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## GMCVB LAUNCHES 'MIAMI EATS' PROGRAM TO SUPPORT RESTAURANT RECOVERY

*Initiative Calls for Miamians to Order Out And Help Out, Uniting Restaurants in Greater Miami and the Beaches Offering Takeout and Delivery Options*

In an effort to support local restaurants amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau (GMCVB) today announces a program encouraging Miamians to enjoy Greater Miami and the Beaches' vast dining options while at home. Miami Eats by the GMCVB was conceived to help restaurants inform patrons of their takeout and delivery offerings, and ultimately, stimulate business for locals' beloved restaurants and most importantly – their owners, chefs and employees.

With 270 restaurants listed and counting, Miami Eats by the GMCVB offers endless opportunities to enjoy breakfast, lunch, dinner, and even wine, beer and cocktails, from our destination's favorite restaurants. Some restaurants are new to dining out and some are offering affordable family meals, gourmet make-at-home meal



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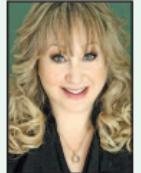
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## Letter from the Chair of the Board

BY ROBIN JACOBS

*Miami Beach Cosmetic and Plastic Surgery Center, MB Chamber of Commerce, Chair*

The Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce has been listening to your concerns and we are here to help you.



The Chamber staff, which includes Jerry Libbin, Enid Rodriguez, Danny Diaz, Alicia Pardey, Alana Millman, James Cavalaris, Andrew Jackson, SuBrena Graham Foster and Leslie Ann Reams have been working tirelessly to help be a resource for our business community. Every day we have attended tele conferences with the City of Miami Beach to receive current information and ask question on your behalf.

I'd like to recognize two companies that sit on our board that have worked together to assist our community in this time of crisis. In response to the shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) for health workers treating patients during the coronavirus pandemic, Florida International University (represented by John Stuart) and Baptist Health South Florida (represented by Erin Dowd) partnered to create 3D-print reusable face shields. They were featured in CBS Local, Miami Herald and WSVN Channel 7.

Below are a few ways that we are helping to serve the public and business community.

The Chamber has never been more active with virtual events, meetings, workshops and classes. From Zumba with Baptist Health South Florida, to

## SBA to Provide Disaster Assistance Loans for Small Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19)

*The Miami Beach Chamber & Miami CFO Partner to Assist Businesses With Securing Necessary Funds to Sustain Them*

Washington took decisive action to make 30 million small businesses more resilient to Coronavirus-related economic disruptions. Small businesses are vital economic engines in every community and state, and they have helped make the economy the strongest in the world. The Small Business Administration (SBA) will work directly



with state Governors to provide targeted, low-interest disaster recovery loans to small businesses that have been severely

impacted by the situation.

The Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce is partnering with Miami CFO to help Chamber members that need immediate help with loans or relief from Florida or the Federal Government. They are offering to consult with business owners regarding the multiple options of grants, disaster

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## FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN LAUNCHES #MYFAIRCHILD, A DIGITAL PLATFORM OFFERING HOME GARDENING TIPS, DIY EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS, MOMENTS OF MINDFULNESS, AND MUCH MORE

Tropical plant education and conservation has always been an everyday practice at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, the world-renowned 83-acre garden that's home to more than 6,000 rare and exotic plants. Although the historic botanic garden may be temporarily closed, Fairchild will continue to stay committed to sharing the power of plant education with its community. That is why Fairchild Garden is excited to announce the launch of *#MyFairchild* on March 25, 2020, a multifaceted online resource for those seeking home horticulture knowledge, wellness tips and activities, kids crafts and DIY educational videos. Learn, reconnect and grow with the garden via *#MyFairchild* and follow along on Facebook at @FairchildGarden, Twitter at @FairchildGarden and Instagram at @fairchildgarden, or log onto [www.FairchildGarden.org](http://www.FairchildGarden.org) for regular posted updates.

Want to learn how to grow tomatoes at home? Fairchild's educational DIY videos will offer helpful tips on how to become an at-home botanist using everyday items found around your house like egg cartons or leftover toilet paper rolls. Working from home with your kids? Keep your budding gardeners busy with a list of fun and educational activities they can do in their backyard, like leaf rubbing or botanical illustrations. Learn, reconnect and grow with *#MyFairchild* by also enjoying:

### DIY EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS

Learn to grow potatoes and sweet potatoes in the comfort of your home. How to create a Leftover Garden using pineapples.

Explore your environment up close with a magnifying glass.

Make your own rotoceptor at home and discover the plant science behind them.

Get crafty and grow indoor tomatoes by transforming your egg carton into a seed starter.

### MOMENTS OF MINDFULNESS

For those looking to reconnect with nature or enjoy inspiring content at any time of the day, tune in to Mindful Moments for beautiful footage from around Fairchild Garden.

### STORY TIME

Unwind, listen, and learn with a nature-themed storybook told by the Director of Education at Fairchild Garden.

### FRIDAY FUN FACTS

End your week with Fairchild Garden learning fun facts from the garden, such as how Velcro was inspired by burrs, the spiky seed pods that stick to everything, including the inventor's dog!

### I AM A SCIENTIST

Meet some of the professional and budding scientists at Fairchild as they give you a glimpse behind the scenes.

And for all of the stay at home scientists, Growing Beyond Earth in partnership with NASA, one of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden's multidisciplinary programs that explores new ways to grow edible plants in space, is launching a Space Chili Pepper Challenge with NASA researcher Jacob Torres. The mission is to grow the hottest chili pepper plant indoors using horticulture methods NASA would use to grow peppers in space. Participants



are encouraged to send a request to the contest organizers to have real Chimayo Chili seeds sent to them in the mail. Once the chilis are grown, participants can send a sample to the University of New Mexico for testing of capsaicin, the compound in peppers that gives them spiciness. The submission that records the highest capsaicin levels will win the hottest Space Chili Pepper title for 2020.

Fairchild Garden is doing everything it can to keep its plant collections thriving. Dedicated plant specialists are working staggered schedules to avoid direct contact with each other and thereby ensuring that the rare and

important plants are tended to properly. Fairchild Garden also has a dedicated group of education and outreach specialists working remotely to bring the Garden to you.

Additionally, Fairchild has helped provide solace to its Members and the greater South Florida community during the 82 years since its opening and will continue to do so by extending memberships the length of time the garden is closed to the public. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden is located at 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL 33156. For more information, please visit [www.FairchildGarden.org](http://www.FairchildGarden.org) or call 305 667 1651.