A focus on alumni, our greatest asset
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If there is any one thing I have learned in my two years as Executive Director, it is that people are the most important part of any community or organization. Geauga County is full of the most caring and inspiring individuals and I am reminded of that every day when I interact with our alumni community. Our alumni base is our greatest community asset and we are constantly looking for ways to engage and reengage alumni with both our organization and our community.

In our 23 year history we have graduated over 700 adult alumni and celebrated our 10th youth alumni class. We have alumni in every industry and community in our county. Alumni engagement was our theme for this year and I am proud to report increases in the number of opportunities provided for alumni to learn, connect and become inspired to get involved and give back in new and profound ways. Our focus on alumni engagement will be a trend that we carry with us as we look to next year and the on-boarding of a new, part-time staff person who will work to create new and innovative programs for our alumni cohort.

If it has been awhile since you have attended a program or event I invite you back to rediscover Leadership Geauga and your community. Geauga county needs educated and engaged citizens to move our community and organizations forward. And if we can serve you in a new or different way please don’t hesitate to reach out and let us know!

Thank you for another great year,
Leadership Geauga:
Leadership Geauga informs, educates and engages civic and business leaders, to inspire themselves towards personal and professional empowerment, to strengthen their organizations and serve their colleagues, consumers, and community.

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Organizational Highlights

- Alumni leadership workshops: 5
- Legacy Participants: 6
- Alumni socials: 7
- Community speaking engagements: 6
- Alumni who attended events: 278

Areas of Growth

- Increased alumni programming: 33%
- Increased alumni engagement: 31%
- Increased alumni participation: 37%

The percentage increase in number of alumni workshops and socials
The percentage increase in number of alumni who attended at least one leadership workshop or social
The percentage of alumni who attended more than one event
Often, you’ll view speed and quality insights as opposites. But you can have the best of both, and you really should.

Leadership Geauga Adult Program Overview

**Adult participants**

- Eileen Adkins- 'Leen on Me Organizing
- Nate Anderton- Junction Auto Family
- Lorrie Benza- Bainbridge Township
- Nancy Bushman- Independent Plant Broker
- Sr. Emilia Castelletti, SND- Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School
- Sara Clemson- Maple Leaf Community Homes Inc.
- LuAnn Coldwell- Kent State Geauga
- Mike Coleman- Howard Hanna
- Donald Crites- Fairmount Santrol
- Jennifer Dorka- Russell Township
- Jaime Fisher- Middlefield Care Center
- Leslie Galicki- Lowe's Greenhouse
- Mike Henry-Keller Williams - Henry Group
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- Jon Klein- Company 119
- Agnes Lane- University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center
- Chris Maksim- Geauga Park District
- Mary McFarland- Kinetico Inc.
- Lou Ann Metz- Bainbridge Township Fire Department
- David Munson- Lake/Geauga Educational Assistance Foundation
- Tracy Richardson- United Way of Geauga County
- Tom Ross- Geauga County Engineer
- Thomas Rowan- Geauga County Sheriff
- Lisa Sanborn- The Middlefield Banking Company
- Jerry Schreffler- MJM Industries
- Crystal Schwendeman- Skoda Minotti
- John Shiffler- Shiffler Equipment Sales
- Krystal Thompson- Geauga County Law Library/Bar Association
- Tamee Tucker- iSTEM Geauga Early College High School
- Susan Wieland- Geauga County Prosecutor’s Office
- Patty Willson- Lake Health

**Highlights**

- 13 program days
- The number of Geauga county program stops and community leaders our class experienced
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GEauga
Adult Program Experience

In their words
The percentages below indicate how many adult program participants strongly agree or agree to the following statements regarding their experience in the 2018 class.

What our graduates had to say:
"This program was exceptional"
"BEST WORK EXPERIENCE EVER!"
"Broadening my personal network was so beneficial!"
"I AM INSPIRED TO GIVE BACK!"

More Clearly Defined Program Learning Outcomes
A highlight from this program year was the introduction and implementation of leadership learning outcomes into the adult and youth programs. These clearly defined learning outcomes were brought into orientation, retreat and the issue days to provide more intentional opportunities for leadership growth and development.

We strive to develop the following competencies through our adult program experience:
- Growth Minded
- Collaboration
- Social/emotional intelligence
- Servant Leadership
- Effective Communication
- Change agent (innovation)
- Relationship building
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Adult Program Experience

The percentages below indicate how many adult program participants **strongly agree or agree** to the following statements regarding their experience in the 2018 class.

- 96% Agree or strongly agree
  - DISC helped in my personal/leadership development

- 96% Agree or strongly agree
  - I gained valuable personal development

- 96% Agree or strongly agree
  - I plan to stay actively involved as a Leadership Geauga Alumni

Our participant experience was enhanced in 14 out of the 16 components that we evaluate!

