

## HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP SOUTH BEND/MISHAWAKA CLASS PROJECTS

- 1987-88      Research and presented issues of community concern including:  
                Youth Leadership  
                Illiteracy  
                Endangered Adults  
  
                Developed "Alive with Pride" campaign
- 1988-89      Organized and presented Issue Awareness Seminars on:  
                Education  
                Drugs in the Workplace  
                How workplaces Support the Growing Needs of Families  
                A Visit to Our Past and Future Economic Resources
- 1989-90      Board Internships  
                1. American Heart – speakers bureau  
                2. Center City Associates – image program  
                3. Hansel Center – board retreat planning  
                4. MASC – art & humanities directory  
                5. Chamber of Commerce – Operation Thank You  
                6. United Health Services – creation of strategic planning process  
                7. Urban League – evaluation of the organization  
                8. YMCA – improve financial systems
- 1990-91      Board Internships  
                1. Chamber of Commerce – Project Thank You  
                2. Community Resource Center – recruit volunteers  
                3. Leadership SB/M – plan ILA state meeting  
                4. Logan Center – develop speakers bureau  
                5. Minority Business Development – research & publish directory  
                6. Montessori Academy – research & develop marketing plan  
                7. United Health Services – continue strategic plan  
                8. Youth Services Bureau – develop & implement marketing plan
- 1991-92      Task Groups  
                1. Montessori Academy – implement marketing plan designed by 1990-91 task group  
                2. United Religious Community – develop plan for six clusters  
                3. United Way – develop in-kind fund development options  
                4. Youth Services Bureau – research fund development options  
                5. Habitat for Humanity – plan a fund raising event  
                6. Boy Scouts of America – expand "Learning for Life"  
                7. NIHS – plan for public use of the new museum & grounds  
                8. United Health Services – strategic plan
- 1992-93      Researched, fund-raised and implemented Youth Leadership SB/Mishawaka

- 1993-94 Task Groups
1. Circle of Mercy Day Nursery – update business plan
  2. Hospice of St. Joseph County – grief cam for children
  3. Judge Jeanne Jourdan – This Is My Neighborhood; No Shooting Allowed
  4. Workforce Development Services – Diversity Initiative
  5. Youth Services Bureau – Advisory Council for the court appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA)
- 1994-95 Task Groups
1. Center for the Homeless – Americorps Grant Proposal
  2. Goodwill Industries – Community Needs Assessment
  3. Healthy Communities Initiative – Family Media Campaign
  4. Michiana Arts & Sciences Council – arts Media Campaign
  5. Judge Jeanne Jourdan – This Is My Neighborhood; No Shooting Allowed
  6. Youth Leadership – Special Olympics “Tent Town” project
- 2001-2002 Task Groups
1. South Side Revitalization
  2. Cultural Diversity
  3. Lite Rail, Infrastructure, Transportation
  4. Downtown River, Developmental Relations
  5. Youth and Education
  6. Youth & Seniors, Quality of Life, Recreation & Entertainment
- 2002-2003 Task Groups
1. Anniversary Celebration- AL 1,000<sup>th</sup> participant & YL 10<sup>th</sup> Class
  2. Social Systems
  3. Community Identification
  4. River Opportunities
  5. Downtowns
- 2003-2004 Task Groups
1. The River
  2. Social Collaboration, Medicare-Health Care Costs
  3. Downtown Redevelopment-Housing Opportunities
  4. 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Leadership Program
- 2004-2005 Class Project-Reaching out to Community Grass Roots Agencies
1. South Bend Junior Academy
  2. The Chiara Home
  3. CeaseFire/Robinson Community Learning Center
  4. School City of Mishawaka Foundation
  5. Volunteer Center of St. Joseph County
  6. United Religious Community of St. Joseph County
- 2005-2006 Class Project Teams (Grass Roots Agencies)
1. Work One
  2. South Bend Civic Theatre
  3. St. Joseph County Tobacco Quit-Healthy Communities Initiative
  4. El Campito
  5. Downtown South Bend, Inc.
  6. Make A Difference Michiana

- 2006-2007 Class Project Teams
1. Neighborhood Task Force: Created a neighborhood disaster plan
  2. Spirituality: Survey of community involvement in spirituality
  3. Bridges: Created theatrical based activities for youth in the Elkhart Juvenile Detention Center
  4. Vision: Paired elderly with pet companionship
  5. Identity: Created a "Young Adult" community newsletter
  6. Learning & Education: Created a presentation on "Bridges out of Poverty" for the community

- 2007-2008 Class Project Teams
1. Green Team-The environmental impact of the St. Joe River .Storm drain markers were created to caution people about what is disposed & to where it flows.
  2. Brain Drain-Encourage young people to stay in the community through PSAs.
  3. Environment-Work w/youth at Sugar Camp Days & testing of Baugo Creek
  4. Education-Gift baskets of needed items for Casie Center clients
  5. Art-Taught after school art lessons for youth at Robinson Learning Center
  6. Community Involvement-Shared Leadership skills w/church youth group & volunteered with the aging sisters at Saint Mary's College
  7. Safety-Created & distributed "Summer-Safety" brochures for youth
  8. Teen Issues-Shared Leadership skills & conducted discussions w/upper elementary St. Joseph Grade School students on "teen issues" that will be experienced in high school.
  9. Starfish-Public safety/needed child care. Helped a young single mother set up a day care for children in her neighborhood.
  10. Dream Team-Along with school presentations, created, established & maintain a website communicating alternatives & career opportunities to share with students who may be at risk of dropping out of school. ([www.dreamabouttomorrow.com](http://www.dreamabouttomorrow.com))
  11. Apprentice Academy- Assisted in identifying core curriculum, developing networks with key employers & market sectors, finding a location for the academy, identifying necessary skills sets needed for local business.
  12. Team Vibrancy- Established a competitive scholarship for our local high school seniors based on essays about the things that make our community a great place to live, work and raise a family. All finalist essays will be published in the *South Bend Tribune*
  13. Diversity-Assist the Chamber in recreating a "Minority & Women Owned Business Directory" offered on-line w/significant increase in number of entries.

- 2008-2009 Class Project Teams
1. Environment-Green Team: Built out of love and concern for the environment, this team partnered with the City of South Bend to create awareness of the Bowman Creek environment issues. They worked with neighbors of the creek and kicked off a restoration of the creek with a clean up project.
  2. Family Development & Support: In collaboration with Sonnyvilla, the team worked on establishing a new food bank to serve the Keller Park community. The team helped refurbish a neighborhood home to house the pantry and researched methods to stock and sustain the pantry with food and personal care items.
  3. Education: Assisted United Way in determining which augmentation/remedial programs provide measurable outcomes and improve graduation results. The

team is facilitating interviews conducted by YL students with high school drop-out students. A tracking program of these students is being developed.

4. Economic Development: In collaboration with the City of South Bend Economic Development Board, this team developed a survey that serves to determine the usage of Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) in various counties across Indiana and to gather the best practices for successful TIF implementation.
5. Quality of Life: Developed a series of service activities within the community encouraging local leadership to increase their quality of life and the quality of life of the members of our community. Created and executed the first annual "Live A Difference Day".
6. Transportation & Public Safety: This team combined their efforts to create a proposed Historical Bike Route, celebrating South Bend's deep history, promoting South Bend and Mishawaka as bike friendly cities and finding new ways to explore the area. The Historical Bike Route will be published in electronic formats with the intent of providing this information as a gift to local institutions for their own use in promoting our community's many assets.