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### IT'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIME!

As the new school years begins, we are looking back at how incredible these past few weeks have been, getting our youth ready to thrive in their studies! We started out with our Back-to-School Strong 2023 Packing Event as we gathered over 100 volunteers to pack more than 1,000 backpacks filled with school supplies! Afterwards, Be Strong International collaborated with other institutions to distribute all the backpacks to hundreds of children in underserved communities! We are so grateful for all our sponsors, volunteers, and partners who helped make this all possible. Together, we are making a difference! May this new school year be filled with excitement, lots of learning, and wonderful memories!

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### WE'RE IN THE NEWS



### ADD THIS TO YOUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL CHECKLIST: IS YOUR CHILD EMOTIONALLY READY?

# Op-Ed by Michelle Shirley on the Miami Herald

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A new school year starts soon in South Florida, and if your family is like mine, you're rushing from store to website and back again, armed with lists of supplies and clothing your child will need to be physically and intellectually ready to learn on that first day.

There's one more back-to-school list to check off so you can answer a critical question: Is your child socially and emotionally ready?

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## MIAMI'S COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT BE STRONG INTERNATIONAL'S **BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT 2023**

### Packing & Networking Event

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Grant Miller from Miami's Community
Newspapers joins 8e Strong International for
their Back-to-School Strong 2023 Packing &
Networking event. Watch as over 1000 blookbags
come together to pack over 1,000 blookbags
liftled with essential school supplies to distribute
to children and families from underserved
communications.





# BE STRONG SHOW WELCOMES KARINA PAVONE, PRESIDENT & CEO OF AMIGOS FOR KIDS

# Hosted in partnership with Miami's Community Newspapers

Community Newspapers
Watch our Be Strong Show as we welcome our special guest, Karlina Pavone, President & CEO of Amigos For Kids! Watch as our CEO and Michelle Shirley, interviews Iarina as she shares her journey with Amigos For Kids and all the incredible wors they are doing. Also, get to know her at a deeper level as she answers some fun questions from our new card game, Social Yaks!

### **GRANT MILLER VISITS** BE STRONG INTERNATIONAL'S MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

# Over 500 families received

Over 500 families received nutritious food packages.

Grant Miller from Miami's Community Newspapers visited 8e Strong international's food distribution at Demps Park where every month, over 500 families receive nutritious food packages in effort to support those who may be suffering from food shortages. Families who are in need were provided with free packages of food that included dairy, protein, canned food items, bread, among other food items.



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### TESTIMONIAL



# ANDREW DAVIS TESTIMONIAL



Andrew Davis, stather to Kiara Davis, shares the incredible transformation he has witnessed from his daughter after her participation in the Be Strong After School Club program. In this program, she has received academic support, learned all about healthy relationships through Heart Salls, and participated in different activities like photography classes, culinary arts classes, dance and more!

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### WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL STRONG 2023

### Over 1,000 bookbags filled with

school supplies.

school supplies.

Be strong International coordinated a successful backpack packing event with more than 100 volunteers, who seffiestly donated their time to put together more than 1,000 bookbogs full of quality shool supplies. This oncein-ayear event was arranged to directly benefit youth and families who might not have the financial liberty to buy new school supplies for the upcoming school year. The energy in the room was inspiring as everyone gathered for a great cause, selflessly dedicating their time to help kids and teenagers start the new school year strong.



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### **SOCIAL YAKS SESSIONS WITH** TOWN OF CUTLER BAY

### Strengthening communities through social empathy.

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We want to give a special thank you to the Town of Cutler Bay for their incredible support and generosity! Be Strong international was awarded with Community Tund Grant from the Town of Cutler Bay! The generous award funded interactive workshops using Social Yals to promote social empathy and to bring the Cutler Bay community together! We are so grafeful & exited to see the Cutler Bay community strengthen!

### **BOOKBAGS DISTRIBUTIONS** Over 1,000 bookbags distributed to children from underserved communities!

communities!

Be Strong International partnered with several institutions, such as Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces, Christ Fellowship Church 2nd. Baptist Church 2nd. Baptist Church and Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church to distribute over Chio Obscaplacis füller with essential school supplies to children and affamilles living in high-reed areas, such Goulds, West Perrine and Richmond Heights.



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## SUMMER FOOD DRIVES

## Serving individuals & families

Serving individuals & families struggling with food shortages. Thank you to all the incredible volunteers who showed up to give back to their community, even during this intense heat wave this summer! We truly appreciate all the support you give us, we couldn't do this whost you! Thank you to Farm Share Ft. for providing the nutritious food packages to distribute to the 500+ families every month! Shout out to Demps Park and the Miami-bade solide deartment for your support and packages to distribute to the 500+ families every month! Shout out to Demps Park and the Miami-bade solide deartment for your support and pack packages to distribute the 500+ families every month! Shout out to Demps Park and the Miami-Dade police department for your support and contribution every month. Together, we are truly making a difference!

### G.E.M.S WORKSHOP WITH TD BANK

### Girls Empowerment Mastery Sessions

OITS Empowerment Mastery Sessions' as Our "Gist Empowerment Mastery Sessions' also GEMS had a fantastic session with TO Banki Our board member, Finilly Arcis, taught the girls all about financial literacy and give them tips on how to save up their money, as well as fine detail/facts about banking and finances. During this session the girls also learned about their unique girls and all those things within themselves that make them special and were encouraged to use those gifts with purpose.



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# WHAT'S COMING UP!

### FREE MARRIAGE MATTERS SEMINAR - SEPT 29TH

# Join us for a romantic evening with a sit-down dinner, prizes, lots of fun, and free childcare included!

Do you want to rekindle the flame and communicate better with your spouse? Are you looking for ways to strengthen your marriage? Then this FRE seminar is perfect for you! Join us and learn the best tips and tools from our panel of marriage experts like Judith John to take your marriage to the next level! Spaces are limited, register today to sow your possible.



# REGISTER HERE!

### SEMINARIO GRATUITO DE MARRIAGE MATTERS -**29 DE SEPTIEMBRE**

# ¡Ven a una velada romántica con cena, premios, mucha diversión y cuidado de niños gratis incluido!

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con tu esposo/a? ¿Estás buscando maneras de
fortalecer tu matrimonio? ¡Entonces este
seminario (RATUITO es perfecto para til ¡Ven a
nuestro seminario y aprende los mejores consejos
y herramientas de nuestro panel de expertos
matrimoniales como Cecilia Alearía. la Doctora



¡REGÍSTRESE AQUÍ!

Amor, para llevar tu matrimonio al siguiente nivel! Los espacios son limitados, jregistrate hoy para

### VOLUNTEER WITH US & GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY - SEPTEMBER 14TH!

Join our next food drive!

Join our next tood arrive:

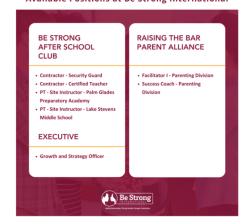
Our monthly food drives, in collaboration with Farm
Share FL, continue to make an impact in the
community of Goulds! On the second Thursday of
each month, we get so existed to come out to
Demps: Park and serve up to 500 farmilies with
nutritious food parkages! Are you looking for ways
to give back? Join us and make a positive impact!

VOLUNTEER NOW!



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**Available Positions at Be Strong International** 



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