

**Mission**

*To develop and instruct a network of diverse community members who share their skills and experiences, by bringing them together and educating in community services, advocacy, and social responsibilities.*

**Vision**

*To build a cooperative community of leaders who are connected and empowered to serve and achieve their full potential in Jackson County.*

Leadership Jackson provides opportunities so participants may develop and cultivate these four components: knowledge of self, knowledge of leadership skills, knowledge of community, and knowledge of the greater good for Jackson County.

The Leadership Jackson Program begins with a local overnight retreat. The purpose of the program kick-off retreat is for participants to learn more about themselves and their peers through self-assessment, team building and problem-solving activities. Participants leave feeling like a team and ready to take on the year together!

It is important for community leaders to understand the different facets of Jackson County, the issues we face and to learn how as leaders, we can make a difference in the Jackson County community. We have developed a program focusing on eight areas that are important for leaders to understand about Jackson County. These topics include:

- **Economic Development**
- **Growth**
- **Agriculture**
- **Education**
- **Family, Health & Human Services**
- **Government**
- **Public Safety**
- **Tourism**

Upon completion of the program, participants are equipped to problem solve, collaborate, manage conflict and establish connections in the community. Having met many community leaders throughout the year-long program, it is the hope of the Leadership Jackson Advisory Board that you will be a “champion” for the Jackson County Community, serve on boards, and strive for service to others.