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Ronide Blanc is the Program Director of Lotus House Thrift Chic Boutique and an alumna of Lotus House Women's Shelter. Her journey began in 2013 when she came out to her family as a member of the LGBTQ community. She found herself homeless shortly after. Seeking refuge, she found comfort and support at Lotus House as an unaccompanied youth at the age of 17, during the end of her sophomore year of high school.

During her stay, she did not only receive love but also the tools to rebuild her life. Before the end of her senior year, she was able to secure housing and graduated high school in 2014. She was personally recognized by Miami Dade County Superintendent Alberto Carvalho where she was given a scholarship to advance her studies.

Her commitment to Lotus House and being an advocate for homeless youth led her to join the team as an Operations Manager in April 2015. Today, she holds the position of Program Director at Lotus Thrift Chic Boutique, the donation center and location for the retail job training program for the shelter.

In her role, she oversees the daily operations, ensuring that hundreds of guests at Lotus House receive the essential furniture needed for a successful transition to their new homes. Her journey exemplifies resilience, dedication, and a passion for serving others.

Her passion for homeless youth has been an inspiration for the community at large. Ronide has been invited to speak countless times and has been featured in: National LGBTQ Task Force Annual Gala, The Lotus House Women's Shelter Annual Gala, the Segunda Mano event during Miami Fashion Week in 2021 and the National Women's Shelter Network Inaugural Conference Development Panelist in 2023.