

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.



(2021-2022 ANSWER Scholars)

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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Challah Two Ways

By Andrea Gamlin

The mitzvah of challah instructs us to set aside a piece of dough for each batch we make. For me, there is something about separating a piece of dough, also known as “taking challah,” and then smelling freshly baked braided loaves that get me in the mood for Shabbat and holidays. Whether you are a seasoned baker or a challah novice, join us in preparing dough to take home and bake and fill your home with the delicious aroma of challah!

Over the past 14 years, Sara Oppenheim has led a powerful and fun group of women in Charlotte to bake challah before Rosh Hashonah. The Rosh Hashonah challah bake, now run by Momentum's local chapter called W.O.W., will be held this year on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m., August 31 and will be a hybrid event — it will be held in-person for vaccinated attendees and have a Zoom option! Please go to W.O.W.'s website at www.charlottewomenofwisdom.com for more information on the challah bake, the ingredient list for those joining from home, as well as the location and Zoom link.

Some of you may be baking adverse, or might need many loaves for the upcoming fall holidays - no worries, we've got you covered. Just order challah from our Challah Sale! If you've ever tasted Sara's challah, you know you'll want to order many to have around! Please submit your orders at W.O.W.'s website at www.charlottewomenofwisdom.com before August 16 to be entered into a raffle to win a VIP ticket to “My Disney Tale and Caricature Demonstration” with Saul Blinkoff. Special bonus: for every two challot (plural of challah) that you order, you get 1 challah free! Order now, don't wait!

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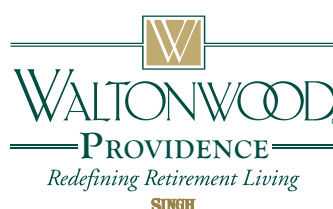
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Shalom Green: Thank you to your volunteers who harvest fresh produce for our pantry.

Food Pantry Donations: Thank you to our wonderful community for continuously donating items to the JFS food pantry. The donations have been incredible and we appreciate everyone's generosity. We continue to have contactless drop off of donations every other Wednesday. Please see our website for a list of donation days at www.jfscharlotte.org.

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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 Andersen. "The Foundation gave us the 'Good Housekeeping seal of approval.' Their support encouraged other foundations and individuals to get involved as donors and volunteers," she says.

About The Leon Levine Foundation

Established in 1980 by Leon Levine (Founder and Chairman 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 Carolina and South Carolina with strong leadership, a track record of success, and a plan for financial sustainability.

Through its investments, the Foundation intends to create pathways to self-sufficiency, champion strategies for permanent change, and facilitate opportunities for growth.

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