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I don't even know where to begin directing my gratitude these days. We are just still spinning from the events of the last weeks in August...

On Aug 30th, the Board and I had the incredible privilege of sitting amongst the most hard-working and dedicated members of this community, as we celebrated the Best of Sanford Awards with My Sanford Magazine at the historic Ritz Theater. Not only did this community recognize Ladies 327 as the **"Best Local Charity"**, but when they announced my name as **"Local Humanitarian of the Year"**...well, I still haven't caught my breath.

The week before, I had the pleasure of joining my board and many other local business leaders for lunch at the Seminole Regional Chamber of Commerce Seminole Business Awards, as we were recognized as nominees for several categories. It was such an honor to be there as they were recognized for their incredible achievements. Which is why, when they named Ladies 327 as **"Women-Owned Business of the Year"**, I about fell out of my dang chair! I grabbed Jo to join me, as we approached the stage in absolute awe of being awarded such a prestigious acknowledgment...especially among giants in such a category. You guys can never imagine how humbled we are to receive such accolades, but please know, we receive these in honor of YOU... the women of Ladies 327.

Without your attendance, support, partnerships, sponsorships, hard-work and encouragement, none of this would even be possible! So, as we enter into another exciting, but busy, holiday season, we thank you in advance for your continued and loving support of Ladies 327.

We couldn't do this without you...nor would we want to.

*Kim Colegrove*, President, Ladies 327, Inc



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- ★ 1st Thurs. Dinner
- ★ 1st Fri. River City Food Truck
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- ★ 4th Thurs. Lunch
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TSC's team works to provide emergency financial assistance, groceries, clothes, showers, and other essential resources to individuals who are struggling financially. We address immediate needs, as well as provide extended support through programs that lead individuals and families toward a better future and long-term stability. TSC operates 6 lifesaving programs focused on alleviating hunger and ending homelessness in Seminole County: The Pantry, The Oasis, LifeBuilder, Families in Crisis, Bless Our Soles and ProjectRISE.

Recently, The Pantry launched a new initiative, Project DASH. In partnership with DoorDash, TSC is answering the call for those in need by offering grocery delivery for those who are unable to access necessities on their own, particularly seniors, the immuno-compromised, and low-income students and families who lack transportation. Hope is on the way! Learn more about ways to get involved or receive help here: <https://thesharingcenter.org/projectdash>.

The holiday season is here and TSC offers two incredible opportunities for our community to receive everything they need for a traditional Thanksgiving and Christmas meal. Those experiencing hardships can join us on November 18, 2022, for our Thanksgiving Food Distribution, and December 15-16, 2022, for our Christmas Food Distribution. Nearly 500 meals will be shared with individuals and families to celebrate a traditional holiday dinner.

TSC ensures individuals experiencing poverty receive comprehensive services from the moment they step through the door. For more information, visit [www.thesharingcenter.org](http://www.thesharingcenter.org).

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# My Ladies Story

Many of you have heard my life story, but what you may NOT know, is my Ladies 327 story...

It was this month several years ago, that I discovered Ladies327 at a networking event while working for one of our amazing sponsors. As a new business in the area, we were excited to participate all the local events of the season and Ladies 327 showed us how. They welcomed us, walked us through the process of engaging with our new neighborhood and taught us how to maximize our exposure while there.

Then, I began attending the monthly lunches, dinners, and happy hours on my own. There, I met incredible women, heard incredible stories, and discovered that there was a safe place for me among them. I formed real relationships with real people.

When I experienced a big life change, I made the decision to follow my dreams and go into business for myself. Ladies 327 gave me a place to work and provided me an outlet for sharing my message of hope and healing to the women of our community.

When COVID hit and my life began to unravel, it was the women of Ladies 327 who called to check on me, who had groceries delivered to my house and who helped me pay my bills when I couldn't. It was the women of Ladies 327 who nursed me back to health.

When my business began to take off, it was my honor to become a sponsor of Ladies 327 and serve the women who had so selflessly served me. Whatever season you may find yourself in today, there is a place for you at Ladies 327.

For some, this is just a community organization...for me, it's a home. My prayer is that you too, can find a home in this amazing community.

Wishing you and yours the very best this holiday season.

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## Our Programs

*In this issue we are highlighting a couple of our programs.  
Who are they? What do they do? How does it work?*

Ladies 327 has non-profit partners and program partners. These partners have some things in common. They do great things in the community. They have to be vetted and be brought before the board. They do not pay a fee to be a partner and they are welcome to benefit from whatever knowledge and resources Ladies 327 has to offer at the time.

One major difference is that programs/initiatives are not non-profits. They may choose to become one in the future, they may choose to remain a program with Ladies 327, or they may choose another route all together. A program is an initiative of Ladies 327 as an umbrella (that they can gather the information and experiences needed to find out what their next best move is). The truth is that a lot of time, energy, and resources go into creating a non-profit. There are many requirements and rules. Many non-profits do not receive the information they need until they face a challenge or issue, which could be costly. As a partnered program, these leaders get to experience first hand what non-profit life is all about. To be chosen, the program has to offer something that aligns with the Ladies 327 mission statement and agree to be a good representative of the organization.

Of course, this is just a quick summary.

If you would like more details, please email [admin@ladies327.org](mailto:admin@ladies327.org) to schedule a meeting.

