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A Note From Mahlia



In my role as Executive Director for LEAP, my first in the non profit sector, I have learned as much as the women in our program. Some of the lessons have been frustrating, such as the fundraising treadmill and the zillions of bureaucratic and administrative tasks.

However, most of the lessons have been heart opening.

Despite the political divisions within our society, I have learned that people in our community actually care. They care about their fellow humans. They believe in second chances. And they believe in the power of redemption.

I have found this is true of all people, regardless of political persuasion, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or gender.

The talented members of LEAP staff work for a pittance for no other reason that they care. LEAP's board and volunteers donate thousands of hours of their time because they care. Community members who attend LEAP's educational and social events do so

because they care. Dragonfly customers and other supporters engage with us on social media because they care.

The generosity of spirit exhibited by our extended community blows me away.

I just want to thank YOU for being part of our community. Because in the end, it is community that makes for the long term success of LEAP as an organization and, most importantly, for LEAP graduates.

Time and money is limited for all of us. And everyone gives when and how they can, so no pressure. I just want you to know of several opportunities this month where you can show how much you care. Everything is listed on our Facebook Page, but it's easy to get miss out in the morass of social media posts -- especially lately.

Please read below to see what is happening this month with LEAP. Whether it's dancing, sipping & shopping, enjoying a movie, attending a lecture, engaging on social media with LEAP and, yes, donating for Give Miami Day, you are part of the equation that makes LEAP possible.

As a staff member, donor, and former volunteer, I have received far more than I have ever given to LEAP, and that is thanks to this community. Thank-you.

With Gratitude,

Mahlia

PS LEAP's Community Connection Book & Lecture Series is in full swing (see below for this month's event.) Our next book is *White Fragility* by Robin DeAngelo, and we will be getting together to discuss it in January.

Why Give?

As part of LEAP's extended community, you already know that LEAP is doing something extraordinary.

You've heard of the kindness of strangers? Well, LEAP depends on the generosity of friends and, simply put, **we cannot survive without the financial support from the community.**

To assist local non profits like LEAP, the Miami Foundation hosts Give Miami Day on November 15, when they provide bonus dollars for every donation made through their website.

Better yet, you can complete a pledge form **TODAY**. The pledge allows LEAP to make the donation on Give Miami Day on your behalf, so you don't have to worry about remembering. Click [HERE](#) to pledge today.

If you prefer to give to LEAP on Give Miami Day, click [HERE](#) to donate on November 15th.

When you donate to LEAP, who know that you are placing your trust in us to put your gift to good use. That's why *Responsible Stewardship* is one of our core values:

LEAP is committed to being a financially lean organization, and as a staff, we are committed to modest salary and expense levels. We use funds intelligently, efficiently, and strategically to achieve maximum benefit for all whom we serve.

The Miami Foundation
GiveMiami 2018
day

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12AM to 12AM
ONE DAY GIVE-A-THON

WHY GIVE?

LEAP is a one-of-a-kind Florida nonprofit, empowering formerly incarcerated women to transcend the prison cause and experience through mentoring, education, empowerment and entrepreneurship. With LEAP's less than 6% recidivism rate, we know that when women have the power to produce and control their own finances they're able to give back to their communities and break the prison cycle.

THIS IS WHY YOU GIVE.



#givemiamiday



Upcoming Events

Happy Hour Sip & Shop!

Thursday, November 8, 2018

Time: 5 P to 8 PM

Location: Dragonfly Thrift Boutique, 3141 SW 8th Street



Happy Hour with purpose!

Please join us in celebrating the start of the Fall Giving Season with Dragonfly Thrift Boutique's very own 'Sip & Shop!' The first 25 guests receive 25% off. One Golden Ticket gets 50% off!

Happy Hour is on us, so bring a friend & come 'Sip, Shop with Purpose' and find your treasures

Free limited parking in rear. Please remember to drink responsibly and LYFT or UBER.

Let us know you're coming -- register [HERE](#)

LEAP Dance!

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Time: 10 AM to 12 PM

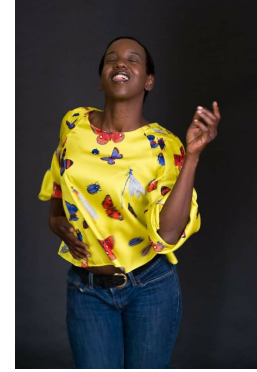
Location: Miami Movement Company, 4703 SW 8th St,

Coral Gables, FL 33134

L.E.A.P. Dance: Sweat, shimmy, and laugh with LEAP!
Get your groove on to the sounds of Latin, Funk, Hip Hop, and Oldies.
L.E.A.P. Dance ...The workout that will leave you feeling, liberated, alive,
and empowered. Easy-to-follow choreography perfect for all skill and
fitness levels. Suggested Donation: \$15 per person

We will be serving post dance coffee and snacks, so register in
advance if possible.

Register [Here](#)



Knife SKILLS

Screening & Conversation: Knife Skills

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Time: 6-8 PM

**Location: Captal One Cafe, 50 Miracle Mile, Coral
Gables, FL 33134**

Knife Skills is an Oscar®-Nominated Documentary about reentry, second chances and the healing
power of good food.

Following the 40 minute film, we will be joined 3 up and coming chef/owners: Danny Ramirez, of The
Westchester, and Jamala Ross/Akino West of the Copper Door B&B for a discussion of the film -- and
of course nibbles!

Register [Here](#)

Community Lecture Series: Human Trafficking 101

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Time: 630-8 PM

Location: Dragonfly Thrift Boutique



Everyone should know about human trafficking. With over 20 million
victims, the problem is enormous, and it's happening right here in our community -- South Florida is
the 3rd highest human trafficking destination in the country. This LEAP Community Connection event
will bring together a panel of experts to shed light on a growing problem in South Florida and how each
of us can help.

Register [Here](#)

Panelists:

1. Dr. Kimberly McGrath will speak about youth (kids under 18), the grooming of kids, how they are
forced to engage in other tangential illegal activities, what happens after they are arrested and what we
can do to help them. She serves as a member of the Statewide Human Trafficking Services
Workgroup, and the Workgroup's Residential Providers Subgroup, as well as of the Miami-Dade
County State Attorney's Office Human Trafficking Task Force.
2. Dr Austin Jerani is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist. He received his Bachelors in Psychology from
Northeastern University, and his Masters and Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the Florida Institute
of Technology.
3. Diana Cordona will speak as to the adult population; the statistics, how relationships are
established, the daily experience of people who have been trafficked, how formerly incarcerated
women are particularly vulnerable and the long term effects. She is a mental health clinician with the
Phoenix Project at Camillus.
4. Esther Jacobo will speak about the legal perspective of trafficking in commercial sex/human
trafficking.

Volunteer Information Night

Second Thursday of the Month

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 at the Dragonfly Thrift Boutique. The next one is **November 8, 2018**. RSVP through our [Facebook Event](#).



Engage With Us on Social Media

LADIES EMPOWERMENT AND ACTION PROGRAM



DRAGONFLY THRIFT BOUTIQUE



Thank you to our generous supporters!

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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