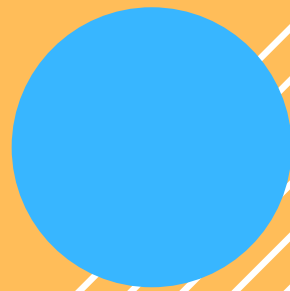


the
LEAN on
me
PROJECT

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE
2020-2021 SCHOOL
YEAR





the **LEAN** on me **PROJECT**

From The Year of The Student to The Year of The Teacher to The Year of the Parent/Family

For the 2019-2020 school year, The Year of the Student, we kicked off The Lean On Me Project by implementing a pilot program at Brookside Middle School that focused on student services, such as our 1-on-1 mentoring program and our lunch group mentoring program. Due to Covid-19, we then transitioned our mentoring program to an online platform where we started to provide Sarasota Military Academy with online 1-on-1 mentoring. We were tasked with graduating 15 students. We accomplished the mission as 14/15 graduated on time.

For the 2020-2021 school year, The Year of the Teacher & Personal Wellness, we focused on the administration, teachers, and support staff as stress levels were high from the transition to online learning. We cared for our professional community with the following initiatives: The Pay It Forward Lunch Program, The Headshot Initiative, Healing the Wounded Educator Book Circle, etc. Through these initiatives, we have cultivated close connection with Sarasota County School personnel which lead to collaborations at individual schools such as the Peer to Peer Mentoring Program, the 1331 Initiative, and the Lunch groups at Brookside Middle School. In addition, our connections lead to discussions about mental health needs at specific schools. The Lean On Me's response included direct investment of funds into other organizations, such as The Florida Center and First Step of Sarasota, to hire additional mental health counselors and SAPs (Student Assistant Professionals) in four schools.

As we enter the 2021-2022 school year, The Year of the Parent/Family, we roll out our signature initiative, The Parent Cafe - The Happiness Initiative. It will start online due to the current Delta variant of COVID-19 and will land in schools as it becomes more safe.

The data shown in this report represents Lean On Me's growth in the 2020-2021 school year. Projection of future growth and ventures are broadly explained further in this report.

THE BIG NUMBERS

200

TEACHERS AND SCHOOL
PERSONNEL SERVED

44

STUDENTS SERVED DIRECTLY

15

SCHOOLS SERVED

7

NEW INITIATIVES & PROGRAMS

STUDENT SERVICES MILESTONES

20

STUDENTS SERVED VIA PEER TO PEER PROGRAM AT TATUM RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

15

STUDENTS SERVED VIA GROUP MENTORING LUNCHEES AT BROOKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

10

STUDENTS SERVED VIA 1331 INITIATIVE FROM A VARIETY OF HIGH SCHOOLS

6

NEW MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS & SAPS CONTRACTED FOR GARDEN, WILKINSON, TAYLOR RANCH ELEMENTARY & BROOKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOLS VIA LEAN ON ME DONATION TO THE FLORIDA CENTER & FIRST STEP OF SARASOTA

110

1-1 TUTORIAL HOURS VIA COMPEER & NAMI MATCHES WITH STUDENTS STRUGGLING WITH THEIR ACADEMICS AND EMOTIONS - TIER III INTERVENTIONS

TEACHER/SCHOOL PERSONNEL SERVICES MILESTONES

115

WEIGHTED BLANKETS DONATED TO BROOKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS/SCHOOL PERSONNEL VIA SLEEP WELLNESS INITIATIVE

54

SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS RECEIVED PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS VIA THE HEADSHOT INITIATIVE

27

SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS RECEIVED THE WOUNDED EDUCATOR BOOKS & PARTICIPATED IN THE TRUAMA INFORMED BOOK CIRCLES (NATIONAL PROGRAM)

10

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED IN THE PAY IT FORWARD LUNCH INITIATIVE

