

# Hartford Leadership Academy

Build up yourself to build up your community



"You can't afford to miss this opportunity. This is a life changing experience"

-Ann Marie Ferriera

## What we are:

The Hartford Leadership Academy is a **10 week investment in you** as a leader, to help you grow as a person and be better able to invest back in your community.

During the academy you will build strong relationships with other Hartford residents and be introduced to people making change around the city. You will receive coaching sessions to help you pursue your next personal and professional goal. You will learn your leadership style, how to work with a team, map assets in the neighborhood and work with a group of others to implement a project addressing an issue you are passionate about. The program finishes with a graduation ceremony. After the program graduates can apply for grants to carry out more community projects and participate in alumni events.

"We do these things. We do, people in the community. The projects, the programs, they're ours. And we can make the difference, based on what we learn at the Leadership Academy"

-Lydia Martinez

Created Day of Sharing and Caring event for people facing homelessness with grant money after the academy



## Benefits

- 10 week investment in you
- Coaching sessions for your personal + professional goals
- Grow as a leader. Learn skills like:
  - Public Speaking
  - Asset Mapping
  - Project Planning
  - Leading a team
- Make friendships with others who care about community and network with community leaders making change
- Opportunity to travel to Community Leadership Institute sponsored by Neighborworks America
- Become a member of the alumni network



Past alumni have gone on to:

- Become a Hartford City Councilperson
- Go to college and own a home
- Lead youth drill and drum corps
- Get a driver's license
- Start a back pack program to help kids get food on the weekends
- Chair local NRZ
- Work at a nonprofit

**What goal will you accomplish?**

# What the class consists of:

- 10 weekly classroom workshops
- Class on Thursday nights from 5:30-8pm from late March to late May
- One community project with a small group
- One individual final presentation
- One group reflection and presentation
- Graduation



## Other things provided:

- Childcare
- Weekly Dinner
- Transportation Assistance
- Access to apply for grant money for project after the class

# Past Class Projects

- Neighborhood Clean up
- Combating Childhood obesity
- Women's health and resource fair
- Increasing parent involvement in schools
- Family Fun Day
- Beautiful Blight Project
- Elderly Entertainment
- Support for people experiencing homelessness
- Teen pregnancy prevention
- "Unleashing the Greatness Within" Community Leadership Workshop



"One person can't do everything, but one person can do something. I learned that at the leadership academy"

-Denise Patterson

Created weekend food backpack program for kids at a local school




# Class Topics

- (1) Leadership Orientation
- (2) Mapping Community Assets
- (3) Understanding How to Work with Local Government
- (4) Building Winning Teams
- (5) Using Planning to Create Change
- (6) Acting on the Plan
- (7) Leadership in Real Life: The alumni experience
- (8) Public Speaking: Tips for effective communication
- (9) Public Speaking Practicum
- (10) Graduation and final presentation

## Questions?

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**Interested in applying?**



Take a picture of this QR code or ask for paper copy by contacting Logan. **Applications due by March 1st**