



## HERE'S THE SITCH

Hello LEAP supporters, it's been a while since our last encounter so we're catching you up from A to Z.

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## It's Official, Dragonfly is the Best Thrift Store

Just ask The Miami New Times, which named the Dragonfly Thrift Boutique the **Best Thrift Store in Miami**.

Dragonfly Thrift has it all: a hip upscale shopping experience, amazing women's fashion and home furnishings, killer prices, and the friendliest service in town. (Did you know that Dragonfly is staffed by LEAP graduates?) AND every dollar supports LEAP's mission.

[Read More - Miami New Times](#)

Be sure to follow Dragonfly on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) and check the [Dragonfly](#) website for information about sales and special events. They say sharing is caring, so please like and share us

on social media and invite your friends to do the same. We are offering a one time 20% discount to anyone who reviews us on yelp.

Come into the store and see what all the buzz is about - 3141 SW 8th ST, Miami, FL 33135 (we are in the bottom level of the Value Storage building.) We have plenty of free parking in the back.

The Dragonfly Thrift Boutique also sells items on Poshmark, look us up as @leapforladies or Dragonfly Thrift Boutique.



### Cafe's Handmade Soaps Sold at the Dragonfly Thrift

Many of you know LEAP graduate, Rebecca Brown — aka Cafe. In between working at Camillus House, serving on the LEAP board, volunteering at the Dragonfly Thrift Boutique every Thursday, and other volunteer activities, Cafe makes beautiful soaps. The soaps make great gifts and are available for sale at the Dragonfly Thrift Boutique.

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### Class 15 has Graduated!



"We GRADUATED!"



Graduating from LEAP's in-prison program means there's a path of opportunities for change upon release. For Leapers and their families, it's a breath of fresh air.



Leapers are very supportive of their classmates and their accomplishments.

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### With Gratitude ...

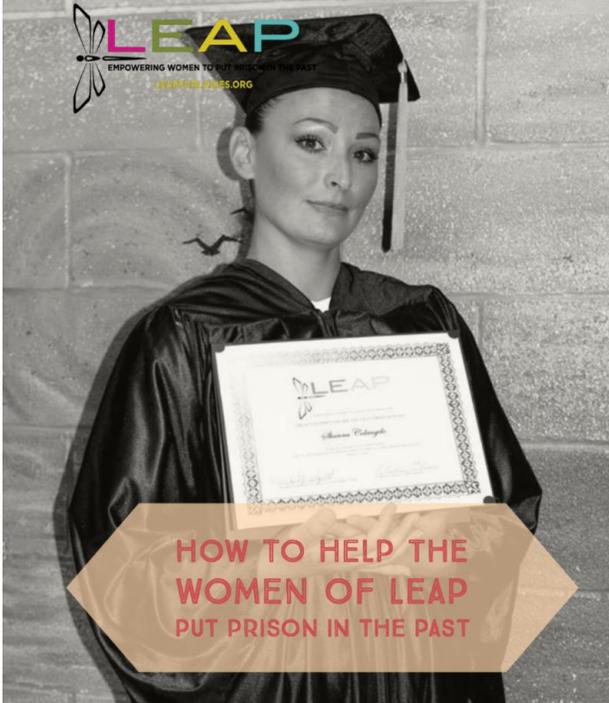
Over the past 9 years working with women in prison, we at LEAP have learned that if given tools to succeed, most will remain crime free. Those tools include education, access to jobs, mental health and addiction services and housing. Thanks to the support of our community, over the past 2 years LEAP has expanded from an in-prison program, to one that includes housing, employment and other support post release. We have been able to expand our services thanks to community support.

We are proud to announce that the Denise Moon Fund of the Miami Foundation, Capital One Bank and the Miami Foundation Community Grants Program recently awarded LEAP grants to expand our post release services, and to develop a comprehensive paid retail internship for LEAP graduates at the Dragonfly Thrift Boutique.

LEAP is 100% dependent on the generosity of our community. Please consider donating today.

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**HOW TO HELP THE  
WOMEN OF LEAP  
PUT PRISON IN THE PAST**

- volunteer at the Dragonfly Thrift Boutique
- mentor LEAP graduates just out of prison
- coach LEAP students in prison
- donate a bicycle and/or computer for graduates living in Miramar
- support the Voting Rights Restoration for Felons Initiative (Amendment 4)
- a donation of any amount helps
- employ a LEAP graduate
- help spread awareness by holding a coffee at your home

[WWW.LEAPFORLADIES.ORG](http://WWW.LEAPFORLADIES.ORG)

**Want to become involved with LEAP or the Dragonfly Thrift Boutique?**

Attend one of our information nights held the second Thursday of every month from 6 - 7 pm. The next one is July 12! RSVP through our [Facebook Event](#).

**Meet Kim, LEAP Class 15**

Kim was released from prison just one month ago, and already she has a safe and comfortable place to live (at the Sacred House) and a job. Through her paid internship at LEAP's Dragonfly Thrift Boutique she is learning new skills, attending yoga classes, meeting new people interested in her success, had her first modeling gig, and participated in Galvanize Florida -- her first conference ever.

"The day I got out of prison I and came to the store I said 'wow, this is where I'm going to be working now... I can't believe it!' The way I felt that day was amazing, and then I went to the house and it's nice and I have my own room - I love it and I love the people. This is all a whole new life experience and I'm incredibly glad I made the decision to choose LEAP and follow through."

-Kim Joiner





## Richard Garcia is our Outstanding Volunteer

Richard Garcia is a retired CPA and the father of LEAP's co-founder Gemma Garcia. For years he has worked behind the scenes to keep up with our books, budgets and maintain our organization in compliance with the law. Mr. Garcia has dedicated hours upon hours to this glory-less role. He's a devoted volunteer that has provided an essential service, saving LEAP thousands of dollars.

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