

## QUALITY PROGRAM AT BARGAIN PRICE

The MLP is a quality program operating with a lean budget at minimal expense. It has the reputation for being fiscally responsible under tight cost controls. MLP operates with a staff of only 1.5 full-time equivalents and a \$160,000 budget funded 40 percent by student tuition, while relying on corporate/foundation funding and private donations for the remainder.

I find that the Masters Leadership Program is a great opportunity for anyone looking to serve on a board or who is currently on a board in understanding the dynamics of our community. The San Antonio Food Bank has been well served with graduates from the Masters Leadership Program. They join our board with a full understanding of what it takes to directly lead in our community.

Eric Cooper, President and CEO, San Antonio Food Bank



MLP Class VII Graduates



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## Masters Leadership Program of San Antonio and Bexar County

### 2011 - 2012 Community Impact Report



## OUR MISSION

TO PROVIDE PROVEN LEADERS WITH A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN, FIRSTHAND, ABOUT THE ISSUES AND NEEDS IN BEXAR COUNTY, WHILE ENCOURAGING THE USE OF THEIR SKILLS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY.

## GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

In an ever changing city – with ever changing issues, opportunities and challenges – the Masters Leadership Program (MLP) of San Antonio and Bexar County stands out in its mission to educate, inform and introduce new leadership to local boards, advisory committees and task forces of nonprofit, civic and public agencies and organizations across the community.

Already accomplished leaders in their chosen fields, MLP graduates now total 325 of the city's brightest and best who are working to improve San Antonio and Bexar County by consistently volunteering over 4,000 hours of leadership services each month.

Currently providing program training for its eighth class, MLP graduates hold 331 leadership positions assisting 188 nonprofits, public agencies and organizations. MLP participants and alumni are diverse and contribute a myriad of individual, distinctive styles of leadership toward making our city a dynamic place in which to live, work and recreate. Each MLP participant has the time and desire to give something back.

Placement of graduates as board members and advisors to local agencies and organizations creates a welcomed infusion of leadership and commitment. Graduates not only share their career knowledge with these entities, but are now well prepared to impart an informed, up-to-date perspective on the issues affecting the people and future advancement of San Antonio and Bexar County.

## MLP ALUMNI: Making a Difference for the San Antonio Community



Masters Leadership Program (MLP) graduates contribute significant levels of leadership, resources and time to non-profits across San Antonio and Bexar County. Addressing important social issues including hunger, homelessness, child and elder care, local charitable organizations benefit from the experience of MLP alumni who serve as directors, advisors and contributors. The Masters Leadership Program, now in its eighth year, is invaluable to the citizens of San Antonio who are all working together to improve the future and LIVE UNITED!

Bob Loeffler, Chief Administrative Officer, H-E-B  
2011-2012 Chairman of the Board, United Way

## EXTENSIVE MLP CURRICULUM

Each year the MLP's in-depth curriculum is shaped by current events, city growth and advancement goals, and the many needed services provided to residents of the nation's 7th largest city. Success stories and challenges coexist.

The MLP curriculum features prominent regional and local experts who share their perspectives and insights on important current issues and engage in lively question and answer dialogue with the participants. Topics include: history and government, military impact, growth and economics, arts and communication, criminal justice system, education, technology, bioscience and health care, environment, and human services.

The culmination of the program is the Engagement Class where 40 nonprofit and civic organizations have an opportunity to meet directly with the class members. The Masters Leadership Program serves as the conduit for matching the skills and interests of the class members with the governance needs and mission of the nonprofit and civic organizations.

## DYNAMIC MLP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A leadership quality shared by many MLP participants is the continuing quest for knowledge and information. Following graduation, an active and engaged MLP Alumni Association (MLPAA) maintains the program's momentum for learning and leading.

Three Speaker Series seminars are held each year to update the MLP graduates on current events that continue to impact our city. Additionally, four Lunch 'n Learn sessions focus on improving board governance skills and volunteerism. The highlight of the MLPAA and the reason the graduates join year after year is the continued opportunity to socialize and network.



The MLP Alumni Association is the perfect avenue for program graduates to continue learning about our community's ever changing issues and needs. Through our extensive program of seminars, training programs and networking events, the alumni association strives to keep our members energized, equipped and engaged. As our membership grows, so does this incredibly valuable resource for our community's nonprofit and civic organizations.

Jeff Galt, MLP Alumni Association, Board Chair