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Communities Need Citizen Leaders

LeadershipPlenty® Can Help

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Success Stories



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LeadershipPlenty® provides community organizations with a tool for training local leaders. A number of local organizations have used LeadershipPlenty® either to train their own constituents or have implemented the program as a communitywide initiative. Whether serving as a stand-alone leadership program or incorporated into an organization's existing efforts, LeadershipPlenty® equips community leaders with new skills, knowledge, and motivation.

What do LeadershipPlenty® participants do after they graduate? The Pew Partnership for Civic Change receives correspondence on a regular basis that offers compelling evidence of LeadershipPlenty®'s effectiveness in producing new local leaders. One LeadershipPlenty® graduate now serves on a committee determining the civic uses for money generated by a special purpose local sales tax. Another graduate organized a group that has raised almost \$100,000 toward building a facility to house new area businesses. Other graduates have established a community beautification initiative, taken steps towards racial reconciliation through dialogue, and run for elected office.

We also have some extraordinary personal examples of what LeadershipPlenty® graduates have done as the result of their training. One such graduate was Sarah Hatch of Layton, Utah who was trained in LeadershipPlenty® by the Utah Commission on Volunteers. Hatch, a recent high school graduate, has a long list of volunteer experiences to her credit. Her LeadershipPlenty® training has allowed her to approach each with a new skill set. Her community service was recognized in April 2005 when she was awarded the Utah Governor's Points of Light Award.

Several graduates have decided that they can best serve their communities through elected office.



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One such LeadershipPlenty® graduate, Jim Hamsher, was elected mayor of Prairie City, Oregon in November 2005. In his short time on the job Hamsher has proved up-to-the-task and credits his being elected, and his ability to quickly provide an affordable solution to the town's water crisis, to his LeadershipPlenty® training.

Finally, most LeadershipPlenty® graduates aren't seeking public office and aren't earning awards but they are much more active in their communities than previously. Leah Dumas had just moved from the Los Angeles area to Monticello, GA (population 2500) when she enrolled in a LeadershipPlenty® class. The program allowed her and other participants to learn about the community but also move beyond what she called "limiting" experiences with new information, skills, and relationships. Dumas built on her positive LeadershipPlenty® experience by becoming a leader of Care Corp, the area's version of the Salvation Army, and volunteering more frequently with her church. She has found that her active participation is both a meaningful, and necessary, part of her life and plans to extend her involvement in the coming year to mentoring children through a program similar to Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

The Pew Partnership for Civic Change believes that we live in communities of plenty – plenty of interest, plenty of dedication, and plenty of raw leadership waiting to be tapped. LeadershipPlenty® helps develop that raw talent so that ordinary folks can confidently make extraordinary contributions to their communities.