



LEADERSHIP FOX CITIES A PROGRAM OF 

**Leadership Fox Cities Yearbook
Class of 2016-2017**



**On behalf of the Leadership Fox Cities Steering Committee,
CONGRATULATIONS to the Leadership Fox Cities Class of 2017!**

Thank you for your participation, engagement and dedication this past year. It has been the pleasure of the Leadership Fox Cities Steering Committee to serve you. We appreciate you giving us the opportunity to share with you what decades of classes have experienced through this truly unique program. We hope that your graduation leaves you educated, inspired and motivated to continue your journey of helping others and enriching our community.

Dr. Suess wrote, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.". Your LFC experience is a tool to be an effective difference maker...how will you use it?

The LFC Steering Committee wishes you all the best of luck and we look forward to seeing you leading with action in the days, months and years to come.

Preston Kendall
Chairman, LFC Steering Committee



Congratulations Class of 2017!

Congratulations to each of you for completing this community-based leadership program. I hope you have developed friends, challenged your paths of thought and grown as leaders. I have enjoyed getting to know you all. I challenge you to continue to share your talents with everyone you meet. The future success of the program depends on us. I look forward to crossing leadership paths with you for years to come.

Thank you to our many supporters. I want to especially acknowledge the Steering Committee that created our leadership days. These LFC alums have graciously shared their talents and interests to create impactful programming. It is with warm thanks that I congratulate the LFC Steering Committee on another great year!

The small group projects are amazing. Each of these projects is a gift to our community and an excellent example of your leadership. The many people that will continue to be touched by these projects is a true testimonial to your effective leadership skills.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to be part of your leadership class! My hope is that each of you continue to share your talents and passions with our community. I wish you all continued success.

Best Regards,

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“What lies behind us and
what lies before us are tiny matters
compared to what lies within us.”

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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“I long to accomplish a great and noble task. But it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble.”
— Helen Keller



— Small Group Projects —

Go Go Garage, Youth Go

Members: Carlyn Andrew, Brett Christofferson, David Govier, Melissa Koehler, Tina Krueger, Amy Rutz, Jim Vander Sanden, Kelly Hicks, Executive Director, Youth Go

Objective: To create a functional space that allows Youth Go to further their mission of providing underserved and at-risk youth with opportunities to do well in school, develop as individuals and prepare for their next step in life. This space has evolved into a 20x30 square foot garage. The garage will house two vehicles and have sufficient storage space to allow items stored in their current building to be organized into a weather-protected outside space.

Outcome/Impact: The garage will prolong the life of their vehicles and allow much-needed storage space. With additional storage, they will be able to move items from their activity building to the storage area, thereby allowing more room for their youth and youth activities.

We additionally hope this will also allow Youth Go to be better able to make improved use of their supplies in their fundraising and educational efforts.



Revitalization to Scanlan Park

Members: Lisa Barwick, Julie Coenen, Chip Gabbey, Brandon Lepp, Laura Gruender, Jill Martin

Objective: To develop a plan and implement the first phase of revitalization to Scanlan Park, partnering with City of Menasha Parks and Recreation Department, Heart of Menasha Neighborhood Association and Neighborhood Partners. Based on meeting and communications with neighbors of Scanlan Park it was decided that basic park needs would be the focus for the first phase of renovations. This plan includes a conceptual design and landscape plan as well as a brick patio, three park benches, a drinking fountain, a bike rack, modifications to current signage and native wildflower beds for beauty and biodiversity.

Outcome/Impact: With the generous support and partnership of Fox Valley Technical College, SCA, Thrivent Financial, the Community Foundation and our project champion, Julie Filapek with Neighborhood Partners, the first phase of the revitalization plan for Scanlan Park, which was outlined above, will be completed on May 13th. Neighbors and friends of Scanlan Park will join us that day to work together and then celebrate our efforts. Neighbors will have the opportunity to continue to care for and enjoy the park as well as have a voice for future revitalization efforts of the actual playground equipment. Without our combined efforts, Scanlan Park would not have received any funds for improvement until 2021.





Buddy Benches

In partnership with Menasha Joint School District

Members: Mary Butler, Trevor Ermers, Sara Marquardt, Michelle O'Mahoney, Susan Perri, Kate Seifert

Objective: In partnership with the Menasha Joint School District, Buddy Benches were installed in playgrounds at Banta, Butte des Morts, Gegan, Jefferson, and Nicolet elementary schools. Buddy Benches eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground. Children can sit on the bench when they feel lonely, signaling other children to ask them to play. All elementary schools in Menasha also received a toolkit to implement the Buddy Bench program and teach children about inclusion, kindness and empathy.

Outcome/Impact: Twenty-seven percent of high school students in the Fox Cities face bullying at school, which is higher than state and national averages. (Source: Fox Cities LIFE Study 2016) By installing Buddy Benches at elementary schools in Menasha, the project created a designated "safe area" on playgrounds to discourage bullying from a young age.



Family Dinner Club

Partnered with Weight of the Fox Valley, a United Way program

Members: Melanie Draheim, Nicole Hanke, Danielle Jost, Justin Monnette, Anna Simeth, Luke Rhyner, Brent Baumler

Objective: To provide an opportunity for families to learn how to prepare, cook and eat together at mealtime; increase awareness of a healthy diet as part of daily family activities and mealtime; facilitate a broader connection between the community and the Family Dinner Night program; create and provide metrics/lessons learned for the program beyond our commitment in order to help expand the program to other schools in the district.

Outcome/Impact: First event scheduled with Johnston Elementary on February 9th. Events planned for April with Johnston, Badger and Columbus Elementary schools.

Plan developed for creating a level of sustainability going forward including metric collection.





