

# The Leadership Journal

A publication of the  
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## Fall 2017

## GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

As we all transition to a new season, we're excited to introduce you to the LAMC Class of 2018. Opening Retreat is always such an exciting time for all us and we hope it brings back great memories and inspiration for you as alumni.

Do you remember your learning style or your place in the family? Did you make new friends and connections that are still with you today?

Take a walk down memory lane and consider how your LAMC experience has made a difference in your life. Whether it's in service to others, friendship, networking, or stronger leadership skills in your career, we hope the impact LAMC and YLA has had on you is clear to see in those around you.



We'll be sharing some exciting new program offerings for 2018 in the next few months.

Join us as we **Grow.Serve.Lead.** the way!



*More Opening Retreat photos inside!*

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NOV  
**28**

**GIVING TUESDAY**  
Tues Nov 28, 2017

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DEC  
**9**

Season of Giving  
**GIFT FAIR**  
Sat Dec 9, 2017

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LAMC  
**BOARDSMANSHIP**  
SESSION  
Thu Feb 1, 2018

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**1**

LAMC  
**GRADUATION**  
Thu March 1, 2018

MAR  
**1**

YLA  
**GRADUATION**  
Thu March 8, 2018

MAR  
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## Someone Else's Story

I had heard much about the LAMC program from several others that had completed the program in years past, and all of their comments, thoughts, and feelings were overwhelmingly positive. While each of those folks shared some of their personal experiences with me, they all said I needed to experience it for myself and I would see the impact it can have on someone. It took all of about a half a day to understand what they meant.

The Opening Retreat was all that I feared, and all that I hoped, that it would be. I'm a private person by nature, and so group settings, activities, and sharing are a bit outside my comfort zone. While I feared that part of the program, I was hopeful that I could somehow overcome it and open up to the opportunity and to those around me, and the agenda and activities of the Opening Retreat did just that.

Although I took many things away from the Opening Retreat, the understanding that you cannot judge someone once you hear their story is the one that really resonated with me. I had not considered such a perspective before, but after spending two full days with my classmates I clearly understood what it meant. As a group we shared much of our personal lives, past and present, through various exercises and activities, the most impactful for me being the TimeLine exercise. As a result I have a much different understanding, respect, and appreciation for those folks today than when I first met them.

So, after learning from our first few sessions, I would remind you that it's easy to make assumptions and even judge someone based on your view of that person...until you hear their story.

**Mark Currier**

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## Becoming Better Servant Leaders

The opening retreat of Leadership Academy was like nothing I'd experienced before; we each walked into a room of 36 strangers and walked out as a family. The opportunity to get to know one another on a personal and professional level is invaluable; I'm confident the connections made will continue long after graduation. As a relatively new professional to Madison County I quickly learned that the LAMC is a great investment of time and money.

Each activity laid the foundation for our class by assessing our learning and leadership styles which served as a great way to get to know one another. Everyone in the class had a different reason for being there yet everyone had the same goal in mind - to become better servant leaders and help Madison County be the best it can be.

Thank you to Pam and Beth and the many visitors who joined us during the retreat to share how the LAMC experience impacted their lives and inspired them to become more active in the communities in which they live and work. The retreat served as a launch pad for the many lessons we will learn and people we will meet, so much so, that I find myself excited for the next session!

**Kari Sisk**

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# GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

## Working Together - To Make A Difference

Both LAMC and YLA visited The Christian Center in September, learning about the needs of our community and how we can make a difference. Our youth completed several service projects on the TCC campus, including preparing a homemade meal for 200 community members! The adult class visited with representatives from several non profit agencies serving our community and heard inspiring messages from community members who have overcome obstacles and have channeled those experiences into helping others.

Thank you, Rob Spaulding (LAMC '17) for welcoming us in!





## You Are Not Alone!

One place I draw frequent inspiration is the Peanuts comic strips. Charles Schulz had a remarkable ability to take his life lessons and experiences, and share them through a

medium we can all understand: the eyes of a child. What I love most about his characters and storytelling is his vulnerability. You can see through many of the storylines the bits of his past that were trying and bleak. He doesn't shy away from them. I also so admire the honesty. The honesty to say the things we often feel, but are just wrong.

An example of this comes from a particular strip in early 1970, when Lucy is once again nagging her little brother Linus about his trusty blanket. The exchange goes like this:

**Lucy:** "Someday You're going to have to give up that blanket! Someday you're going to have to stand on your own two feet...Someday you are going to have to grow up and face life without any help from anyone."

**Linus:** "Someday"

How tragic! The perception from Lucy that adulthood means going through life without help, and the fact that she is trying to pull Linus into this pessimistic mindset. What comes next is my encouragement to Linus, my rebuke to Lucy, and message to any and all who are feeling that this is true, or have experienced times of fear that it might be.

