

Community Project Ideas Wanted!

Each year, Leadership Somerset participants carry out class projects for the benefit of Somerset County.

Our program fellows are ready to help your organization address an unmet community need.



Our program fellows have completed projects with:

- * Samaritan Homeless Interim Program
- * Adult Day Center of Somerset County
- * Somerset Medical Center Blood Donor Room
(now Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset)

- * Alternatives, Inc.
- * Volunteers of America—Agape House
- * Center for Great Expectations
- * Foodbank Network of Somerset County
- * Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties
- * Borough of Somerville Environmental Commission

Submit
your Community
Project Idea by Wednesday
April 20, 2016

LeadershipSomerset@co.somerset.nj.us





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Guidelines for Community Project Idea Submissions

- ✦ Proposals will be accepted from nonprofit agencies, local governments and public educational institutions that serve residents of Somerset County.
- ✦ Projects may not be partisan, religious or discriminatory in nature and cannot have fundraising or advocacy as a primary focus.
- ✦ A proposal form is not required. Proposal submitters need only write and email a paragraph or two (up to a maximum of one letter-size page) about a project idea. The page can be included as an attachment if needed.
- ✦ Although ideas do not have to be completely fleshed out, the project should have a definable goal that can be achieved by a small group of part-time volunteers, preferably within a 4 to 6-month period.
- ✦ Project ideas should have the support of the proposal submitter's governing body/board/etc.
- ✦ Projects do not have to benefit the entire county. A specific town, neighborhood, community or group of persons (i.e., children in foster care) is acceptable.
- ✦ A single point of contact should be identified by the proposal submitter and included in the email.
- ✦ Submit the proposal idea and contact information to LeadershipSomerset@co.somerset.nj.us by Wednesday, April 20, 2016.
- ✦ All proposals will be reviewed for feasibility by Leadership Somerset staff before being presented to the class.
- ✦ Proposal submitters may be invited to present an overview of their idea to and answer questions from the program fellows on May 11. More information about this will be provided to proposal submitters by Leadership Somerset staff no later than May 2.

About Leadership Somerset and our Program Fellows

Leadership Somerset is an 11-month adult community leadership program for adults who live or work in Somerset County. Program fellows come from diverse backgrounds and include representatives from large corporations, professional services, local government, nonprofit agencies, community leadership positions, small businesses, and academia.

Leadership Somerset encourages participants to:

- ✦ make a positive impact in the community
- ✦ learn about resources, services, challenges, and opportunities in Somerset County
- ✦ enhance personal leadership skills
- ✦ practice team and group process skills
- ✦ network and build partnerships with community leaders

Now in its seventeenth year, the program is supported by the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Program fellows are asked to implement a class project for the benefit of the community.



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Program fellows may select a project idea of their own or a project idea received through this proposal process. Some classes choose to implement more than one project.

Applications for Leadership Somerset are available annually in early fall. Learn more at www.leadershipsomerset.org

Photos from Previous Class Projects



Creating a rain garden for the Borough of Somerville Environmental Commission (2014)



One of the pieces of art auctioned in support of SHIP, the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (2013)



Creating a garden for the Adult Day Center of Somerset County (2010)



"10 Gallons in 10 Weeks" blood donation drive (2009)

