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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear LM45 Fall Class,

You did it! After 100 days of learning, exploring, networking, and serving you've crossed the finish line and now join the ranks of an impactful, diverse group of Miami's leaders: Leadership Miami Alumni! Although this journey may have only been just over 100 days, your impact and legacy will last a lifetime; In total, you were able to fundraise over \$48,000 and complete over 3,000 hours of service to our community and I could not be prouder!

Your dedication to the community service projects has been nothing short of inspiring. The hard work and creativity you poured into these goals - and to overcoming challenges you faced - have not only made a tangible difference in our community but also exemplified the essence of true leadership: that leadership isn't about being in charge, but about taking care of those in your charge.

You dove head first into fieldwork experiences - a testament to your adaptability and eagerness to engage with parts of our diverse County that you may otherwise have never seen. These expeditions "beyond the LM walls" hopefully offered invaluable insights and perspectives into all that goes on in our County and all that we can and must continue to do to advance it forward.

Our focus sessions were designed to open avenues for learning and self-discovery - and you made the most of them! The discussions, debates, and shared insights were instrumental in shaping a broader understanding of the multifaceted nature of leadership and the complexities of our home. These sessions illuminated the path for continuous learning, a critical aspect of being a community-minded leader who is both knowledgeable and empathetic.

At the beginning of this journey, and indeed throughout the process, we reminded you that "you get out of this program what you put into it." I genuinely hope that as you reflect on your LM journey that statement resonates with you. We hope that we fostered a program and environment that will allow you to develop and leverage leadership skills, the LM network, and the experiences you gained from this program to help build a better Miami for future generations.

Your Leadership Miami experience would simply not have been possible but for some incredibly talented people: Sponsors, speakers, and university partners - Thank you for fostering meaningful discussions and being the foundation of our programming days.

Facilitators - The teams run on you! Thank you for supporting them along the way and providing guidance to help each team not only meet their goals but exceed them.

Executive Planning Committee – A few sentences cannot possibly do my thanks justice. Despite all of the challenges regularly thrown your way, you seamlessly worked together to center the participants' experiences, coordinate the countless details that go into this program and made sure we all had fun while doing it. Thank you. Tania, Stephanie, GMCC staff, and the South Florida Progress Foundation – Thank you for being reliable, efficient, and innovative in bringing this program to the next level.

Will Diaz-Rousselot, my Vice Chair – Thank you for your dedication, support, guidance and friendship. Put simply, thank you for making this program better and thank you for making me better. Your servant-leader mentality is one to which we should all aspire.

And finally, thank you LM45 Fall, for letting me shepherd you through your LM experience. As you move forward from here, remember that the journey of leadership does not culminate here. You are now equipped with the tools, experiences, and networks to forge ahead and create meaningful change and you have the responsibility as a leader to do so.I look forward to seeing the remarkable paths you will pave and the impact you will create for this Magic City we all love.

Your proud Chair,

Brandon Mitchell



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TEAM 1
MIAMI V.O.1.C.E.

His House Children's Home



TEAM 2

MAGNIFY MIAMI

The Lucy Project



TEAM 3
MAKING WAV3S

Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.



TEAM 4

4WARD MIAMI

Casa Valentina



TFAM I: MIAMI V.O.I.C.F.



Miami V.O.1.C.E (Vocalizing Our 1mpact through Community Engagement) comprised of leaders from across Miami-Dade who represented cohort 45 of Leadership Miami. Miami V.O.1.C.E. partnered with His House Children's Home, a faith-based organization that brings healing and hope to children and families in its care, to provide adolescent youth in foster care with endless possibilities to upskill and make advancements in their future careers. The overall goal of the project was to upgrade an existing space on the HHCH Campus that would serve as an Education and Career Center for youth to enhance their educational experience and explore possible career and vocational opportunities. This included purchasing and executing the following tasks: 1) Updating the wall paint, 2) Cleaning the floors, 3) Updating the closets, 4) Life skills workbooks, 5), Purchasing supplies – printer, folders, ink, copy paper, 6) Upgraded TV, 7) Conference table and chairs, 8) Charging station for laptops, 9) Sound System, 10) Wall display case, 11) Bookcase, 12) Snack case, 13) Updated AC Unit. In addition to upgrading the space, the Team was asked to raise and promote awareness of the opportunity to foster youth to potentially qualified families in Miami-Dade County. Our first fundraiser, our Virtual Zo-cial, was curated to promote awareness for fostering youth and inform participants of the success and rewards of becoming a foster parent. We also promoted foster care success stories on our social media in posts titled, "Foster Care Fridays". Other accomplishments that went above the scope included creating a cozy reading nook for the students to sequester to comfortably read and/or study; purchasing a webcam for students to meet any virtual expectations for class; a conference speaker for the upgraded conference table; data modules for youth to charge their devices while working at the conference table; and upgrading the landscaping for the building. We also provided youth with reading books for all ages that would be sufficient to create a small library for the space.





