

# ANNUAL REPORT

July 2024-June 2025

SHAPING THE LEADERS
WHO SHAPE LANCASTER





## LL 2024-2025 Impact

100%

Of Core Class Graduates felt they learned more about Lancaster County 90

Leaders completed Leadership Lancaster Programming in 2025 +800

Organizations have sent employees through LL Programming in our 42 years of service





BEST CLASS EVER



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Local nonprofits received support from the 2026
Leadership Lancaster Core
Class, generating \$30,000
in economic value through

100%

of 2025 Core Class graduates left the program inspired to give back and contribute to their community +100

Community Leaders assisted in the planning, facilitation, and execution of LL Programming







## 2025 Testimonials

#### **Community Action Team Partner**

"The LL Community Action Team did an in-depth business analysis and provided us with a step-by-step plan to get on track. Today, Bench Mark Apparel is cruising thanks to some of the connections and resources that our CAT Group provided." - **Bench Mark Program** 

#### LL Programming

"Leadership Lancaster was life-changing for me. It was everything I needed at the right time. have so much to carry forward and will forever be an advocate for Leadership Lancaster." -

#### 2025 Core Class Graduate

"There are times we get so tied up in our current situations we have blinders on, this experience opened my eyes that there is so much more out there for myself and our community."

- 2025 Executive Class Graduate

"I didn't think about just how diverse the market is for jobs in Lancaster. We talked about dairies, LCSWMA, flight, and tours. I never really thought about how many different opportunities it offered."

- 2025 College Core Graduate

#### **Hector Lopez, Board Member**

"My Core Class experience laid the foundation for my leadership; returning for the Executive Class reenergized my purpose and connected me with peers navigating similar challenges. Leadership Lancaster continues to be a vital force shaping the future of our community, and I'm proud to support its mission and vision."

#### **Sponsor, PNC**

"PNC is committed to supporting organizations across Central Pennsylvania, such as Leadership Lancaster, that advance thought leadership, strengthen strategic partnerships, and prepare the next generation of talent to ensure the region's continued growth and vibrancy." – Jim Hoehn, Regional President for Central Pennsylvania, PNC



## C.A.T. Group Project Outcomes

Community Action Team (C.A.T. Group):

A small group of Core Class participants who collaborate throughout the program year on a community-focused project with local non-profits. These groups serve as a "learning lab," giving participants the chance to apply leadership skills, build teamwork across industries, and make a tangible impact in Lancaster County.

**Team Arch Street:** Conducted a research project on the value of community based, psychosocial rehabilitation programs, assisting Arch Street Leadership during stakeholder discussions.

**Team Clare House:** Re-envisioned Clare House's Move-In Questionaire and created a custom CRM Data tracker for Clare House's use for clients.

**Team Mental Health America:** Researched workplace mental health support services, as well as bringing awareness to suicide rates, and men's mental health.

**Team Tenfold:** Created a survey to determine what community members know about Tenfold, as well as educating respondents about Tenfold Services and their likeliness to donate.

**Team Peyton Walker:** Conducted a survey to determine how many school districts in Lancaster are aware of Sudden Cardiac Arrest as well as a "play book" for Peyton Walker's "Huddle For Hearts" Intivative.

**Team SACA:** Created a stragetic report and presented key insights to board leadership on increasing engagement through marketing, activities, and transportation.





## C.A.T. Group Project Outcomes

**Team Benchmark:** Equipped Benchmark with the necessary tools and guidance to ensure a successful launch of their screen printing program.

**Team Food Hub:** Created a two-tier initiative around focus areas of the Food Hub, parking and traffic flow and volunteering for their reference as they expand services.

**Team PRISM:** developed a strategic two year plan to increase awareness of PRISM Thrift's location, services, and programming opportunities with the goal of making new connections with potential stakeholders.





The 2025 Core Class dedicated a combined total of 900 hours engaging with team members, stakeholders, and partner organizations. This investment of time represents an estimated \$30,000 in contributed value to the community, based on Pennsylvania's 2025 volunteer rate.

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## **Our Leadership**

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