ANSWER Scholarship Receives $15,000 Grant From The Leon Levine Foundation

By Andrea Cooper
The Leon Levine Foundation has awarded a $15,000 grant to ANSWER Scholarship to help send local moms to college. This is the 11th year The Leon Levine Foundation has invested in ANSWER.

ANSWER Scholarship provides college scholarships, mentoring, and professional development training to mothers in Mecklenburg and surrounding counties. All have children ages preK-12 at home so that the children can learn from example and be inspired to go to college too.

ANSWER has awarded more than $530,000 in college scholarships to more than 100 mothers since the organization was founded in 2006. Mothers can earn a four-year degree in any field and select two-year degrees. Some ANSWER moms have gone on to earn master's degrees.

More than a financial scholarship, ANSWER connects each of its scholars with a volunteer mentor through its Mentors For Mom program. Mentors provide support and help scholarship recipients with the challenges of balancing school, work, and parenting.

Mentors For Mom is one reason why the ANSWER class of 2021 had a 100% graduation rate, in spite of all the challenges brought by the pandemic. They earned degrees from.

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Hadasah Meal Preppies: Sarah Friedman, Marci Goldberg, June Hirschmann, Yvette Jacobson, Johnson and Wales, Judy Kaufman Penny Krieger, Andy McCleary, Harriet Meetz, Laurie Sheinhouse, Marcia Stern, Joyce Stoll, Lori Trapani. Elissa Vining

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Queens University of Charlotte, Johnson C. Smith University, Winthrop University, Belmont Abbey College, and other local universities. ANSWER is dedicated to providing the tools for economic mobility in our region. In a 2019 survey of ANSWER alumnae, they reported a 32% increase in salary after earning their college degrees.

The Leon Levine Foundation “focuses on highly effective leadership, a track record of impact, and financial sustainability,” when selecting grantees, according to Tom Lawrence, president of The Leon Levine Foundation. “ANSWER has done a fantastic job in each of those areas. We’ve been lucky to see the growth of ANSWER from the very beginning and have been proud to be on that path with such a great partner.”

ANSWER wouldn’t be where it is now without The Leon Levine Foundation, says ANSWER Founder Susan Ander- sen. “The Foundation gave us the ‘Good Housekeeping seal of approval.’ Their support en- couraged other foundations and individuals to get involved as do- nors and volunteers,” she says.

About The Leon Levine Foundation

Established in 1980 by Leon Levine (Founder and Chair- man Emeritus of Family Dollar Stores, Inc.), The Leon Levine Foundation supports programs and organizations that improve the human condition through investments in education, health care, human services and Jewish values. Based in Charlotte, North Carolina, the Foundation invests in nonprofits across North Car- olina and South Carolina with strong leadership, a track record of success, and a plan for finan- cial sustainability.

Through its investments, the Foundation intends to create pathways to self-sufficiency, champion strategies for perma- nent change, and facilitate oppor- tunities for growth.

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