

TLA celebrates our Success Store Relaunch

On February 1, we launched our newly renovated Success Store!

The Success Store plays a big role in our mission to provide survivors of domestic violence and low-income women with the tools to lead self-sufficient. successful and independent lives.

In addition to offering the job skills necessary to secure employment in today's technologyfocused job market, we collect donations of



gently-used professional attire for the store. Students use vouchers earned by attending class to purchase clothing for job interviews and work. The store is also a resource for other service agencies in Tarrant County.

Over the past year, the Success Store has transformed to look and feel more like a boutique. The space is brighter, more welcoming, and more empowering for all the women who need it.

"This is a crucial need for our students and partner agency clients," Executive Director Kathryn Thalken said. "When someone is in a rush to leave a dangerous situation in their home, they don't think to grab a blazer or dress shoes. They are just trying to get to a safe place."

The renewed Success Store was a team effort, with CannonDesign providing design, architectural and construction planning services, Christman Facility Solutions who donated time and labor, organizational products contributed by The Container Store alongside other vital contributions.

"We couldn't be more grateful for the generosity of CannonDesign, Christman Facility Solutions, The Container Store, and over 20 other companies who have contributed to make a reality what we once only thought of as a dream," Thalken said.

VOLUNTEER AT OUR SUCCESS STORE

Come Have a Ball at our Pickleball Party



Don't miss out on your chance to join our party and participate in the country's fastest growing sport.

That's right! Our Pickleball Party is happening from 1-5 p.m. on April 19 at Mira Vista Country Club.

You'll enjoy lunch, raffles, pickleball and tons of fun - all while supporting The Ladder Alliance.

Proceeds from the event will go toward our mission of providing survivors of domestic violence and low-income women with the tools to lead self-sufficient, successful, and independent lives.

This beginner-friendly event is the perfect opportunity to learn the game if you've never played. We'll have someone there to teach you. Sign up as a team or register as an individual and we will pair you up with a teammate.

So click <u>here</u> today for registration and sponsorship opportunities and get ready for the fun!

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 13

Lunch & Learn Click <u>here</u> to register 12-1 p.m.

FEBRUARY 16

Next Level Seminar Click <u>here</u> to register 9-10 a.m.

MARCH 12

Coffee & Conversation 9-10 a.m.

APRIL 12 Graduation 10-11 a.m.

APRIL 19 Pickleball Party 1-5 p.m.

MAY 8

Kendra Scott Giveback Night 5-7 p.m.

Tax Season is here!

Filing taxes is stressful enough, and we don't want to hold you up. If you itemize your charitable deductions, and haven't received a letter from us for your monetary donations, please email info@ladderalliance.org with the subject line "donor letter."

Valentine's Day Gifts From the Heart

Valentine's Day is the perfect occasion to show your love and appreciation for those special people in your life. This year, I will consider stepping beyond traditional gifts and exploring the world of technology. Here are some innovative gadgets that make life easier for your loved ones:

Between App (Free): Are you currently in a relationship? A special privilege exclusively for couples, start using Between! Between is a couples-only app where you can communicate more romantically and store precious memories easily with your loved one.



Ruben's Record

Lego - Bouquet of Roses: Is your loved one a

Lego fan? Lego has just released a gorgeous new set called Bouquet of Roses, and it includes a dozen classic red roses and sprigs of white baby's breath.

Smart Home Devices for Convenience: Make daily life more convenient with smart home devices. Consider smart speakers like Amazon Echo or Google Nest, smart thermostats, or smart lighting systems. These gadgets bring a touch of automation and ease into the home.

Digital Photo Frames for Memories: Capture and display precious moments with a digital photo frame. Upload photos remotely, ensuring that the frame is always filled with the latest memories. It is a thoughtful gift for staying connected, especially when miles apart.

Fitness Trackers: Encourage a healthy lifestyle with a fitness tracker. Whether it is a Fitbit, Garmin, or Xiaomi Mi Band, these devices monitor physical activity, sleep patterns, and more, promoting overall well-being.

Smart Coffee Makers: For coffee enthusiasts, a smart coffee maker is a delightful gift. Schedule brew times from a smartphone app or use voice commands.

This Valentine's Day, consider the gift of technology to make the day even more special. These gadgets not only highlight your thoughtfulness but also add a touch of innovation to your celebration.



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