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## 'Paying it Forward'

### HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM IS SPRINGBOARD FOR COMMUNITY TRAINING



Leadership Stark County's Human Services Day program has traditionally included the participatory TANFTOWN Poverty Simulation

experience. Class members are impacted as they live '4 weeks in poverty' through role-playing. According to office records and class members' recollections, the simulation dates back to the 5th class. **Marcia Zawacky**, retired from The Timken Company and a graduate of the 4th class, assisted with staffing the simulation. She recalls being so affected that "I requested a catalog listing local social service agencies so I could use it as a referral in my own volunteer work. Now I wish that we would have a day in our own community where everyone would have to participate ... and see how hard it is for people to pull themselves up by their bootstraps."

In 2005, the LSC Board of Trustees approved investing in an updated version

of the simulation, which includes debit cards instead of food stamps, and new family groupings with grandparents raising grandchildren and fewer two-parent family households.

The simulation has been recognized nationally as a model of training. To read more about this, go to <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5232545>



Locally, Fairless Local Schools has asked LSC and Jobs and Family Services to staff the simulation as they work to raise awareness of different aspects of

poverty. In preparation, five Fairless staff members participated in our 20th Class Human Services Day. On March 30, seven LSC alumni will serve as volunteer facilitators at Fairless Local. If you're interested in assisting now, or in the future, please call the LSC office.



(Top): Carolyn McClendon, Timken Company strategic staffing manager, experiences the 'red tape' involved in obtaining services.

(Middle): Twentieth class members Dawn Hampton of H-P products and Lori Stokes of Jones Funeral Services play their parts as family members seeking services.

(Bottom): Fairless Local staff consult with LSC volunteer Chris Hewitt (19th class) of Quest Recovery and Prevention Services.

# 20th Year CELEBRATION Enjoyed by All

## LEADERSHIP BONDS WERE STRENGTHENED FROM THE 1ST TO THE 20TH CLASS



The Celebration Committee's hard work was rewarded as almost 200 class members gathered to renew friendships and extend networking with fellow leadership graduates at the 20th Year Celebration dinner and raffle. The door prizes were fabulous thanks to all the generous donors. The Grand Prize of 2 round-trip tickets on AirTran Airways was won by 19th class member David Kolinski-Schultz.



Honored guests included **Carrie Carpenter**, vice president, Charter One (20th class sponsor); **Tom Cecconi**, president & ceo, Mercy Medical Center, **Harlan Dobry**, a Leadership Canton founder; **Nancy J. Leach**, LSC director from 1994 to 2001; **Nancy McPeck**, LSC board of trustees chair from 2002 to 2004; and **Richard C. Sherer**, LSC board of trustees chair from 2000 to 2002.

Leadership Stark County is appreciative our sponsors and of the many generous donors who contributed prizes for the raffle.

### Mercy Medical Center - 20th Year Sponsor

#### Grand Prize:

AirTran Airways - Two round trip tickets to any AirTran destination

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Huntington Bank  
John Gasser & Son Jewelers  
La Pizzeria  
Layman Family Winegrowers, Brian Layman (18th class)  
Dave Lockshin (3rd class)  
Trina (15th class) and Dave Miller  
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Peter Shear's  
Kathy (3rd class) and Emil Poporad  
The Pro Football Hall of Fame Festival  
Rodriguez's House of Stones  
The Timken Company  
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Rick Lutz, 11th  
Linda Parker, 14th  
Bob Peshek, 5th  
Rick Sherer, former board president  
Susan Steiner, 10th  
Curt Werren, 13th  
Susan Wilkof, 15th  
Marcia Zawacky, 4th

(Counterclockwise from top):  
13th class members Trevor Lyke and Curt Werren reconnect.

LSC Board chair Anna Capaldi toasts fellow 16th class members John Steinhubl and Pat Corcoran.

Lynne Dragomier (1st class) and Jane Erlitz (8th class), both of Mercy Medical Center, share Leadership bonds with Mercy retiree Naz Adams (2nd class).