The Leadership Academy didn't teach me that there are good people in the world. The Leadership Academy

didn't teach me that there are people doing good things in the world. The Leadership Academy taught me how to open my eyes. How to see and find a whole community of people who wake up everyday and spend the lion's share of their hours pouring out their blood, sweat, tears, finances, and soul into making our communities in Madison County a great place to live and work. It reaffirmed and never lets me forget that I do not have to grow up and face life without help from anyone. Through the Leadership Academy I learned how to ask for help, where to go for help, and how to help others.

Since graduating from the Leadership Academy just a little while ago in 2016, I have changed jobs, gotten married, and have invested deeply in the communities I reside in. I try to give of myself freely, hoping that whatever small part I can play, that it will join with others into something far greater. I now think of learning styles on a daily basis. I think about the voices around the tables I sit at, the ones that aren't there and how to bring them to it. LAMC honed my skills of collaboration and stoked the flame that burns when I am tempted to sit idly by, and spurs me into action. Being a part of LAMC taught me to lead when necessary and serve always.

LAMC isn't a class on leadership. The academy program is a gauntlet of experiential learning, about leadership and yourself. But what LAMC IS...that is something more. It is a community of encouragement, accountability, creativity, inspiration, and commitment. LAMC is making our community better, together. So to Lucy: look around! To Linus: take heart! And to you feeling alone or discouraged in your efforts to make a difference: YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

Hundreds of graduates, one Leadership Academy. Many communities, one Madison County.

**Kevin Sheward, LAMC '16**

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## Strong Communities Need Strong Leaders

and tomorrow's leaders need your support

Over the last 36 years, the Leadership Academy of Madison County has launched over 1700 adult and youth graduates in communities, equipped with resources to make a difference where they live and work.

Our goal this year is to equip even more youth and adults, empowering them for a life of servant leadership in their communities. This goal requires the support of LAMC alums, like you, contributing to our mission.

### PLEASE GIVE

- **NOW** – click [here](#) to make a gift on-line
- or **MAIL** your Tax Deductible contribution to:  
LAMC 1100 E. 5th St. • Anderson, IN 46012-3462



- On 12/9/17 at **The Season of Giving Gift Fair**. Come and see us. Your gift that day will go even farther with a partial match from Hoosier Park.

*It is our hope that your LAMC or YLA experience left a mark on you in a way unique to your journey in life. Please pass it on.*



# Season of Giving GIFTFAIR

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## Give the Gift of Compassion this Holiday Season

Saturday, December 9

Mark Your  
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Don't Miss  
This One!

## DID YOU KNOW?

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The Season of Giving Gift Fair, an annual class project of the Leadership Academy of Madison County, has generated \$431,012.00 for non-profit agencies in Madison County since its inaugural event in December of 2009.

Non-profit agencies apply to participate and pay a nominal fee of \$25 to cover the cost of marketing, gift wrap and supplies. The participating agencies are then charged with getting their donors to come to the event to not only support their agency, but also to learn about the other agencies working hard to meet the needs of those in our community.

Our goal is that, together, awareness is gained and greater impact is achieved. Thanks to our partners at Hoosier Park Racing and Casino, those gifts go even farther. 100% of donations made that day go directly back to the agency that solicited the gifts!

### What a way to Grow.Serve.Lead.

Witnessing a similar event in another community, Pam had a vision for modeling the event here in Madison County. That vision became a reality. The Gift Fair is another real testimony to the visioning and collaboration session we host each year. What is your vision for our community and more importantly, what are you doing to move that vision forward?



*The LAMC Class of 2017 receives a matching gift from Hoosier Park Racing & Casino after hosting the 2016 Season of Giving Gift Fair*



Our team at Hoosier Park Racing & Casino places great emphasis on being outstanding community partners. We've had the pleasure of working side-by-side with the Leadership Academy of Madison County for several years now, and the Season of Giving Gift Fair is one of our favorite events.

We encourage our guests to make a donation of \$10 to the Season of Giving Gift Fair, and we give them \$10 in Free Slot Play as a thank you for their contribution. The money raised goes towards Hoosier Park's Season of Giving guaranteed match of up to \$7,500. Last year, thanks to our generous guests, we were able to match funds with a gift of \$9,680. These funds are then distributed amongst all the non-profit agencies who participate in the Season of Giving Gift Fair.

We're thankful for our friends at the Leadership Academy, and what they do for our community!

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Kiersten Flint (LAMC '11), Vice President of Advertising & Communications, Centaur Gaming Destinations

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# Season of Giving

## GIFT FAIR



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## Give the Gift of Compassion this Holiday Season

Saturday, December 9

Mounds Mall in Anderson • 11 am - 2 pm

A unique opportunity to honor those on your gift list while also providing help and hope to those less fortunate who are not on anyone's gift list.

Shop from 20 local nonprofit organizations for "virtual" gifts such as a bag of food, medicine for a sick animal or school supplies for underprivileged local children.

With each purchase, you'll receive a beautifully wrapped gift card with a description of the gift and the organization whom it will help.

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