



Dear Friends,

Schools are back open and students are excited to finally see their friends. Hundreds of their teachers already visited our supply center to get learning tools students need, and they applied for our classroom grants to create meaningful lessons. Children are thrilled to learn hands-on science lessons once again in The Education Fund's outdoor "eco labs" while getting healthy produce to take home. High school students are already envisioning college trips and our SmartPath college clubs. **However, the academic gap created last year is real.** The Education Fund is working diligently with the frontlines in our public schools to make up for lost time in order to ensure our children gain the necessary skills for a successful future.

[Here's How To Help](#)



Last year was one of the most challenging we've experienced in more than 30 years. Thanks to your support, The Education Fund pushed forward, meeting the extraordinary needs of our students and families.

Below is just a small sample of what we accomplished -- together!

Through the work of The Education Fund:

- **\$3.7+** million in school supplies and household items distributed via our Ocean Bank Center – almost 4 times our normal distribution.
- **319,500** students/families in need received pens, paper, crayons, markers, T-shirts, paper towels, disinfecting wipes, toilet paper, children's storybooks, face masks, and much more!
- **128,300+** students benefitted as The Education Fund trained thousands of teachers how to implement effective online teaching practices.
- **21,626** harvest bags provided nutritious supplements to families' home meals for students from **26** elementary schools.
- **67%** of students improved science proficiency through Food Forest STEM lessons.
- **57%** of students improved their eating attitudes.



- **1,262** senior high school students benefitted from one-on-one counseling, gaining critical knowledge needed for careers/college.
- **797** students attended FAFSA events to apply for financial aid for college.
- **530** students participated in bi-weekly college and career club meetings.
- **30** students learned about work and careers through 5-week paid summer internships.
- **9,975** students in **133** classrooms experienced hands-on lessons funded via our Innovator, Adapter, Student Power, Podcast, and other classroom grants.



Many Partners and Donors helped The Education Fund

Just one example is an amazing partnership with Ford Motor Company and Argo AI. With the power of autonomous vehicles, we delivered harvest bags, school supplies, and PPE to hundreds of students' families at home.

The Education Fund Honored with a Proclamation

We are proud to share with you that **The School Board of Miami-Dade County** awarded a Proclamation to The Education Fund on May 19, 2021, for its more than 35 years of outstanding commitment, generous donation, and continued support to the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.



L-R: Ernest P. Miodock, Jr., Ford Autonomous Vehicles, The Ed Fund Vice Chair; Dr. Marta Pérez, School Board Member, District 6; Linda Lecht, President, The Education Fund; Pablo J. Pino, TD Bank Market President, The Ed Fund Chair.

"The Education Fund clearly demonstrates through its past work and its significant continuing efforts that it is an integral part of supporting and improving our public schools in Miami-Dade to ensure all children have an opportunity to reach their full potential and succeed."

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The new school year is here, and we need your help again to continue to ensure student success. Your financial support of The Education Fund's mission and programming makes the difference. Our accomplishments are your accomplishments. Together we are investing in our future workforce through innovative programming and basic resources that children need and crave.

Please consider donating today to ensure our students overcome the challenges of the past year and experience success.

Thank you!

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Reminder: Please mark your calendar for Thursday, Nov. 18th, for **Give Miami Day!** You can give as early as Monday, Nov. 15th, or you can [donate to us today](#).



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