



## **17th Annual Public Service Bus Contest Winners**

ORLANDO, Fla. (Aug. 23, 2018) – Organizations that support children, animals and civic pride will be among the eight non-profit agencies featured on the Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (LYNX) 2018-19 Public Service Bus.

Seminole County Commissioner and LYNX Board Chairman Lee Constantine and LYNX Chief Executive Officer Edward L. Johnson will unveil the bus 2 p.m. Sept. 6. The event will be held at the Cranes Roost Park Eddie Rose Amphitheater located at 274 Cranes Roost Blvd., Altamonte Springs, FL, 32701.

All organizations will receive free exposure by having their logos placed on a LYNX bus traveling Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties for the next 12 months. Each winner was selected in a random drawing of 40 applicants with 501(c)(3) status and operate on budgets of less than \$1.5 million annually.

### **LYNX 2018-19 Public Service Bus Contest Winners:**

***ASD Adult Achievement Center of Seminole County*** provides services to adults with autism. The Altamonte Springs organization has programs to help young adults develop social skills, executive function skills, job readiness skills and independent life skills as they transition into independent life.

***Children's Safety Village of Central Florida*** mission is to prevent injuries and fatalities of children through lifesaving education, advocacy and leadership. Based in Orlando children learn about fire, water, traffic, pedestrian, bicycle, 911, internet and other safety skills in a realistic setting.

***Come out with Pride*** is an annual parade and festival at Lake Eola bringing together and celebrating the LGBTQ+ and allied communities.

***Crossroads Corral*** of Sanford provides equine-assisted mental health counseling to Veterans who suffer from PTSD and their families, youth and women who have suffered trauma, abuse and neglect. Their mission is to promote personal growth, hope and healing through horses.

***Just Our Soldiers' Helpers (J.O.S.H.)*** from Lake Mary increases the morale of deployed U.S. service members by preparing and shipping care packages consisting of snacks/food or high quality hygiene products.

***Latino Leadership*** of Orlando teaches leadership development, education advancement and economic development. Most recently they served 8,500 families impacted by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Are they autism?

***Lovey Loaves*** in Orlando is a special needs dog rescue devoted to saving and rehabilitating dogs that have been dealt different circumstances such amputation, blindness, deafness or those suffering from disease, illness or injuries.

***SNiP-it of Central Florida*** operates a high volume, low cost spay/neuter clinic. Based in Kissimmee they help pet owners have healthier, happier pets and also reduce the number of unwanted litters and animals entering shelters.

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