

From the Executive Director

I relish the opportunity to chat with Leadership Greater Syracuse founder Chuckie Holstein. Recently, we talked about how she scoured the country to identify best practices when creating the LGS flagship program. I continue to believe that utilizing the design team model – having participants create each class day – is a best practice. Participating on design teams builds leadership skills and community knowledge through total immersion. This learning model eschews a cookie-cutter curriculum and puts class members on a journey of



Chuckie Holstein
LGS Founder

discovery, allowing each individual to become more mindful of their leadership styles and the styles of others. As Chuckie's research attests, the design team concept is not ours alone – several of our community leadership colleagues across the country follow a similar model.

The design team model also ensures that LGS is relevant. Class days in our flagship program reflect the community at that moment and are NEVER the same month-to-month, year-to-year. This is why I am forever grateful for Chuckie, who created LGS when she was in her 60s and who, at age 94, continues to advise and inspire me.

That said, it's time to assemble the next edition of design teams and open the application window for the LGS Class of 2020 and begin welcoming candidates to be part of our 30th class! The deadline to apply is August 31. Please help us spread the word. We are looking for people who believe in our community and who want to do their part to make it better. Your colleagues can apply using the [online application](#).

LGS makes our community better!

Pam



Pam Brunet
LGS Executive Director
Class of 1998

Congrats to Alumni Achievement Award Winner Olive Sephuma



What a great night we had in late April at Let's Get Social, an annual LGS fundraising event. We were honored to be the first event to be held at The Fitz – a speakeasy within the new Oh My Darling Restaurant on Salina Street in downtown Syracuse. We met our financial goal thanks to sponsors, attendees and silent auction winners, but a highlight was recognizing LGS Class of 2004 graduate Olive Sephuma with the LGS Alumni Achievement Award. This award is our equivalent to the "People's Choice Award" because LGSers nominate fellow LGSers and only LGSers vote!

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Congrats to Olive Sephuma... continued



Executive Director Beth Broadway of Interfaith Works and LGS grad stated in the nomination, "Olive is a leader who brings out the best in people. She leads with quiet confidence and always pursues excellence with and for those she serves."

In an email the day after the event, Olive said, "Last night was truly incredible. I just do what I see as needed, without expectation of recognition (and in fact I shy away from it). I have to tell you though that being up there was a moment of true affirmation that gave me a new sense of myself and is now right up there as one of the highlights of my life!"

Wow, LGS really does ROCK! Congratulations Olive and thank you to everyone for supporting LGS at Let's Get Social.

More Qualified Board Members – Congrats to the NTL Class of 2019

Through a partnership of LGS, the Gifford Foundation, the CNY Community Foundation, the Human Services Leadership Council, and a few citizens, our community now has 26 more highly talented citizens to draw upon as they recently graduated from Nourishing Tomorrow's Leaders. The purpose of the program is to increase the number of qualified board members in the community and to improve the inclusivity of board representation.

Way to go Class of '19!



LGS Class of 2019 Working Hard!



The Class of 2019 is half way through their LGS experience and they are earning their keep. On Community Service Day, sponsored by Carrier Corporation, they spent part of the day volunteering at the Samaritan Center completing a variety of tasks including serving food, painting, and gardening. Samaritan Center Executive Director and LGS Class of '08 member Mary Beth Frey said, "By being here today, you are creating a community that is inclusive and hopeful. You don't have to donate millions. Being here today makes a big difference."

Is there an ROI on Civic Engagement?

The answer is yes! LGS has created a unique curriculum that teaches employers how to be strategic with their charitable giving and employee volunteerism. With 3,769 nonprofits in Onondaga County, employers **HAVE** to be strategic. Did you know that being strategic helps companies meet their financial goals? Come learn more on October 24th from 4:30-6 p.m. at OneGroup. Registration is \$125 and includes light snacks and refreshments. Register today at: <https://roiofcivicengagement.eventbrite.com>



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