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Harbor House Marketing Support

Members: Jamie Cartwright, Jennifer Fisher, Julie King, Melissa Kissinger, Zack Pawlosky, Mark Thiel

Objective: Our goal is to coordinate the creation of marketing assets designed to generate awareness for the outreach and diversity of services that Harbor House provides. Our team will assist in the creation of marketing video(s) highlighting the programs and services that Harbor House offers.

Outcome/Impact: Creating videos that describe Harbor House's programs will make the information accessible to individuals who may be experiencing domestic abuse, may know a friend or family member who is experiencing abuse, or who may have questions and want to be educated about how to help.

Harbor House has over 2600 followers on social media and reaches out to over 5000 individuals through E-mail communication. The videos will allow Harbor House to reach even more individuals who are seeking help or who are seeking how to help.

Project Radar

Members: Amanda Chavez, Sarah Forseth, Joshua Gitter, Jamin Homan, Jessica Marhefke, Ryan Veleke, Emily Wagner

Objective: Our group collaborated with Safe Routes to School (SRTS) to increase awareness of walkers and bikers who may be at risk by distracted drivers in school zones. Out of this collaboration was born Project RADAR (Reminding all drivers about responsibility). The project implements class projects that incorporate radar velocity speed guns to collect driving habit data. High school drivers are the chosen target audience due to their novice driving skills, the increase of technological distractions and multi-tasking behind the wheel.

Outcome/Impact: The goal is to engage young drivers to create awareness of safe driving habits around school zones, by developing projects using Radar Velocity Speed guns. We will achieve this by linking SRTS with high school administrators to implement various science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) curriculum and career exposure projects. These projects will bring community awareness of SRTS, teach young drivers the importance of attentive driving and expose students to new skills through STEM and social justice applications, with a long term benefit of improving the traffic patterns around school zones.



**PROJECT
RADAR**

**A SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
EAST CENTRAL WISCONSIN PARTNERSHIP**

— Interests —

The new class of leaders identifies topics or issues in which they are experienced or have interest. This supports the belief that individuals with passion and commitment to a cause or need will provide dedicated service, in order to assist local non-profits and other community-serving organizations. This listing is a community resource.

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Transportation

- Brett Christofferson
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Youth Organizations

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- Brent Baumler
- Mary R. Butler
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- Brett Christofferson
- Melanie Draheim
- Trevor Ermers
- Jen Fisher
- Laura Gruender
- Nicole Hanke
- Melissa Kissinger
- Brandon Lepp
- Jessica M. Marhefke
- Sara Marquardt
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- Michelle O'Mahoney
- Susan Perri
- Amy Rutz
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— Experiences —

Accounting/Finance

- Trevor Ermers
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- Sara Marquardt
- Michelle O'Mahoney
- Amy Rutz
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- Danielle Jost
- Julie King
- Tina Krueger
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Community Development

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- Melanie Draheim
- Jen Fisher
- David Govier
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- Nicole Hanke
- Jamin L. Homan
- Danielle Jost
- Melissa Kissinger
- Jessica M. Marhefke
- Justin Monnette
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Economic Development

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- Chip Gabbey
- Josh Gitter
- David Govier
- Laura Gruender
- Nicole Hanke
- Melissa Kissinger
- Justin Monnette
- Michelle O'Mahoney
- Amy Rutz
- Anna Simeth
- Jim Vander Sanden
- Ryan Veleke

Education

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- Melissa Kissinger
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- Justin Monnette
- Michelle O'Mahoney
- Susan Perri
- Amy Rutz
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- Emily Wagner

Engineering/Design

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- Jim Vander Sanden
- Ryan Veleke

Fundraising

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Healthcare Issues

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- Jamin L. Homan
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- Melissa Kissinger
- Melissa Koehler
- Sara Marquardt
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- Michelle O'Mahoney
- Mark Thiel
- Jim Vander Sanden

Hospitality

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Human Resources

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- Julie King

- Michelle O'Mahoney
- Emily Wagner

Labor Relations

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- Julie King
- Michelle O'Mahoney
- Jim Vander Sanden

Legal

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- Melissa Kissinger
- Justin Monnette
- Zack Pawlosky
- Kate Seifert

Management

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- Brett Christofferson
- Melanie Draheim
- Trevor Ermers
- Jen Fisher
- Chip Gabbey
- Josh Gitter
- David Govier
- Jamin L. Homan
- Jessica M. Marhefke
- Jill Martin
- Justin Monnette
- Michelle O'Mahoney
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- Mark Thiel
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Manufacturing

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- Justin Monnette
- Jim Vander Sanden
- Ryan Veleke

Marketing

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- Julie Coenen
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- Sarah Forseth
- Laura Gruender
- Danielle Jost
- Tina Krueger
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- Zack Pawlosky
- Susan Perri
- Amy Rutz
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Media

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Planning/Allocation

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- Zack Pawlosky
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- Anna Simeth

Sales

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- Sarah Forseth
- Chip Gabbey
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- Amy Rutz
- Jim Vander Sanden

Training/Development

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- Trevor Ermers
- Jen Fisher
- Sarah Forseth
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- Laura Gruender
- Nicole Hanke
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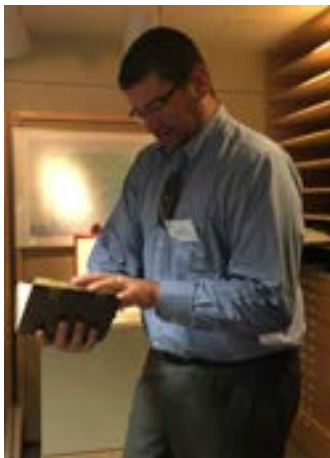
Volunteer Management

- Julie Coenen
- Trevor Ermers
- Laura Gruender
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