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TEAM 2: MAGNIFY MIAMI



Magnify Miami entered a strategic partnership with The Lucy Project, with a focus on enhancing literacy, digital literacy outreach, and outcomes for children in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten at Norwood Elementary. The primary objective of Magnify Miami's initiative was to establish two designated "book nooks", obtain 40 laptops, and cultivate an enriched learning environment to foster reading and education. This initiative aimed to provide a secure and inviting space for children to engage in reading and learning while also leveraging sciencebased strategies and establishing access to specialized literature. To materialize this vision, Magnify Miami set three goals to compliment The Lucy Project's pitch which included: 1. Increasing Digital Literacy Champions (DLC) awareness, advocacy, and action (via community fundraisers), 2. Advance early learning with EdTech (40 Laptops), 3. Raise capital for reading nooks (target goal: ~\$20,000). Our project was very successful which was demonstrated by the following: Community Fundraisers/Awareness: Project pitch night and two in-person fundraising events hosted at Blue Martini and PS Social, yielding approximately \$755 and \$1500, respectively; Community Building: Our core values amplified in program experience with LENS (Learn, Explore, Network, and Serve); Secured and Designed: 60 Laptops with partner Human I-T and two reading nooks. Additionally, our fundraising endeavors garnered a total of approximately \$9,317.05 in monetary contributions. Moreover, the project received an additional \$34,343.45 via in-kind donations, reflecting a remarkable sum of \$43,660.50 dedicated to our project. Noteworthy among these in-kind donations is the provision of 60 laptops, alongside various other items, directly benefiting the children of Norwood Elementary. The judicious allocation of these funds enabled the acquisition of bookshelves, laptop charging stations, and aesthetically pleasing decorations for our book nooks. These enhancements collectively fostered a warm and inviting atmosphere, essential for facilitating the optimal learning and growth of the children. Additionally, our team achieved a bond that is now unbreakable. Through adversity and challenges, our relationships were strengthened, and we are now and forever family.





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TEAM 3: MAKING WAV3S



Making Wav3s is a dynamic and diverse team of professionals who joined forces with Legal Services of Greater Miami. The original project scope for "The Client Pantry-Nourishing Our Community" was to address the immediate hunger need of the client community that Legal Services of Greater Miami serves by stocking, organizing, and enhancing the use of their client pantry. The purpose of the pantry is to bring relief to clients in the midst of an incredibly stressful time while they receive support navigating the legal system. The Legal Services client community is composed of 500,000 low-income residents of Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. The pantry creates a direct, positive, and long-term impact in the lives of the clients of Legal Services addressing a basic human need while removing a massive stressor in already complicated situations. The expected project outcomes were to stock the client pantry with 32 organizational bins, 1,000 water bottles, 4,000 assorted hygiene products, and 11,200 non-perishable ready-to-eat food items. The team was also posed with special project ideas that included Thanksgiving baskets for 50 client families and assorted school supplies for 50 children. The team was inspired by the stories that the Legal Services team shared about their clients and the work that they team. The team was particularly inspired by Jackie-Michel Chow, the intake specialist that inspired the client pantry. Jackie would often share her lunch with hungry clients during their intake interviews. Her selflessness and compassion inspired the Legal Services team to dedicate a pantry space in their office and reach out to Leadership Miami to help bring the pantry to fruition. With the support we received from the community via cash donations and in-kind donations, we were able to stock the Legal Services client pantry with hygiene products including soap, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby diapers, and feminine care as well as self-stable food and beverage items including water, Gatorade, granola bars, crackers, chips, pasta, canned goods, rice, cereal, and fruit cups. The team also purchased reusable bags that clients can take their food home in and a plaque dedicated the pantry to Jackie Michel-Chow. The team received a \$1000 gift card donation from Publix which helped to support funding Thanksgiving baskets for 11 client families. As part of the pantry, there is a food resources guide for clients to aid them in securing food benefits. The team is pursuing a sponsorship with Feeding South Florida to ensure the sustainability of the pantry. There are two sponsorship options we are exploring, a pre-paid food delivery option and a true pantry sponsorship in which Legal Services will become a public food pantry location. The Legal Services Young Professionals group will also be working to help support the pantry. It is important to recognize that this pantry will not only support clients that directly work with Legal Services but will also help to support client families.