### The following people were prize winners in the Deal or No Deal Raffle:

Tammy Altmayer, 15th  
Rick Boyer, 20th  
Pat Corcoran, 16th  
Susan Denning, 15th  
Lada Gibson-Shreve, 18th  
Tim Hefty, 17th  
Tammy Hurst, 12th  
Dennis Kelley, 19th  
Teresa Lattanzi, 16th  
Nancy Leach  
David Lockshin, 3rd  
Dannette Lund, 20th



## 2007 Stark County Local Government Leadership Academy Participants

**Veronica Kay Callahan**,\* *Director*, Family Economic Success Program  
**Joseph G. Cole**,  
**Jeff Davies**, *Owner*, Oakwood Wine & Spirits,  
**Mark S. Esber**,\* *Realtor/Auctioneer*, Mark "Service" Esber, Ltd.,  
**Lisa A. Gissendanner**, *Director of Youth Development*, City of Canton,  
**Lavera R. Guillian**, *Community Volunteer*  
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**Jackie Truax**, *Mayor*, Village of East Sparta  
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\* Leadership Stark County graduates

# Continue the Commitment to **COMMUNITY BUILDING**

## 21<sup>ST</sup> SIGNATURE CLASS REFERRALS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Leadership alumni are one of the best sources of qualified applicants. You can help by recommending a community minded individual for the program. LSC continues to strive to be representative of the professional, cultural, racial, economic, geographic and ethnic diversity of the community. Tuition assistance available through a grant from the Deuble Foundation helps ensure a diverse class by funding individuals working in education, non-profit and government sectors where the organization cannot fully fund the candidate's participation.

### We are looking for individuals who:

- Possess high standards of personal integrity
- Show evidence of, or potential for, achievement in community service
- Are interested in seeking volunteer leadership roles in the community
- Are able to attend all programs (approximately 12 hrs. /mo.)
- Live or work in Stark County.

Please send your personal referrals of existing or emerging community leaders. They will receive an application and information packet for the 21st Class of Leadership Stark County.

### Prospective Candidate:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fax or mail your nominations to:  
 Fran Wells, Director, LSC  
 222 Market Ave. N. • Canton, OH 44702  
 (Fax) - (330) 452-7786

We'd like to recognize the members of the Leadership Stark County Board of Trustees and thank them for the time they spend insuring that the mission continues to be carried out. The Board is composed of Leadership graduates and non-graduate community members and serves in an advisory capacity to complement the administration of the programs by the staff.

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To develop a core of motivated leaders with a lifelong commitment to community trusteeship through training in leadership skills and education about the community.

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# Leadership CALENDAR

## March 2007

- 5 21st Class Signature Program applications available
- 8 20th Class Cultural Diversity Program,  
**Sponsor: Hendrickson Trailer Suspension Systems**
- 29 2007 Stark County Local Government  
Leadership Academy concludes

## April 2007

- 4 Alumni Executive Committee, 7:30 a.m.,  
Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce
- 12 20th Class Arts & Quality of Life Program,  
**Sponsor: Aultman Health Foundation**
- 19 Executive Board Committee, 7:30 a.m.,  
Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce
- TBA Alumni After Hours
- 25 Last Day to Apply to Signature Program

## May 2007

- 10 18th Class Justice Day Program
- 17 Executive Board Committee, 7:30 a.m.,  
Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce

# Special Thanks!

Even though the bells are now silent, the work of the Salvation Army continues in all seasons of the year. We'd like to thank those LSC graduates who rang the bells for the 2006 kettle drive and special thanks to John Juergensen for organizing the volunteers. Money raised from the kettle drive is used to meet needs in the community.

**Volunteer Coordinator:**  
John Juergensen (18th)

**Volunteers:**  
Constance Butera (3th)  
Thomas Haswell (18th)  
Sarah Howes McIntosh (13th)  
Janie Pavlek (10th)  
Denise M. Robb (13th)  
Susan Eileen Shearer (19th)  
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