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**AMERANT'S MATTHEW BRUNO NAMED CHAIRMAN OF  
CENTRO MATER FOUNDATION**

**MIAMI (Mar. xx, 2019)** – [Amerant Bank](#), formerly known as Mercantil Bank, and the largest community bank headquartered in Florida, proudly announces that Matthew Bruno, Senior Vice-President, Corporate Lending Officer/Middle Market Team Leader, has been appointed to Chairman of the Centro Mater Foundation.

Having contributed to the Centro Mater Foundation as an active board member since 2015, Bruno will oversee key management and expansion decisions. He will additionally spearhead the group's directional initiatives, including fundraising and outreach activities.

The Centro Mater Foundation is an organization which aims to support Centro Mater Child Care Services, Inc., a nonprofit that provides quality care and education to economically disadvantaged youths in Miami-Dade County.

"It is a great privilege to be appointed to this new role and lead this foundation to further its philanthropic mission," said Bruno. "I am proud to continue to serve my community through this meaningful cause which positively impacts lives each and every day."

With 18 years of experience, having joined Amerant in 2001, Bruno is proficient in South Florida's banking industry. He attended Florida International University and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and finance. Additionally, he received a graduate certificate in foundations of accounting and auditing from the university. Bruno also completed a Credit Training Program provided by Amerant Bank, then known as Mercantil Commercebank, in 2005.

"We are proud to announce Bruno's appointment to lead such an impactful philanthropic initiative in our community as the newly elected chairman," said Millar Wilson, Vice-Chairman and CEO of Amerant Bank. "He has been an important part of the Amerant team for the last 18 years. We have no doubt he will continue to advance the foundation's impact on the community."

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Committed to advancing the community through philanthropic initiatives, Amerant has partnered with several organizations to give back on a local and national level, including Camillus House, Habitat for Humanity and NSU Art Museum, among others.

Amerant, headquartered in Coral Gables, offers 23 banking centers in its network, with 15 in South Florida, eight in Houston, Texas, and one loan production office in New York as well as a newly opened loan and deposit production office in Dallas, Texas.

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