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Dragonfly Love

Since LEAP's Dragonfly Thrift Boutique opened 6 months ago, we have employed 7 LEAP graduates and we were named Best Thrift Store by the Miami New Times.

We have met hundreds of people looking for trendy stuff at awesome prices. Most leave with treasures in hand, feeling inspired by LEAP's mission and impressed by the LEAP graduate sales team.

Have you noticed that Dragonfly has seriously upped our Instagram game? That's thanks to our volunteer marketing genius Carolyn Kaba. The models that you see there include our beautiful LEAP interns Lara, Daniella, Sarah, Andrea, Calista and the spectacular LEAP graduate Zo.

You can follow us on Instagram (@Dragonflythrift) and at www.DragonflyThrift.org.

And, oh yes, you aren't going to want to miss our summer clearance sale. That's this Friday and Saturday.



Upcoming Events

The LEAP Community Connect Book and Lecture Series

The LEAP Community Connect Book & Lecture Series aims to delight, enlighten, educate and create connection. Our monthly gatherings will alternate between speakers and book discussions, and will encompass a wide spectrum of books and topics, including the arts, entertainment, therapeutic concepts, and social justice.

ACLU on Amendment 4
September 27, 2018

Our first scheduled event is on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 6:30 pm

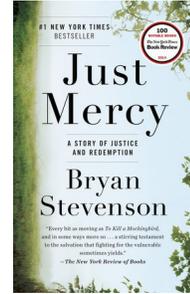


and will feature Monica Espitia, South Florida Regional Organizer at the ACLU of Florida. Monica will discuss Amendment 4 which, if passed in November, will return the eligibility to vote to 1.4 million Floridians convicted of felonies who have completed all terms of their sentence.

Just Mercy

October 25, 2018

Our first book discussion will be on Thursday, October 25, 6:30 PM. The book is Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson. This non-fiction book reads like a novel and is AMAZING. While the author explores the injustice at the heart of the death penalty, it is also a celebration of our shared humanity. Read it before the movie comes out!



Laugh For LEAP

September 29, 2018

In a benefit for LEAP, Just The Funny will be presenting a show combining shortform improv, longform improv and musical improv starring the women of Just The Funny's award winning cast.

[RSVP Here](#)



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. The next one is October 11, 2018. RSVP through our [Facebook Event](#).

Congratulations to LEAP Class 16

On September 21, 2018 we celebrated LEAP Class 16's graduation.

After 8 months and 300 hours of classes ranging from entrepreneurship to employability skills to meditation and much more, the ladies of LEAP are ready to embrace a second chance at life.

Their class motto is "Watch Us Soar."

Ladies -- we can't wait!



LEAP Graduate Spotlight

Meet Shozanio, LEAP Class 15

Shozanio Horton, "Zo," has worked at the Dragonfly Thrift Boutique since her release in July.

Zo says that before LEAP she never had anyone tell her that she could follow her dreams.

In addition to completing LEAP, in prison, she became a Certified Culinarian. Since her release, every step has been about following her dream of owning her own restaurant. Through LEAP, Zo is interning at the Copper Door B&B, which is the highlight of her week.

Cooking is a creative outlet for Zo. "If you have a beautiful table and a good meal, you feel good," she said. At the Dragonfly Thrift we've had the honor of enjoying Zo's hors d'oeuvres and can certainly vouch for her abilities in the kitchen, "You could be sweating and slaving away but just seeing the look of ecstasy and pleasure in someone's face as they bite into my food, it makes it worth it."



Volunteer Spotlight



Daniela Morales

In early June, Daniela Morales answered a posting about an unpaid internship at LEAP/Dragonfly Thrift Boutique. Since then, her adept skills in graphic design, social media, and website design have only elevated our brand. Daniela helped organize our National Thrift Day store event on August 17, designed a flyer for Rebecca McLemore's (Class 15 LEAP graduate) business, and curated our newsletters among other things. August 23 was Daniela's last day as a LEAP intern and this fall she heads back to Vermont as a sophomore Economics student at Middlebury College.

Thanks so much Daniela. We will miss you!

Welcome to our New Board Members



Holly Woodbury

"It's a thrill to be on the Board of LEAP! I



Gustavo Castillo

"I can't think of a more inspiring story

fundamentally believe that your past should not define your future and this is the essence of LEAP. Everyone should be provided an opportunity to move forward."

than of redemption. Of a person making a mistake but refusing to have that define them; Of a person seeking to learn and through it grow and transform into a better version of themselves. LEAP helps those desiring to do this. Being involved in their journeys inspires me and seeing others accept and help them reinforces my belief in the goodness of humanity."

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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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