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Pikes Peak United Way Announces Young Professional Development Program

September 20, 2021 – Pikes Peak United Way (PPUW) is launching an in-depth development course to prepare participants to succeed in leadership positions and serve on nonprofit boards throughout Colorado Springs. LEAD, which stands for Leadership, Effectiveness, and Diversity, is an 11-week hands-on training that will help participants enhance communication, learn conflict resolution and develop networking skills.

"This training opportunity is unique because it's specifically designed to prepare growing leaders to guide the activity of nonprofit agencies in their communities. LEAD was built in the spirit of improving access to opportunity for all of our citizens," said Ernest Chamblee, Coordinator of Youth and Family Diversity Initiatives at PPUW. "Participants in the program will gain the confidence and skills to be ambassadors of inclusion and champions of diversity, which creates a more equitable Colorado Springs for us all."

The program was developed to fit a need in the young professional space by intentionally building well-rounded leaders in our community by creating a more inviting environment to foster community impact, growth and innovation.

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The 11-week course will focus on topics including: boardmanship and committees, fiscal responsibility and fundraising, diversity, equity and inclusion, cultural sensitivity and hurdle adversity, communications and presentation skills. Each subject will be taught by a respective community leader to enhance messaging.

The course will culminate in a class project aimed at inspiring local high school students to become more engaged with their community as well as inspire them to become more involved in leadership roles.

The LEAD program kicks off on Wednesday September 29th. Anyone interested in registering for the inaugural course can visit: <https://forms.gle/rT62gJ5FnqpqjMu27>

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Pikes Peak United Way Mission: To enhance youth success and family stability in the Pikes Peak region by leading and lifting the most vulnerable in our community with mentorship, life resources and real job opportunities. Our signature programs and partner agencies intently focus on connecting youth and their families to resources at the front end of their life journey to ensure access to fundamental needs of food, shelter and learning resources for all. #LiveUnited

