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**MERCANTIL COMMERCEBANK'S CARLOS PEREZ NAMED
EARLY LEARNING CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER**

CORAL GABLES, FL (November 2016) – [Mercantil Commercebank](http://www.mercantilcommercebank.com), one of the largest banks headquartered in Florida, announced today that Carlos Perez, Vice President, commercial lending officer of the Bank, has joined the board of directors of the [Early Learning Children's Foundation](http://www.earlylearningchildrens.org).

Perez joins other community leaders dedicated to carry out the organization's mission. The Early Learning Children's Foundation creates scholarships to support high-quality early care and education opportunities for children from birth to five years old. The foundation collaborates with the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe to identify and prioritize children who are at-risk or have special needs from low-income families.

"We are pleased to announce Carlos' appointment as a board of director of the Early Learning Children's Foundation" said Millar Wilson, Vice-Chairman and CEO of Mercantil Commercebank. "One of the Bank's key initiatives is to serve the local community and we are honored that the foundation has given Carlos an opportunity to give back in a meaningful way."

"I am honored to join the board and work alongside esteemed members of the community, as my beliefs are aligned with the foundation's mission," said Perez.

Perez joined Mercantil Commercebank in 2007 and has more than 10 years of experience in South Florida's banking industry. He attended the Florida International University (FIU) and earned an executive master of science in taxation (EMST) and a graduate certificate in accounting and auditing. He is also a *cum laude* graduate of FIU, where he also received a bachelor's degree in finance.



With 22 banking centers in total, Mercantil Commercebank has 15 banking centers in South Florida's tri-county area, seven in Houston, Texas, and one loan production office in Manhattan, New York. For additional information, please visit www.mercantilcb.com and follow the Bank on Twitter at @MercantilCB.

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