation, Wells Fargo, State Farm Insurance, the State , Volunteer Florida, Women's Fund, Greenberg Traurig LLP, and the Office of Juvenile Justice.

