

Legacy of LEADERSHIP

A Leadership Seminole Initiative

Great leaders forge a legacy of commitment to their communities... What will your legacy be?

On the first day of Leadership Seminole, each class is asked this question. Brought together from all areas of business and government, possessing diverse skills, experiences, and passions, classes must harness their talents and leave behind a **Legacy of Leadership**. They carry with them a sense of purpose and the knowledge that amazing things come from the collaboration of leaders. Their legacy grows with each class that commits to harnessing their talents to improve our community. What will your legacy be?

The Rescue Outreach Mission ~ Class 19

The Rescue Outreach Mission touched the hearts of Class 19 with their endeavors: providing emergency shelter, food, clothing, substance abuse counseling and spiritual guidance to disadvantaged, needy, homeless and abused individuals and families. The Mission seeks to provide for the total welfare of their residents so that they become productive, contributing citizens once again. Class 19 built a playground on the property for the children who live there, created a multi-media workspace for the residents to have access to computers, helped establish an annual fundraiser to generate ongoing financial support, and organized numerous food and clothing drives. In total, Class 19 generated \$75,000 in cash and in-kind donations, donated 1,000 volunteer hours to the project and more than 3,000 pounds of food, clothing and personal items.



The Sharing Center ~ Class 18

Class 18 was moved by The Sharing Center's mission to prevent homelessness in Seminole County by assisting low-income families with basic necessities during financial emergencies like job loss and health problems. The class logged over 800 volunteer hours and undertook a number of activities to further the mission including installing a \$20,000 alarm system for The Sharing Center, raising over \$7,500, and collecting three pickup trucks of nonperishable food items and three tons of donated clothing items for the center. The impact? The food alone they collected was enough to feed 75 families for a week. To boot, the class collected gift baskets for a silent auction and donated \$2,000 to the Seminole County Public School's Student Museum.



Kids House & SafeHouse of Seminole ~ Class 17

Class 17 chose two organizations with missions to help children and families victimized by domestic violence: Kids House and SafeHouse of Seminole. The group built a fountain at the Kids House entrance to provide a welcoming environment to the children who find comfort there. At SafeHouse of Seminole the group improved the quality of life for SafeHouse guests by improving the areas designated for families to gather, play, and relax. The class built computer desks and picnic benches, created a grilling station and a Chill Zone in the back yard, and even added a Rain Tree to give the yard a water park feel. Class 17's project generated \$10,000 in cash contributions, \$13,000 in in-kind contributions and 700 volunteer hours.



Since 2003 Leadership Seminole classes have raised \$400,000 and donated 7,500 volunteer hours to local non-profit organizations



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Boys Town Central Florida ~ Classes 15 & 16

At Boys Town Central Florida, Seminole County's at-risk and troubled youth have found safe haven for more than 20 years. The beautiful, but aging campus includes residential and learning facilities that have housed, clothed, and fed over 14,000 children since opening their doors. Classes 15 and 16's vision was to renovate all five family homes, replacing old carpet and tile, installing new light fixtures and cabinets, re-painting, and hopefully re-energizing the lives of these very deserving children. Together the classes have raised nearly \$60,000 in cash contributions, an additional \$20,000 in in-kind donations, and contributed more than 2,000 volunteer hours to the project, engaging over 170 volunteers from the community.



The Central Florida Zoo ~ Class 14

Class 14 focused on the replacement of a dilapidated triple-wide trailer at the Central Florida Zoo. Their ambitious plans called for the construction of a log cabin to serve as a new facility for educational programs and a welcome center for the 250,000 people who visit the zoo each year. With steadfast determination the group has raised more than \$66,000 and contributed over 1,000 volunteer hours to the project. The log cabin was constructed and dedicated in the summer of 2008.



Intervention Services ~ Class of 2006

Intervention Services is a non-profit agency that has focused on the needs of at-risk children and families in Central Florida since 1994. The Class of 2006 showed enormous passion when they chose to renovate two multi-family homes, owned by the county and run by Intervention Services, where children aging out of foster care could live as they transition into adulthood. The project generated \$35,000 in cash contributions, another \$44,000 in in-kind donations, involvement from nearly 200 companies, and over 1,600 volunteer hours.



Elizabeth House ~ Class of 2005

The Class of 2005 felt passionate about the cause of Elizabeth House, an organization that provides a transition home to survivors of domestic violence. No longer in imminent danger, these women and children need a place to heal in body, soul and spirit while putting their lives back together. The class successfully raised \$35,000 for Elizabeth House through a casino night fundraiser that utilized countless volunteer hours, business donations, and sponsorships. Elizabeth House receives no government funding but depends solely on people in the community, private grants, and business donations. Class of 2005 also cleaned, repaired, repainted, and landscaped a children's playground in the Midway Sanford area.



Meals on Wheels & Habitat for Humanity ~ Class of 2004

When choosing their project, Class of 2004 decided their efforts would be best utilized for two organizations: Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity. For Meals on Wheels, the class tackled chores such as mowing yards and cleaning for elderly in the county who aren't able to do for themselves and can't afford to hire help. For Habitat for Humanity, Class of 2004 helped build a home for a family in Sanford. Organizing official work days for each project, the class capitalized on its own talents and passions, contributing over 500 volunteer hours.