



Leadership Dorchester Accomplishments

LEADERSHIP DORCHESTER is an 11-month intensive and comprehensive study of the political, civic, economic and social dynamics in action within Dorchester County. Upon completion of this program, the participant will be well-positioned to educate their peers, coworkers and potential residents about DC.

Since implementing the LEADERSHIP DORCHESTER program in 2009:

Overall

Graduated more than 100 leaders from in-depth leadership development training through Leadership Dorchester.

LD 2009

Spearheaded over \$30,000 worth of renovations to the Dorchester County Children's Center conference room and landscape.

LD 2010

Received statewide attention for hosting a luncheon for SC educators and businesses with keynote speaker Sean Covey which motivated the *Leader in Me* leadership model in schools.

LD 2011

Received the College of Charleston Business-Educator Award in recognition of outstanding contributions to Alston Middle School's CHEF Program.

LD 2012

Received a Dorchester County Council Resolution for their contribution and promotion of Tri County Link Public Transportation in Dorchester County.

LD 2013

Raised over \$40,000 to bring awareness and promote Summerville as the 'Birthplace of Sweet Tea' and educate tourist and the community about the Sweet Tea Trail. The trail was

designed to guide visitors and locals from the I-26 interchange at Exit 199A through the five districts of Summerville to experience all that our town has to offer.

LD 2014

Received a Town of Summerville Resolution for their work on beautifying the Sawmill Branch Trail and contributed nearly \$100,000 in improvements and brought together more than 100 volunteers.

LD 2015

Raised funds and received "in kind" services that enabled the class to have three projects that all support increasing tourism in the greater Summerville area; (1) Installed a new attention getting sign marking the entrance to historical Colonial Dorchester bring greater awareness to the historic venue. (2) Provided enhancements to the Summerville Library by installing benches and upgrading the landscaping of the facility. (3) Developed a web based app that serves as a "passport" that provides increased awareness of historical sites and local small businesses.

LD 2016

Raised funding for capital improvements at the Lowcountry Home of Hope, the facility that provides housing and support to homeless men in the community. Projects included a secure and protective bike and moped rack, a paver patio to provide an outdoor gathering area, a marketing and awareness campaign, and a resource guide for self-improvement. Additional funds have been reserved for the installation of public and handicap accessible restrooms.

LD 2017

Led the re-branding of the Frances R. Willis SPCA to the now Dorchester PAWS. The class raised over \$50,000 in cash and in-kind donations towards a brand for the animal shelter, including a new name, logo, color scheme, etc. Capital improvements to the facility included water line improvements, sitewide cleaning, painting, front office renovation, and a new entrance sign.