



Rotary Club 99: Tuesday, August 20, 2024
11:30 AM Buffet Opens | 12:00 NOON Meeting Begins

Errin Stanger, Founder and CEO, Refuge Village, Creator of Providence Park

Chronic homelessness is a problem that plagues most cities today, and unfortunately, Little Rock is no exception. Providence Park is a 50-acre master-planned community providing affordable, permanent housing and a supportive community for individuals coming out of chronic homelessness. Join us as **Errin Stanger**, Founder and CEO of Providence Park, discusses her vision for the project. Attendees will also participate in an in-meeting service project to fill care packages for homeless people, in collaboration with the Central Arkansas Library System (which shelters many homeless people during hot summer and cold winter days).

NOTE: Members and guests will have an opportunity to participate in an onsite service project. In partnership with CALS, we will put together care kits for our homeless community. All supplies will be onsite ready for your participation.





Errin Stanger is the Founder and CEO of Refuge Village, a non-profit created to serve the chronically homeless in Central Arkansas. She has created Providence Park, a neighborhood specifically designed to provide permanent, supportive, and sustainable housing to chronically homeless individuals in a community-driven environment. Our mission is to serve our homeless brothers and sisters in need by providing a safe and supportive environment in which we can plant the seeds of dignity.

Prior to creating Refuge Village, Errin served as the Director of the Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub, Arkansasâ€™™ first and largest makerspace. She, along with an incredible team, helped create and foster STEAM educational opportunities, workforce development initiatives and community impact that has grown the maker movement in Arkansas.

Errin has a graduate degree in Biology and a minor in Urban Studies from Rhodes College and more than 20 years of experience in non-profit development, community engagement, and fostering community. She has served as the producer of the North Little Rock Maker Faire, a National Make48 competition, and has had the honor of serving as the 2006 Race for the Cure Chairmen in memory of her sister Kelli Binksy.

She serves as a board member for the Argenta Downtown Council, ACANSA Arts Festival, North Little Rock Chamber, the Big Dam Bridge Foundation, and the University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College Foundation Board. She is currently serving as the 2023-24 Microsoft TechSpark Fellow.

Errin and her husband, Scott Stanger, a retired Colonel of the United States Army, live in North Little Rock with their six children.

Zoom Login for August 20, 2024

Join Zoom Meeting
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Special Events and Meetings

Comfort Kits for the Homeless, A partnership with CALS

Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2024
Time: During our Rotary Meeting
Location: Great Hall, Clinton Center

Rotary Club of Little Rock Business & Professional of the Year Luncheon

Honoring RY 2023/2024 Recipient Elizabeth Glasbrenner
Hosted by UALR
Date: September 5, 2024
Time: 11:15 AM Unveiling of photo
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM Lunch
Location: UALR, School of Business, Lobby, Reynolds Building

Upcoming Programs

August 2024

20 Providence Park, Errin Stanger, CEO

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27 Ottenheimer 2024 Presentation: Madagascar

Come hear our visiting Ottenheimer scholars from Madagascar share with us their expectations and experiences of Arkansas as they wrap up their month-long visit. These two impressive young women have traveled half-way around the globe to experience American capitalism and democracy on the ground in our fair state. The Ottenheimer scholars' reflections are as much a learning experience for Club 99ers as they are for the scholars themselves, and can teach us much about how the world perceives our great American experiment.

September 2024

3 Arkansas Times 50th Anniversary

The edgy alternative news platform *Arkansas Times* is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. From its founding in 1974 as a small newsprint magazine called the *Union Station Times* to its current format as a monthly glossy, *Arkansas Times* has provided a consistent progressive voice and perspective on Arkansas issues for fifty years now. Along the way, the publication has proven to be very innovative with its early embrace of online publishing, special events and spin-off publications. Join founder Alan Leveritt and Development Director Wythe Walker as they tell the backstory behind their Golden Anniversary.

10 Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Grand Opening

The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra will open its new digs in September and the new \$11.75 million facility in the East Village neighborhood is incredible. The 20,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility will be the first permanent home in the organization's 58-year history. Join Christina Littlejohn, ASO's Chief Executive Officer, and Geoffrey Robson, ASO's prize-winning music director, as they give us an early view of this newest amenity in downtown Little Rock.

17 Little Rock Fight Litter Campaign

As with all urban areas, Little Rock experiences litter, trash and graffiti problems that impact how residents and visitors experience our city. This neglect has become an aesthetic, environmental, social and economic issue. Join Club 99er Capi Peck, Executive Chef and owner of Trio's restaurant and long-time member of the Little Rock Board of Directors, as she discusses the Little Rock Fight Litter Campaign with Rex Nelson, Senior Editor and columnist at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette and Club 99er Michael Bynum, Assistant Attorney General.

24 Six Bridges Book Festival - Author Event

In-meeting service project with CALS

Books have an incredible power to unite us, to connect our diverse experiences, and to ignite our imaginations. The Six Bridges Book Festival is more than a gathering of authors and readers; it's a celebration of our shared love for stories and the communities they create. This quote by Joyce Elliot, State Senator and 2024 Six Bridges Book Festival Chairperson, sums up the importance of this annual book festival to the rich experience of living in and visiting Little Rock. Join us as we host Ayana Gray, *New York Times* bestselling author, Pulaski Academy grad and Little Rock resident, as this year's Club 99 hosted author. Ayana's books will be available for purchase after the event.

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