

## **LEADERSHIP SOUTH BEND/MISHAWAKA History and Facts**

- \*\*\* Leadership South Bend/Mishawaka began in 1974, making it the oldest Leadership program in the state of Indiana. Local attorney, Chuck Roemer, founded and ran the organization for the first several years of its existence.
- \*\*\* In 1996, the Indiana Leadership Association announced the Indiana Leadership Initiative as a nationally recognized community leadership program for developing 21st Century Leadership Skills funded by a grant three-year grant from the Lilly Foundation. In 1996/97, Leadership South Bend/Mishawaka was one of the first programs nationwide to implement the program.
- \*\*\* Members of Class 23 were instrumental in the development of Vision 2020 now known as the Downtown South Bend Partnership project to develop a strategic action plan for economic development.
- \*\*\* 1997/98 Leadership South Bend/Mishawaka is known for its support of and promotion of local nonprofit agencies including bringing the Governor to South Bend to work along side alumni on their 'Christmas in April' house.
- \*\*\* The 1998/99 Leadership program year marked the 25th anniversary of service to the Michiana community bringing current and emerging leaders together to learn about our unique community and assume a leadership role in forming our preferred future. Numerous celebrations and recognitions were given honoring the long-standing contributions by Leadership to the community including a Governor's Proclamation.
- \*\*\* In 1999/2000 alumni from Leadership Class 25 started and implemented a pilot program based on the curriculum of the Adult and Youth program for children in the grade school level. Harrison Elementary School was the site where 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders learned about leadership concepts and explored issues in our community. This successful program has now inspired other programs to be offered at the grade school level.
- \*\*\* Class 26 Task Group studying Cultural Exchange received the Human Rights Commission Education Award in recognition of their study and implementation of furthering the practice of inclusiveness in work and community settings. Class 26 was also instrumental in supporting the Chamber and their US 31 coalition initiative.
- \*\*\* A new form of Task Group project was implemented with Class 28. In researching educational issues they decided to host a recognition breakfast and workshop for students in the SBCSC's new Alternatives to Expulsion program. Students were recognized and appreciated for their achievement. They plan to make this an annual event.
- \*\*\* In 2002-2003 we celebrated the 1000<sup>th</sup> Adult participant and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Youth Leadership program. To commemorate this double milestone the two organizations held a joint commencement with Lt. Governor Joe Kernan as the keynote speaker along with a Youth 10 year Anniversary Celebration planned by a Task Group from Class 29.

\*\*\* 2003-2004  
Marked the 30<sup>th</sup> year of Leadership.  
One task group researched the history of Leadership South Bend/Mishawaka and formulated a Leadership Timeline.  
Steve McTigue, Chuck Roemer and Jerry Hammes, were honored and presented with the "Founding Fathers Award" at the Commencement Luncheon.  
We welcomed our new executive director, Nancy Albright.  
Staff responsibilities were realigned and Pam Newman was assigned programming for both the adult and youth programs.

\*\*\* 2004-2005  
Executive Director, Nancy Albright, relocated to Ohio.  
The Adult Class XXXI Class Project was restructured to empower people to effectively lead organizations and be part of the community decision-making process. This was achieved by reaching out to "grassroots" organizations.  
The Youth Leadership Class XII Project involved the refurbishing of the original Kids Kingdom.  
Juliann Jankowski was welcomed as our new Executive Director.  
This was the first year we combined the Adult and Youth classes for one Commencement Ceremony and Luncheon.

\*\*\* 2005-2006  
The Youth Class Project provided client "Welcome Bags" for: YWCA, Hope Rescue Mission, Hannah's House, Saint Margaret's House and the Center for the Homeless.  
The Leadership Alumni Association was kicked off at the 2006 Commencement Luncheon. The first event "Six String Leadership" drew over 125 people.  
An alumni e-newsletter was developed.  
In an effort to better accommodate our participants, their parents, spouses and sponsors, the Commencement Ceremony was incorporated into the luncheon.

\*\*\* 2006-2007  
A five year strategic plan was completed.  
The alumni association hosted several events including: a nutrition and leadership seminar, a panel discussion with the "Men of Scars" regarding the causes of crime in our community, a community bus tour focusing on the past, present, and future of our community from an economic development standpoint, a night at the theatre, and a holiday celebration/canned food drive.  
The Youth Class project entailed refurbishing the Family Center at Hope Rescue Mission and providing entertainment/play equipment for the children at the center.  
They also conducted a book drive and made a donation of 137 books and \$200 to help provide scholarships for those taking the GED.

\*\*\* 2007-2008  
This year marked our largest number of adult leadership participants - 45.  
Local government, spirituality and ethics were all added to the curriculum this year.  
An executive orientation program was developed with a launch date set for fall of 2008. For the first time, participants in Youth Leadership developed several small group projects in lieu of one large group project. This enabled each member of the class to actively participate and contribute to the project.  
A record 328 people attended the Leadership commencement luncheon at the Palais.  
  
The Leadership Alumni Association is now two years old with over 160 members.  
Corey Cressy became our first Leadership participant to graduate from both the youth and the adult program.

\*\*\* 2008-2009

The Leadership Alumni Association celebrated its 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary in July of 2009. Events for alumni this year included a Meet and Greet for the new class at the Summit Club, a social at the South Bend Museum of Art, seminars on "Lessons in Leadership", "Emotional Intelligence" and "Change Leadership" as well as a tour of the new WSBT studios. Commencement 2009 had a record number of attendees at 347. Duke Jones, COO of 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank, was honored as the Distinguished Alumnus. A project team from Class 35 instituted the first annual *Live A Difference Day* in conjunction with Make a Difference Michiana. Adult and Youth class participants as well as Leadership alumni volunteered for various community service projects. Two Youth Leadership alumni, Jackie Hopper and Paul Phair, also graduated from the adult program this year.