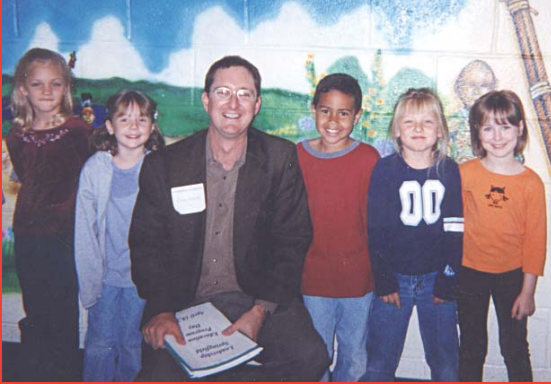


**Providing leadership dynamics that move people and ideas.**



### **Developing competent and skilled leadership for the Springfield community.**

The mission of Leadership Springfield is to inspire, develop and connect leaders to serve the Springfield community.

### **Alumni Association provides continuing benefits**

The association helps alumni remain actively involved in the organization and community by serving as a network of resourceful leaders; promoting continuing education and leadership development skills; working toward solutions to community challenges; providing leadership support for major Springfield projects; and providing assistance to the Leadership Springfield board on program curriculum, retreats and related projects.

### **Leadership is for teachers**

Leadership Is For Teachers, or LIFT, is dedicated to developing community awareness and leadership skills for teaching professionals. A collaborative effort by Leadership Springfield, Missouri State University and Springfield Public Schools, the program began in summer 2005 and fosters an open exchange of ideas and best practices among educators; provides unique networking opportunities between educators and the community; and enhances leadership skills related to the effectiveness of educating others.

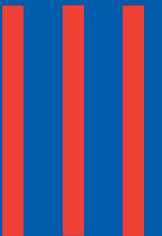
### **Academy trains students**

Leadership Springfield sponsors the Leadership Springfield Academy program offered to area high school juniors. The academy is a six-month version of the adult program.



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# **Leadership Springfield**



## Trained leadership benefits everyone

The Springfield area faces some complex issues and challenges in order to keep our quality of life high — and our community prosperous.

Leadership Springfield is committed to developing competent and skilled leadership for the challenging times ahead. The nonprofit organization provides an educational program to identify these leaders and familiarize them with the community's opportunities, needs, problems and resources.

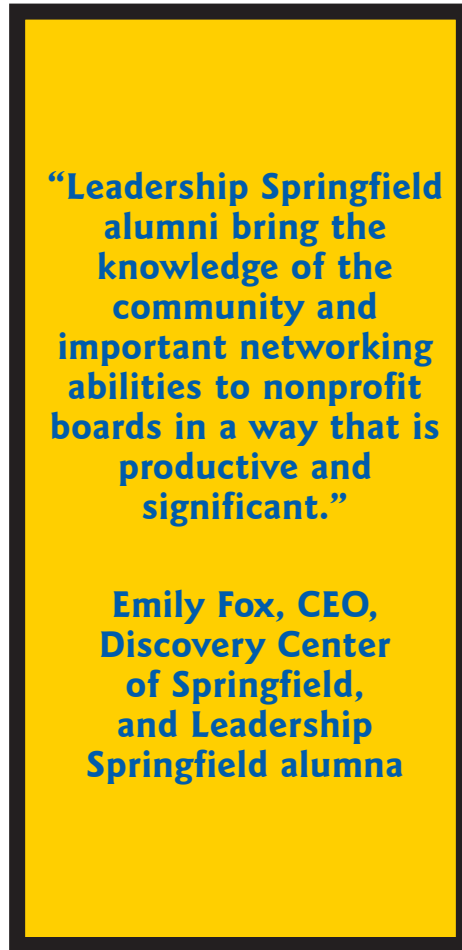
The Leadership Springfield curriculum includes intensive daylong, once-a-month sessions on:

- Leadership dynamics
- Civic awareness
- Criminal justice and public safety
- Communications and technology
- Arts and quality of life
- Health and medical services
- Education and lifelong learning
- The Springfield community

Every individual, business and organization benefits from trained, skilled leaders who have participated in Leadership Springfield.

## Leadership Springfield goals

- Identify key individuals with leadership qualities and concern for Springfield's future.
- Provide a base for rapport between class participants and community leaders.
- Establish effective dialogue and peer relationships among participants that will build common ground for present and future communications.



- Provide a systematic educational program to familiarize participants with the community's opportunities, needs, problems and resources.
- Highlight the leadership dynamics that move people and ideas.

## Are you a candidate?

Leadership Springfield's target is to attract emerging leaders from the community, businesses and professions who have leadership potential and a concern for Springfield's future.

Candidates likely are individuals who have earned respect over a period of time for their intelligence, honesty, integrity and community service. That person may be a volunteer with a civic or charitable organization, serve on a school board, lead a youth group, or demonstrate an interest in community affairs, for example.

You or someone you know may fit this description. Perhaps a friend, neighbor or colleague? Call Leadership Springfield at 862-5567, or go to [www.leadershipspringfield.com](http://www.leadershipspringfield.com) for more information and an application.

## Class selection criteria

Identifying individuals most apt to use their leadership for the long-term benefit of the community is the most important fact in selection.

Other criteria include:

1. Applications must be received on or before the deadline established by the Leadership Springfield Board of Directors.
2. A diverse class is desired, with selection based on experience, skills and what that individual candidate can bring to the Leadership Springfield class being formed.

3. Community participation is key. Considering their job requirements, candidates should show a record of community involvement in Springfield or in previous communities.
4. Considering the amount of interaction between participants, a minimum of a high school diploma is required.

Each class is limited to 32 participants. Tuition assistance is available.

Leadership Springfield complies with all federal and state nondiscriminatory laws.

Selection of employees of a particular company in the past does not assure selection of employees in the future.

Nine-month training program includes:

- Two, two-day overnight retreats
- Panel presentations by leaders from the community areas under study
- A chance to confront your community and analyze real-life problems
- Simulation exercises to discuss and examine community issues
- Selection, coordination and completion of a class community project.

