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Parramore Literacy

New Image Youth Center Adding Community Little Free Library™

[Parramore, Orlando, FL, USA, February 28, 2018] – At **4:30 p.m.** on **March 12, 2018**, a **Little Free Library™** will be dedicated at **1035 America Street** in the **Parramore District** of the **New Image Youth Center (NIYC)**. A member of the **Rotary eClub of Florida**, applied for an **Impact Grant of Little Free Library™ (LFL)** for the month of February 2018 and was awarded the library.

Dr. Shanta Barton-Stubbs, CEO of **NIYC**, welcomes the jumbo birdhouse-like structure and books to the neighborhood the center serves. “This **LFL** will help us provide year-round services to local children and adults helping to make Parramore a safe place to learn and play.”

Shawanda Jones, the **LFL** steward and **NIYC** parent, has two boys and two girls from age five to fifteen. She states that, “reading is essential, and I am a big advocate. Reading teaches us and allows us to think big.”

The mission of **NIYC** is to “change the path of at-risk youth through education and example.” Barton explains that, “we have helped many of our graduates achieve their dreams of going to college.” Students from **NIYC** will be included in the dedication ceremony and book reading.

Books are donated to **LFLs**, which now number over 60,000 world-wide, and freely borrowed and returned. There are libraries that are subject specific, like at the **Easy Access Women’s Center in Pine Hills** and **Carter Family ACE Hardware in Apopka**, or of any title, i.e., **at Alonso Medical & Wellness Center in Forest City, Porkies Original BBQ in Apopka**.

Visitors may choose one or more books then return them to any location and borrow more. Often, visitors drop off books they own that they have finished. The **Friends of the Library** at the Maitland Library are important sponsors of **Rotary eClub of Florida** libraries.

The library kit and books are in the second grant **Dr. Phyllis M Olmstead**, Charter President of **Rotary eClub of Florida**, has won for central Florida in a year. Last February, the first **LFL Impact Fund** library was placed at **214 W 10th Street** in **South Apopka** in memory of six-year-old **Camari Dennison**.

Rotary International clubs focus their efforts in six areas: **promoting peace, preventing diseases, providing access to clean water and sanitation, enhancing maternal and child health, improving basic education and literacy, and helping communities develop** (www.Rotary.Org, www.RotaryDistrict6980.org). The **Rotary eClub of Florida** thanks you for supporting educational scholarships and disaster relief locally and worldwide. Contact members at www.Facebook.com/RotaryeClubofFlorida @RotaryeClubFL and FloridaeClub@USA.com. The club will meet on line, both synchronously and asynchronously, at www.RotaryeClubofFlorida.org.

New Image Youth Center, started in 2004 to serve at-risk youth in the Parramore District, is located 212 S Parramore Avenue, Orlando, FL 32805
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Grant Application Quote:

The New Image Youth Center is in a tough part of Orlando called Parramore. The area is the traditional black community within Orlando. Division St is the road used in Jim Crow days to separate the black citizens from the whites. Education attainment is low and crime is high. This center reaches out to serve the at-risk children of the community to build capacity in the children and their parents. The LFL will make an incredible change in the community. We hope to put LFLs in front of the homes of many families attending the center. We already have many books for this location. NIYC provides academic support for all school levels, develops social skills, and provide daily meals, nutrition education, fitness functions, and crisis intervention counseling. The Pulse shooting occurred on the edge of the Parramore community.

Locations of some of the Rotary eClub and other district club's LFLs:

47314	Alonso Medical & Wellness 1090 W SR 436, Altamonte Springs, 32714	Forest City	Seminole County	3 Nov 2016
47092	Oley's Kitchen & BBQ Rosemont 5320 Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, 32818	Rosemont	Orange	7 Nov 2016
47093	Porkie's Original BBQ 256 E Main St. 256 E Main St-SR 441, Apopka, 32703	Apopka	Orange	23 Feb 2017
47094	Breaking Point MMA 809 S Orange Blossom Trail	Apopka	Orange	5 Feb 2018
47095	Ace Hardware—Carter Family 530 S Park Ave, Apopka, 32703	Apopka	Orange	8 Apr 2017
47096				
47097	Easy Access Women's Health Clinic 6889 W Colonial Dr—HWY 50, Orlando, 32818	Pine Hills	Orange	16 Dec 2016
47098	Bright 'N' Clean Laundromat 850 N Park Ave, Apopka, 32712	Apopka	Orange	12 May 2017
47099				
47101				
49952	Camari's Memorial Impact Fund Library 214 W 10 th St, Apopka, FL 32703	Apopka	Orange	1 Apr 2017
57175	New Image Youth Center Brown Family Home 1035 America St, Orlando, FL, 32805 Impact Fund Grant Shawanda Brown	Parramore	Orange	12 Mar 2018

In the Works

Mount Dora 535 E 11th Ave, Chuck's Wagon Home Cooking, 60 E Main St The Lifeboat Project Inc. 829 Votaw Rd Orlando Heart Specialists	Mount Dora Apopka Apopka	Lake Orange Orange	2018 March 2018
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450 W Central Parkway, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
33 S Washington Ave, Apopka, FL 32703
Bubbalou's Bodacious BarBQue, N Rock Springs Rd

Altamonte Springs Seminole
Apopka Orange
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Additional locations in

47100 Ronald McDonald House—Nemours Lake Nona Orange
13535 Nemours Pkwy, Orlando, 32817 RC Lake Nona Lunch Sponsor 9 May 2017

Rosen Preschool and Tangerine Preschool have two internal-use library carts provided by RC of Orlando and RC of Dr Phillips, respectively. Books were provided by local RCs, including RC of Lake Nona Lunch, and the district leaders from 29 countries and states in RI Zones 33 and 34 during a conference here in October 2017.

RC Sanford has 2 libraries for parks in the city