



April 2023

Dear Chamber Member Not-for-Profit and Civic Organizations,

This letter serves as an invitation to submit a project proposal for our upcoming Leadership Springfield class.

Every year, Leadership Springfield brings together 30-40 promising leaders from the private, nonprofit, and public sectors to facilitate leadership development and encourage community engagement. The program is comprised of 3 hour programs over a fourteen-week period that include community site visits, discussion groups, conversations with leaders and other activities.

Participants also engage in group projects with the primary goal of enabling local non-profit organizations to extend beyond their current resources and tackle problems, issues, or goals with the assistance of creative minds and the manpower of our Leadership Springfield class. Some examples of past projects have included volunteer program development, marketing plan assistance, promotional brochure development, website enhancement, and surveys of educational needs in the community.

Five to seven projects will be selected for this year's Class, which begins in early September.

To submit a proposal, please complete the enclosed Project Proposal Form and submit it to me via email ([lschafer@gfcc.org](mailto:lschafer@gfcc.org)) by Friday, July 14, 2023.

If your organization submitted a project last year or in the past that was not selected, you are welcome to resubmit the project for consideration.

We look forward to receiving your proposal and the opportunity for our Leadership Springfield participants to enhance their skills through service to your organization. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (217) 525-1173 ext. 203 or [lschafer@gfcc.org](mailto:lschafer@gfcc.org).

Sincerely,

Lisa K. Schafer  
Vice President – Operations



## 2023 Class Project Proposal Form

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Projects may not be political or religious in nature and may not solicit funds for a community organization. Neither the project nor the team members can be involved in direct fundraising for an organization and should not provide a direct benefit to an organization employing a project team member.

Team members from each project group will present their project at the final Leadership Springfield session on December 14, 2023. If your project is selected, a representative of your organization is encouraged to attend this presentation.

Submit this proposal to Lisa Schafer at [lschafer@gfcc.org](mailto:lschafer@gfcc.org) by Friday, July 14, 2023.

**Please provide a detailed description of the project**

**Please provide one (1) or more specific goals of the project**

**Please describe how the project will impact your organization**