SCHOOLS SERVED BY YEAR

2019-2020

2020-2021

BROOKSIDE MIDDLE

SARASOTA MILITARY PREP

SARASOTA MILITARY HIGH

BROOKSIDE MIDDLE

SMA PREP

SMA HIGH

TATUM ELEMENTARY

BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY

TUTTLE ELEMENRAY

BOOKER ELEMENTARY

WILKINSON ELEMENTARY

ALTAVISTA ELEMENTARY

SARASOTA MIDDLE

RIVERVIEW HIGH

LAMARQUE ELEMENTARY

NORTH PORT HIGH

GLEN ALLEN ELEMENTARY

GARDEN ELEMENTARY

INITIATIVES & PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED BY YEAR

2019-2020

2020-2021

1-ON-1 MENTORING

GROUP MENTORING

ONLINE 1-ON-1 MENTORING

1-ON-1 MENTORING

GROUP MENTORING

PEER TO PEER MENTORING

1331 INITIATIVE

PAY IT FORWARD LUNCH
PROGRAM

HEADSHOT INITIATIVE

COMMUNITY DOORS

WELLNESS INITIATIVE

TRAUMA INFORMED BOOK CIRCLE

RELATIONSHIPS

THANK YOU TO COMPEER FOR COLLABORATING WITH US TO PROVIDE 1-ON-1 & GROUP MENTORING IN THE SCHOOL SETTING

THANK YOU TO ALL THE SCHOOLS FOR TRUSTING US AND SHARING YOUR WISHES WITH US

THANK YOU TO RESILIENT RETREAT & SRQ STRONG FOR COLLABORATING WITH US FOR THE PUT YOUR MASK ON FIRST WELLNESS EVENT FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL

THANK YOU TO RESILIENT RETREAT, NAMI & SRQ STRONG FOR COLLABORATING WITH US FOR THE COMMUNITY DOORS PROJECT

THANK YOU TO NAMI FOR ADOPTING US INTO YOUR ORGANIZATION

THANK YOU TO DR. JANJAY FOR LEADING & BUILDING THE 1331 INITIATIVE

THANK YOU TO THE CKG FOUNDATION FOR COLLABORATING WITH ON OUR STUDENT MENTORING LESSON PLANS

THANK YOU TO THE FLORIDA CENTER FOR IDENTIFYING 3 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WHO NEEDED THE 2ND MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR

THANK YOU TO NAMI FOR COLLABORATING WITH US TO PROVIDE TEACHERS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL A FREE SUBSCRIPTION TO COPE NOTES

THANK YOU TO THE SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR GRANTING US AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT



the
LEAN on
me
PROJECT

Moving into The Year of The Parent

As we transition our efforts to focus on creating services for parents, we are grateful and hopeful for an upcoming school year full for collaborations and soul filling work. In addition to our focus on parent/family services, we will continue our efforts to provide students and teachers with the services we have created for them while finding new and creative ways to serve them best.

PROJECTED INITIATIVES & PROGRAMS FOR 2021-2022

THE PARENT CAFE - THE HAPPINESS INITIATIVE (ONLINE)

THE BEAUTIFICATION INITIATIVE @ BROOKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

1-ON-1 MENTORING FOR STUDENTS VIA NAMI & COMPEER

GROUP MENTORING @ BROOKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

PEER TO PEER MENTORING @ TATUM RIDGE ELEMENTARY

1331 INITIATIVE @ THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION LAUNCHPAD

SPONSOR THE HAPPINESS ADVANTAGE BOOK CIRCLE @
BROOKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

THE SMILE INITIATIVE - COLLABORATION WITH EDUCATION
FOUNDATION TO IMPROVE DENTAL HYGIENE

THE GARDEN BOX INITIATIVE @ SARASOTA MILITARY ACADEMY

MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING W/ NAMI, COMPEER, CKG
FOUNDATION

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT W/ SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOLS

BALLROOM DANCING & DANCE SHOE INITIATIVE W/ FACE AUTISM

MEMBER OF THE SARASOTA/MANATEE ANTI-RACIST COALITION