Lissette Reina  
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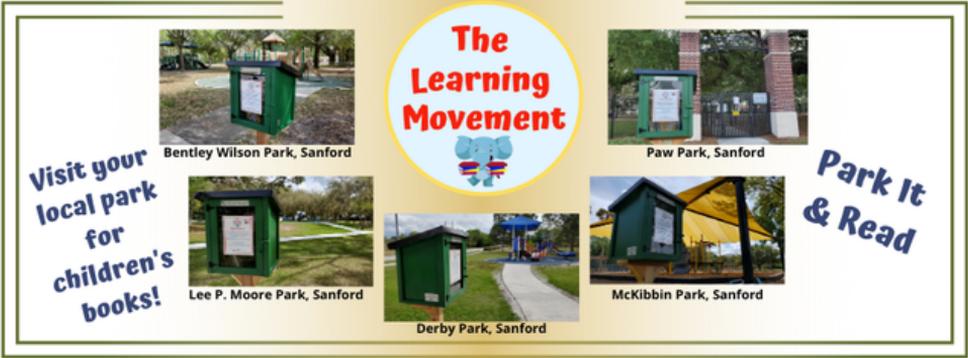


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# Proud Program

Have you seen the Little Free Library book sharing boxes around town? These book sharing boxes are a way for our community members to share books with each other, free of charge, to ensure that everyone in the community has access to books. These libraries are what planted the seed which ultimately led to the birth of The Learning Movement program of Ladies 327. The City of Sanford currently hosts over 20 Little Free Libraries around the city, yet only a few years ago in 2018 we had none.

In 2018 the founding member of **The Learning Movement** installed the first Little Free Library in Sanford after seeing the lack of libraries and the community interest. This library set off what a local community leader called “ a movement”; which led to more community members getting involved in the Little Free Library initiative, and created more support for local children’s education. That is where The Learning Movement’s name came from and what The Learning Movement is all about in a sense. It’s about promoting reading, education, and creating excitement in the community when it comes to supporting our youth. To date, the Learning Movement itself has partnered with local cities to install libraries in parks, with Seminole County Public Schools to help install libraries in local schools, and with our community businesses and non-profits to bring education to the forefront at local events.

You can be the difference in a child’s life. Whether you volunteer to help provide books in the community, read to a child as part of a local volunteer based program, or by making a donation to support these efforts. Many of us grew up needing someone to guide us and support us. Whether we got that support or not, we grew up, realizing the importance of a child’s support system. We can be that support for the upcoming generation of children.

If you are interested in seeing the journey of The Learning Movement or getting involved make sure you follow The Learning Movement on Facebook and Instagram. You can also find us and donate at [www.ladies327.org/the-learning-movement](http://www.ladies327.org/the-learning-movement).



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We specialize in supporting children of Central Florida living with Cancer and other terminal illnesses, children on the autism spectrum, and children powering through poverty by raising smiles and eyebrows whenever possible. This in turn raises awareness! We also make weekly visits to the Give Kids The World Village; A Make A Wish Resort, to cheer up over 100 families visiting from all over the world. We get the honor to bring joy to children living on hospice, missing limbs, burn victims, cancer patients and many other life threatening issues. Please Follow us on social media....call us, email us.. or just shoot the Bat Signal into the sky.... And Here We Come!!!

Thank you for your support and we look forward to meeting all of you.

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**OCTOBER**

- 1- Breakfast w/ Heroez, Colonial Room
- 4- National Night Out, Ft Mellon Park
- 6- Ladies 327 Monthly Dinner
- 7- River City Food Truck Festival
- 9- Sanford Food Truck Fiesta
- 10- Women's Leadership Lunch
- 12- Poured Painting Class
- 14-16 Oktoberfest in Sanford
- 18- Ladies 327 Monthly Happy Hour
- 22- Sanford Jazz in the Park
- 22/23- Zoo Boo
- 23- Oktoerfest Citrus City
- 25- Chit Chat & Coffee
- 25- Trunk or Treat, Texas Roadhouse
- 27- Ladies 327 Monthly Lunch
- 29/30- Zoo Boo
- 29- Sanford Ave Blakc Party
- 30- City of Sanford Halloween event, Ft. Mellon Park

**NOVEMBER**

- 1- Dine to Donate w/ Heroez, Texas Roadhouse
- 3- Ladies 327 Monthly Dinner
- 4- River City Food Truck Festival
- 6- Sanford Caddy Shack Open
- 12- Hero Street Invasion w/ Library
- 13- Sanford Food Truck Fiesta
- 14- Women's Leadership Lunch
- 15- Ladies 327 Monthly Happy Hour
- 16- Glass Fusion Craft Class
- 20- Sofa and Suds Race
- 26- Sanford Ave Block Party
- 27- Celery City Craft & Vendor Market
- 29- Giving Tuesday
- 30- Chit Chat & Coffee

**DECEMBER**

- 2- River City Food Truck Festival
- 3- Cops for Christmas
- 9- Bunco
- 10- Breakfast with Heroez
- 10- Sanford Christmas Parade
- 11- Sanford Food Truck Fiesta
- 12- Women's Leadership Lunch
- 12- Sweet & Savory, Ladies 327 Annual Christmas gathering
- 17- Jingle Jam
- 18- Celery City Craft & Vendor Market
- 20- Texas Roadhouse Christmas Family Fun Festival
- 27- Chit Chat & Coffee

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