Leadership Kenosha is celebrating the graduates of its’ 14th class. Congratulations to our 2012-13 Class:
Brandon Amason
Doug Bartz
Madeline Carrera
Dustin Feeney
Cheryl Hernandez
David Hughes
Michelle Kinney
Aimee Martinez
Bobby Nash
Sarah Rubinfeld
Julie Teeter
Lorien Thomas
Bane Thomey
Daphne Ursu

It was another wonderful year of leadership development and personal growth and discovery for our participants. Each year, our growing community is strengthened through the efforts of our LK Class on their team projects.
Projects this year were as challenging as ever, and selecting the winner was even tougher.
“Leaders for Life” for United Way of Kenosha County
“Lights, Camera, Action, Literacy” for Kenosha Literacy Council
“Be Influential” for Hope Council
“Lifting Soles” for Walkin’ In My Shoes
Congratulations to “Lifting Soles” for their winning team project!

LK Scholarship Fund Needs You!
Each year, the LK Steering Committee has requests for assistance with cost of tuition to join our program from potential participants.
The Scholarship Fund needs your help to honor these requests!

Please consider supporting one of our fundraising events by baking cookies, donating goods or products, or helping to staff the event.
Don’t have that kind of time? A monetary donation is easy for you, tax deductible, and can make all the difference in our Scholarship Fund Development.
Support the program that helped develop you! Thank you!
See last page for contact information.

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Upcoming Events
- Ice Cream Social and Fundraiser, June 6th from 2-3:30 p.m. at Kenosha County Job Center
- Business After 5, Platinum Systems, June 20th
- Fall Fundraiser, October 4th from 8:30-11 a.m. at Kenosha County Job Center (more details to come!!)
Meet Daphne Ursu

Meet Daphne Ursu, one of our 2012-13 Graduates from Leadership Kenosha!

· Tell a little about yourself: My name is Daphne Ursu and I am the Human Resources Manager for the Kenosha News. I have been married for 19 years and have a 17 year old daughter. I love learning, reading, running and football.

· What made you decide to participate in Leadership Kenosha? I heard about the program through a colleague and was interested immediately. The program offered the potential to strengthen my leadership skills and increase my awareness of the needs within the community.

· What project did you work on? The project I was involved in was to bring greater awareness to the community about the serious implications of underage drinking. My group worked with Guida Brown of the Hope Council on Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse to put together an Above The Influence toolkit that mentors in the Mentor Kenosha and Racine program can use to educate their mentees on how to stay above the influence. We scheduled a community wide event at the Boys and Girls Club to spread the word among those who may not be exposed to a mentorship opportunity.

· What has been your favorite part of Leadership Kenosha this year? My view of leadership has changed dramatically since enrolling in the program which has been beneficial for me. I enjoyed learning about the mission of the Hope Council and how I help bring awareness within the community.

· Would you encourage others to participate? And if so, why would you encourage them to do so? Yes. The program not only allows for growth in leadership ability, but also the opportunity to help others within the community you live and/or work. Through the process, participants learn to plan, communicate, implement, evaluate and make corrective actions within a group setting. These challenges help participants build skills they will need to further their career.

· Anything else you want to add or share? Leadership Kenosha is a great program and I learned a lot during the last 9-months about myself and how I interact with others. This experience will be invaluable to my continued development.

Leadership Kenosha Alumni Announce Facebook Page

Looking to catch up with your Leadership Kenosha classmates?

LK Alumni Committee has launched an Leadership Kenosha Alumni Facebook page to keep us all connected. Simply search for Leadership Kenosha Alumni after you log in. And then tell us what you’ve been up to! Invite your classmates! Make suggestions for future alumni events!

See you on Facebook! And coming soon, Linked In!!
Meet Bobby Nash

Another Leadership Kenosha Class of 2012-13 Graduate answers some questions for us:

Tell a little about yourself:

My name is Bobby Nash and I am a Job Developer for Professional Services Group at the Kenosha County Job Center. In 1999, I moved up from Florida to take a position at Dairyland Greyhound Park. I worked at the dog track for 11 years in the TV/video department and was manager of the department when it closed in Jan. 2010. Recently, I have been assisting customers at Sears and helping others find employment as job developer. I have 2 wonderful children, Reed a 6th grader at Lincoln and Taylor a 5th grader at Grewenow. I am a past President of Grewenow Elementary PTA and currently serve as acting President of the Kenosha Unified PTA Council. I graduated with a Philosophy degree from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL. During my college tenure I had the opportunity to travel throughout Europe and lived in Sweden for a year.

What made you decide to participate in Leadership Kenosha?

I have a passion to help others and to volunteering. I recognized that being a leader is difficult through my PTA experiences and wanted to be a more effective leader and manager. These are skills that can be applied to many different aspects of our lives, in our personal relationships, professional relationships and social relationships. If I expect more of my children then I must expect more of myself. This is why I was intrigued with Leadership Kenosha and ecstatic that I was given the privilege of being a part of this wonderful program.

What project did you work on?

Our LK project was to assist Walkin’ In My Shoes develop a clothing boutique for the disadvantaged. I was immediately impressed by the generosity and the buoyancy of spirit that is Jo Wynn. Her compassion and dedication to those in need is infectious. We rallied behind that and, as with any project, overcame some obstacles. I would go to war with my team members by my side any time.

What has been your favorite part of Leadership Kenosha this year?

The high ropes challenge was a first for me. I don’t think I showed it through my stoic beard. It did present me with a chance to be the leader and assist others that were having more difficulty adjusting to the swaying and tension underneath. Also, I think that the rain added an element of shared suffering to the day that help bond and forge trust.

Would you encourage others to participate? And if so, why would you encourage them to do so?

Looking at the year in totality, the most important part has been making connections with other like minded individuals who aren’t afraid to call you out, give advice, pat you on the back and make you not just a better leader but a better person. Learning all the different components and agencies involved in building a successful community has been very rewarding and enlightening. If you are a professional who aspires to be more than you are now then I would strongly encourage you to take advantage of this great program. Challenge yourself!
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Leadership Kenosha is currently recruiting for the 2013-14 Class which begins in September. Who do you recommend to participate? Who do you think would benefit from the program? And then in turn, would take their newfound skills and apply them in our community?

More information about the program and the schedule of events is available on our new website: www.leadershipkenosha.com

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