We are continuing to enhance the impact and content presented to our class!
The program includes a shadowing experience at University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center.

**Youth Program Sponsor**

University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center

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*Youth Program Experience*

**Lead. Serve. Discover.**

- **12 Program Days**
- **144 Touch Points**

The number of program stops and community leaders our class experienced.

**Developing Servant Leaders**

The Youth Class of 2018 was challenged to identify an area of concern in our community, develop a course of action to help, and complete a service project during the year.

Small group projects included:
- School supply drive to benefit St. Marys School
- Food drive to benefit local food banks
- Animal supply drive to benefit Rescue Village
- Clean up at Geauga Parks
- Conversation buddies at

During the process, the groups successfully navigated through obstacles, engaged their community, and held themselves accountable for the success of the project. In addition to their learning, they made our community a better place for all!
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Youth Program Experience

100% Agree or Strongly Agree
I experienced valuable personal development

I will be a better leader/team member

94% Agree or Strongly Agree
I built stronger connections in the community

100% Agree or Strongly Agree
I plan to be involved in the community in a new or different way

I experienced valuable personal development

I built stronger connections in the community

I will be a better leader/team member

I plan to be involved in the community in a new or different way

I will use what I learned in my day to day life to be a positive impact on my community.

I worked with local farms to help out my community.

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Emerald Ball: New venue, new faces, new records set!

On March 3, 2018 three hundred forty Leadership Geauga alumni and community leaders gathered to celebrate the commitment to youth leadership development and community engagement of Geauga County 4-H, who was awarded the 2018 Emerald Leader.

We brought together a record setting crowd for a night we will never forget. Through the generosity of our alumni and community leaders we were able to raise $14,094, which was donated to Geauga County 4-H. This money will be used to provide scholarships to 4-H Camp Whitewood and will be seed money for a new leadership experience for older youth.

Our success was made possible by all of the generous and community focused individuals who attended. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for a night we will never forget! A special thank you goes to our title sponsor, Junction Auto Family, for their long standing and unwavering support to our community!

Past Emerald Leaders

2017 - Scott Hildenbrand
2016 - Kevin O'Reilly Sr.
2015 - Geauga Humane Society- Rescue Village
2014 - Daniel McClelland
2013 - Kathy Leavenworth
2012 - Jim Patterson & Tracy Jemison
2011 - Thomas Benda & Fieldstone Therapeutic Riding Center
2010 - Kimm Leininger & The Interact Club of Chardon

2009 - Chuck Fowler & Paul Newman
2008 - Deborah O'Connor & Richard Frenchie
2007 - Howard Bates & The Burton-Middlefield Rotary
2006 - Junction Auto Family & Dick Moss
2005 - Alice Sems
2004 - Sr. Sandy Nativio, SND
2003 - Gordon Safran
2002 - Bill Prior
2001 - Jeff Keener
Thank you!

Leadership Geauga would like to extend thanks and appreciation to the individuals and organizations who donated to the 2018 Emerald Ball. Your partnership helped us achieve our goals for the year.

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Tavern
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Chagrin Valley Little Theatre
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Zestive parties with a twist
Leadership Geauga's operating revenue was up 33% this year due to our largest and most successful Emerald Ball and two new grants.

Our 2017-2018 operating expenses reflect a decrease of 4%.

Financial management is provided by the Board of Trustees Finance Committee, chaired by Treasurer Andy Bushman.
Thank you!

Leadership Geauga would like to extend thanks and appreciation to the individuals, alumni and businesses who contributed to Leadership Geauga over the past year!

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Thomas Clark
Township Trustee Association
Tracy Jemison
United Way Services of Geauga County
University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center
Upward Solutions Coaching & Consulting
Victoria Pate
Benefits to the individual:
- Leadership skill development and increased awareness of individual leadership style and values
- Increased knowledge of Geauga county and the organizations and leaders who live and work here
- Deepened network of committed and engaged colleagues for individual, business and community advancement
- Opportunities to get involved and give back to the community

Benefits to the employer:
- Leadership training for increased individual and organization effectiveness
- Exposure and awareness of the needs and opportunities in our community
- Broadening of organizational network and collaborative opportunities
- Demonstration of the organization's commitment to community and improving Geauga county

Benefits to the community:
- A cohort of committed and educated civic leaders
- Board and volunteer referrals from program graduates
- Opportunities for collaboration and cross sector engagement
- Developing leaders ready to respond to the opportunities and challenges facing our community

What is ahead?

New website and alumni directory:
We will be providing an easier way for you to connect with alumni and fellow class members through our newly refreshed website and alumni directory. If you don't believe we have your updated contact information please call our office or email a staff person!

Strengthened leadership development
We have heard from alumni and recent graduates that you would like more leadership development embedded into the program and our program committees are working hard to enhance the leadership training we provide. Stay tuned for more information on how we are advancing our program!