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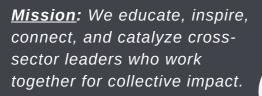
Annual Report

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Vision: We envision a resilient and equitable region where people from all communities and identities thrive.

<u>Values</u>: Accountability, Antiracism and Social Justice, Belonging, Collective Leadership, Community Stewardship, and Curiosity and Humility

Dear LT Community:

Leadership Tomorrow is built on the belief that great leaders come from all communities, backgrounds, ages, and sectors. We know that leadership is a verb, not a position. It is a way of acting and being. As we have seen this past year, the need for civically engaged and action-oriented leaders in the Puget Sound region has never been greater.

What do **LT leaders** do? They examine and cultivate a deeper understanding of our region's current challenges. They work together to develop solutions to complex and interconnected problems. They cultivate new strategies and tools to become more effective leaders. They broaden their personal and professional networks, expanding their influence. They learn about the history and current impacts of racism within the Puget Sound and work to advance a vision of equitable and thriving communities across the region.

How do we know this? In addition to the stories in this report, our recent survey of LT alumni demonstrates the impact of LT in a variety of ways. Here are a few key examples:

- 76% report that their LT experience enhanced their leadership effectiveness in the workplace.
- 75% say their LT experience increased their leadership capabilities within their communities.
- 84% affirm that their LT experience improved their capacity to collaborate across diverse backgrounds and perspectives.
- 81% claim that their LT experience increased their ability to lead collectively and share power, especially with those historically excluded.
- 86% acknowledge that LT helped them think systemically, enabling them to better understand interconnected issues and the underlying structural causes.
- 75% express their experience in LT has made them more comfortable engaging in courageous conversations.
- 77% credit their experience in LT for heightening their awareness of power dynamics and privilege, both within their community and themselves.

In this critical moment for civic leadership, the work of Leadership Tomorrow has never been more important. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers, donors, staff, class members, and others who consistently challenge, inspire, and engage all of us to become more effective, collaborative civic leaders. Together, we are working to shape a community where everyone can truly thrive.

In Community,

Carl Bailey, LT'14 Board Chair

Sue Bennett, LT'94 Executive Director



Highlights From the Flagship Program

The 10-month Flagship Program was designed to promote the following program goals among participants of the LT'23 cohort, a diverse group of leaders from the private, nonprofit, and public sectors:

COMMUNITY AND BELONGING

Build a diverse multi-sector learning community in which participants can find belonging, inspiration, and support for action during and after the program year.

REGIONAL CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Introduce a range of regional challenges and opportunities through the lenses of equity and antiracism; envision and explore examples of policies, institutions, and systems that promote equity.

LEADERSHIP

Build a toolkit of leadership skills for individual and collective action so that organizations, communities, and the region may thrive.



Engaging Leaders. Shaping Our Future.

LT'23 Cultivated Community and Belonging

Members of the LT'23 cohort built life-changing relationships with leaders across sectors, race, age, and perspectives to be better able to work in and with communities. They practiced raceand sector-based caucusing, connecting around common identities, similar lived experiences, and related professional backgrounds. Throughout the year, they engaged in honest, vulnerable conversations, building trust and forging new bonds.

In their own words...

LT has provided the opportunity to learn and share. To learn about the people of the city, to hear their stories and better understand the needs of our communities. The people I've met and the feeling of building true community within the group give me hope for creating an impactful and meaningful life in the city.

- Jimmy Juricevich, LT'23, Olson Kundig

The beautiful blend of diverse personal and professional backgrounds makes LT so special. I appreciated connecting with people who care about this community for different reasons and who bring their lived experiences to address regional challenges. I treasure the opportunity to meet, learn from, and befriend such incredible people! – Brie Adderley, LT'23, DH

During my time in LT, I've become braver in my leadership and gained the ability to have hard conversations. I've built invaluable relationships with inspiring people and am grateful for the lifelong friendships I've made through the program. – Camille Reynaud, LT'23, Washington State Opportunity Scholarship

LT'23 Strengthened Their Connection to Puget Sound

EXPLORING INTERCONNECTED CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Using the Seattle Foundation's Seven Elements of a Healthy Community Framework, members of the LT'23 cohort learned about the interconnected challenges and opportunities that shape our region and how to work collectively to build a more equitable community.

Cohort members learned about strategies to end homelessness in our region; challenges and opportunities related to affordable housing; and the inequitable impacts of climate change. Read <u>LT'23 Possibility Day Reflections</u> for a fuller list of topics and cohort members' observations.

FROM CHALLENGE TO POSSIBILITY

We experimented with a shift in language from "Challenge" Days to "Possibility" Days. This reframing was in response to LT'23 cohort members' request to focus on solutions and LT's continued evolution toward asset-based approaches to regional issues.



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LT'23 Enhanced Their Leadership

Members of the LT'23 cohort explored their strengths, built confidence, and envisioned how their leadership can impact the community. They learned from inspiring regional leaders, such as **Dr. Ben Danielson**, Clinical Professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of Washington; **Rachel Smith**, President and CEO, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce; and **Brian Surratt**, LT'07, President and CEO, Greater Seattle Partners.