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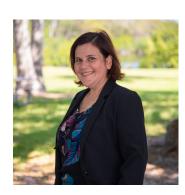
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TEAM 4: 4WARD MIAMI



Leadership Miami's Team 4Ward Miami and Casa Valentina embarked on a heart-touching mission to remodel and refurbish kitchens in Casa Valentina's young women's residence, to provide these young women a new start in life. Our original project goal was to complete the renovation of three kitchens at the ladies' residence of Casa Valentina in Coconut Grove. Once the project began, we were advised one kitchen had been completed. As such, we were tasked with completing two kitchen renovations, encompassing the removal and installation of custom cabinetry, countertops, sink, faucet, and interior painting. Beyond the kitchens, it was important to us from the beginning that we incorporated a significant sustainability piece into our project to ensure our impact went beyond the kitchens. Building off the above, we identified the following goals and expected outcomes: 1. Goal: Provide Casa Valentina residents with quality renovated kitchens equipped with resources to create home-cooked meals. Outcome: Participants will make more home-cooked meals that are nutritional and/or cost-efficient. Participants are able to store more non-perishable food items with additional cabinet space. 2. Goal: Develop sustainable initiatives that enhance Casa Valentina's ability to encourage life skills among current residents. Outcome: Residents participate in activities that promote good health and wellness. Residents attend career-focused sessions on campus to strengthen professional development and economic growth. 3.Goal: Develop initiatives that enhance the visibility of Casa Valentina and their mission. Outcome: Raise community awareness about atrisk youth and children that age out of foster care at a local level. Increase donor engagement as well as increase prospects and provide volunteer opportunities in the community. Beyond achieving our mission of renovating two kitchens, we also incorporated sustainable pieces into our project that current and future Casa Valentina residents will enjoy and benefit from. We collaborated with Leadership Miami 45 Fall participants and Casa Valentina to create a custom cookbook of recipes for every Casa Valentina kitchen. Additionally, residents will also benefit from a digital cookbook, a YouTube playlist we curated providing residents with a wider variety of recipes and for different cooking skills, which will be displayed in every Casa Valentina kitchen via a framed QR code. We also provided Casa Valentina with an annual supply of "Going Home" baskets for residents that graduate from the program which include a cookware set, cutting board, knife set, electric wax warmer with wax melts, and more. We created a programming calendar where Casa Valentina residents will be exposed to a variety of experiences as part of their life skills coursework including fireside chats hosted by 4ward Miami as well as one year of bi-monthly yoga classes free of charge starting February 2024. Finally, we secured a consultant to assist with the design and execution of Casa Valentina's 1st annual 5K Run/Walk. The projected event date is May 2024.





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OUR TEAMS BY THE NUMBERS

TEAM 1

MIAMI V.O.1.C.E.

\$14,144.36

Total Funds Raised

\$7,113.64

Total Cashed Raised

\$6,656.32

Total in-kind

TEAM 2

MAGNIFY MIAMI

\$35,001.50

Total Funds Raised

\$9,317.05

Total Cashed Raised

\$25,697.45

Total in-kind



OUR TEAMS BY THE NUMBERS

TEAM 3

MAKING WAV3S

\$19,387.00

Total Funds Raised

\$12,999.00

Total Cashed Raised

\$6,388.00

Total in-kind

TEAM 4

4WARD MIAMI

\$28,103.50

Total Funds Raised

\$19,030.00

Total Cashed Raised

\$9,073.50

Total in-kind



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- classroom teaching hours with top experts from South Florida leading educational institutions teaching advanced leadership Curriculum (Barry University, Florida International University, Florida Memorial University, Miami Dade College, St. Thomas University, and the University of Miami)
- classroom hours with community leadership, government officials and prominent business executives presenting and facilitating discussion and activities around our critical community issues: resilience, transportation, housing, workforce development, technology, financial literacy, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.
- **55+** hours devoted to executing and delivering defined Team Community Service Project
 - **8** hours of Fieldwork assignments to broaden awareness of community, to experience diverse cultures and needs, and learn the importance of philanthropy
 - hours in program delivery, presentations, graduation, and integrating with business leaders in Chamber's Goals conference







Leadership Miami, powered by the South Florida Progress Foundation and Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, successfully launched their first Give Miami Day campaign in November 2023.

Over \$17,000 was raised in donations, matching gifts, and awarded bonus pool funds.

The received donations were specifically directed to support the following initiatives:

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