



Community Project Guide

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The mission of Leadership Fond du Lac to assist in the preparation of a strong, diverse group of leaders qualified to represent our communities and willing to make responsible decisions affecting both the public and private sectors.

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The process of working as a team is as important as the finished project. Class members gain experience in team building, community problem-solving, and issue resolution, while at the same time, making a significant contribution to the quality of life in the greater Fond du Lac area.



The employers listed within this document indicate each participant's place of employment while enrolled in the Leadership Fond du Lac program.



Fond du Lac County Youth Advocate Survey, 1999

Team Members: DeAnn Thurmer, Waupun Memorial Hospital; Jim Neumann, RB Royal Industries; Karen KielRosser, Agnesian HealthCare; Karen Mathes, Coldwell Banker The Real Estate Group, Inc.; Kathy Wollersheim, Fond du Lac Festivals, Incl. ; Todd Steffes, Matthews Tire & Auto Service Center

This team supported the Volunteer Center of Fond du Lac County in its efforts to coordinate a survey for America's Promise Alliance, which helps provide at-risk youth access with resources critical to their development, including effective education and volunteer opportunities. The goal of this project was to reach 1,153 youth volunteers by the year 2000 through this survey, and provide the Fond du Lac County Volunteer Center with the results.

Leaders for Fond du Lac (A group of Leadership Fond du Lac Alumni), 1999

Team Members: Darlene Hansen-Dobner, Alcohol/Drug Abuse Resource Center; James Thomas, Society Insurance; Michelle Thomsen, Aurora Health Center; Randy Mittelstaedt, National Exchange Bank & Trust; Scott Wittchow, Action Advertising, Inc.

The goal of this project was to create an ongoing group to assist in the recruitment of new Leadership Fond du Lac participants. This group was made up of past participants of the class (alumni), and will work to increase awareness of and participation in the Leadership Fond du Lac program in forthcoming years.

Intergenerational Event, 2000

Team Members: Bill McGee, Marian University; Christine Mazis, Cable & Wireless USA; Cindi Tiede, Moraine Park Technical College; Dale Paczkowski, City of Fond du Lac; Jill Kawulok, Volunteer Center of Fond du Lac County, Inc.; Patty Murphy, Agnesian HealthCare; Stefanie Gutermann, ARMR, Inc.; Steven Michels, Bank One Wisconsin

This team planned and executed an intergenerational event involving Fond du Lac area youth and nursing home or assisted living center residents on April 14, 2000. Approximately 220 elderly and disabled residents attended from 14 residential and nursing facilities and 90 students from area high schools gathered at Harbor Haven Nursing Center for refreshments, bingo, checkers, cards and other board games, as well as student-led entertainment such as music and poetry readings.



Fond du Lac County Youth Volunteer Awards, 2000

Team Members: George Anderson, Fond du Lac School District; Jo Ann Bauer, Family Resource Center; Kim Hodgkinson, Agnesian HealthCare/Waupun Memorial Hospital; Lisa McArthur, J.F. Ahern Co.; Mark Rasner, American Express Financial Advisors; Mary Schmidt, Coldwell Banker - The Real Estate Group; Paul Osterholm, Marian University; Paula Starr, The ARC of Fond du Lac

The goal of this project was to foster the spirit of volunteerism in the local community through the development of a nomination application and promotion of the Youth Volunteer Awards, which recognized Fond du Lac County youth and their community involvement. A total of six youth volunteers in the elementary, junior high and high school age groups (two winners from each group) were recognized at a formal ceremony held at The Arc of Fond du Lac on May 16, 2000 and received prizes donated by local organizations and businesses. Similarly, a donation was made to each winner's favorite charity in their name.

Renovation of the Fond du Lac School District Outdoor Classroom Located in the Eldorado Marsh, 2000

Team Members: Barbara Senn, Bethany House; Georgia Davis, Aurora Health Center; Jed Keller, American Bank; Lindee Kimball, The Salvation Army; Miracle Stokes, ADVOAP, Inc.; Phil Braker, Marine Credit Union; Thomas Onan, Agnesian HealthCare

This team renovated the Eldorado Marsh Outdoor Classroom making it available to the public, as well as the Fond du Lac School District and nature groups, for hands-on learning including ecology, life science, environmental studies, and ecosystems. The outdoor classroom was utilized for 30 years before being closed from 1997-2000 due to unsafe conditions. Renovations were completed by volunteers from the Fond du Lac School District, parents, and other community members interested in preserving the classroom for future generations, and included replacing the walls, insulation, lighting, ventilation, doors, windows, roof, and landscaping of the building.

Welcome to Fond du Lac Community Information Electronic Sign Business Plan, 2001

Team Members: Dave Thornburg, Brook Industries, Inc.; Erin Gerred, City of Fond du Lac Police Department; Jane Hyde, Agnesian HealthCare/St. Agnes Hospital Foundation; Jean Busker, American Red Cross; Lisa Halbach, Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin; Margaret Karius; Rick Gregory, Roberts Elementary School; Stacey Akey, Marian University

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