Cohort members explored leadership in action by interviewing a <u>diverse cross-sector group</u> <u>of leaders</u>. Lab teams partnered with 10 organizations to advance racial equity or social justice in our region via <u>Community Service Projects</u>.



In their own words...

LT has provided the space to reflect on what leadership means to me and looks like in practice. This experience has given me the confidence to lead authentically, rather than lead in a way that I think others expect me to lead. – Caitlin Kaminski, LT'23, Mt. Baker Housing Association

Leadership Tomorrow supported me to be a leader among leaders and embrace the accountability of collective leadership to positively impact others. – Sharon Turner, LT'23, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services

Our Alumni Are Making an Impact

One way LT alumni work to make positive change in our communities is by serving on boards and commissions. Through our <u>Leaders on Board newsletter</u> and <u>LT Alumni Database</u> matches, we helped place LT alumni on many nonprofit boards and commissions. Below are two examples. Visit our website for more <u>inspiring stories of alumni impact</u>.

KING COUNTY SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE CENTER (KCSARC)

As a 1987 graduate of Leadership Tomorrow, it was natural to turn to Leadership Tomorrow when KCSARC was recruiting board candidates. We knew that LT alumni would have deep knowledge of our region's assets and challenges and are committed to improving our communities. We were also confident that candidates that went through the Flagship Program would be individuals who can effectively lead as well as work productively in a group. We were not disappointed. We were thrilled to invite LT alumni Dana Ulrich and Tara Lee to join the Board. In addition to passion for the issue, they bring a practical knowledge of how effective organizations function and the unique role of board members. – Mary Ellen Stone, LT'87, King County Sexual Assault Resource Center

I was looking for a board opportunity, but uncertain what I wanted to do. I filled out the LT Alumni Database and noted my experience and interests. Sue Bennett reached out to let me know that KCSARC was looking for board members with my skillset and experience. Through LT's connection, I joined the KCSARC Board in August 2023. I got involved as they do amazing work on behalf of survivors, work on prevention and provide resources and education.

- Tara Lee, LT'16, Washington Health Benefit Exchange

WELLSPRING FAMILY SERVICES

I found Wellspring through LT's Leaders on Board newsletter. I was initially drawn to Wellspring based on two things: their holistic wrap-around approach to services and their commitment to serving families. I was intrigued by the organization's emphasis on providing services to families that are at risk of facing homelessness or recently unhoused—a critical moment when timely, flexible assistance may help avoid cascading problems. I knew my employer had a relationship with Wellspring based on past holiday giving drives. As I dug into that relationship, I learned there was a longer and richer history than I'd previously appreciated, and that changes at both organizations had created an opportunity for someone on the Fenwick side to take a more hands-on role. Encouraged by the warm, optimistic people I connected with through this process, I was excited to join the Associate Board and begin doing more to support Wellspring's urgent mission.

- Trevor Lovell, LT'21, Fenwick & West LLP

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To the companies, foundations, and individuals that support LT's mission to educate, inspire, connect, and catalyze cross-sector leaders who work together for collective impact – *thank you for partnering with us on this journey! We couldn't do it without you.*

In a world shaped by constant change and evolving challenges, the demand for civically engaged and action-oriented leaders has never been greater. Leadership Tomorrow cultivates these courageous leaders, who are not defined by title or position, but by their actions to uplift others and create a better future. *This list of donors includes those who supported LT's Annual Fund and Scholarship Fund.*

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OPERATING FUND: INCOME

Total Income	\$653,287
All Other Contributions and Grants	\$323,263
Tuition, Fees, Events	\$330,024

OPERATING FUND:

EXPENSES

Programs	\$612,645
Administrative	\$56,335
Fundraising	\$35,210
Total Expenses	\$704,190

OPERATING FUND: RESERVE

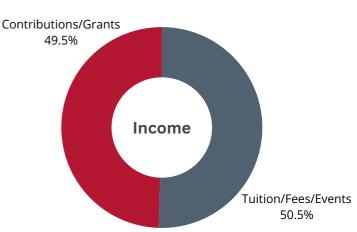
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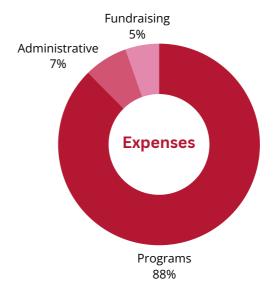
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Balance (8/31/23)	\$710,158
Tuition Aid (to Operating Fund)	\$(59,150)
Net Investment Return	\$47,462
Balance (8/31/22)	\$721,846



"My time in LT had an enormous impact on my approach to teaching, starting with my decision to become a teacher. I took a different route into teaching and, truthfully, I don't know if I would have had the courage to make a career change without my LT cohort. Last year, as part of my Jackson Leadership Fellows Program (another opportunity that the LT universe helped me find!), I took several aspects of my LT experience and turned them into a service leadership curriculum for my students. Throughout the class, students developed service leadership skills of their choice and then put them into practice to benefit their chosen communities. – **Mollie Price, LT'17, Renton School District**





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