


Growing Together

Learning with Purpose . . . Serving with Passion!

***Year 3 Program Launch
August 7, 2013***



Welcome and Introductions
The “Big Picture”—High Quality, High Impact
High Quality: Great Projects, Great Teachers, Great Agencies, Great Kids
High Impact: Dale Heydlauff, American Electric Power
Looking Back: Review of Our First Two Years
Looking Ahead: 2013-2014
School Plans

The “Growing Together” Service-Learning Network is an education initiative with a strong community impact component. The program’s goals are to support significant school improvement and reform, enhance student success, increase the number of civically engaged youth, and address critical local and global issues and needs through the expansion of school-based service-learning.



The *Growing Together* Service-Learning Network began taking shape in August 2009 and became operational for the 2011-2012 school year. There are currently more than 25 member K-12 schools, representing urban, suburban, and rural settings. In addition, the Network includes a growing number of key community agency partners.

Reflecting on Accomplishments—Years 1 and 2 of the “Growing Together” Network

- 375 service-learning projects involving 25,000 students across 25 schools
- 250,000 hours of civic engagement, valued at \$5 million
- Professional development opportunities involving more than 500 teachers
- Significant collaboration/partnerships among schools and agencies
- Annual Critical Issues Summit
- YSA Childhood Hunger Initiative: Jones Middle School and many others
- “Power of Service-Learning” Student Leadership Summit and Year-End Celebration
- Dissemination of resources: model projects, videos, Poverty Simulation, etc.

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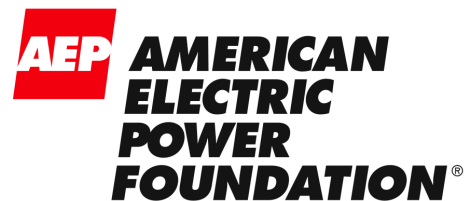


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ACPA

Arts & College Prep Academy

BEXLEY CITY SCHOOLS

Cassingham Elementary
Montrose Elementary
Bexley Middle School

COLUMBUS CATHOLIC DIOCESE

St. Cecilia School
St. James The Less School
St. Patrick School
Bishop Watterson High School

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

Buckeye Middle School
Additional Columbus City Schools (Pending)

DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS

West Bridge Academy
Additional Dublin City Schools (Pending)

GRAHAM FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

The Graham School
The Charles School

INDEPENDENT

Columbus School For Girls

KIDSCONNECT PROGRAM, FRANKLIN COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL

After-school programs and middle schools in Whitehall, Groveport, Hamilton, and Canal Winchester

RIDGEMONT LOCAL SCHOOLS

Ridgemont Elementary
Ridgemont High School

UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Barrington Elementary
Greensview Elementary
Tremont Elementary
Wickliffe Elementary
Windermere Elementary
Hastings Middle School
Jones Middle School
Upper Arlington High School

WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

Emerson Magnet School
Hanby Magnet School
Additional Westerville Schools (Pending)

WORTHINGTON SCHOOLS

Colonial Hills Elementary

Growing Together Key Community Agencies

Children's Hunger Alliance
COHHIO Youth Empowerment Program
Columbus Diocese Office for Social Concerns
Community Shelter Board
Dowd Education Center, Homeless Families Foundation
Furniture Bank of Central Ohio
Goodwill Columbus
Habitat for Humanity MidOhio

HandsOn Central Ohio
Heart to Heart Food Pantry
LifeCare Alliance
Mid-Ohio Foodbank
Ohio Campus Compact
Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM)
YMCA of Central Ohio
YWCA Family Center

Growing Together Program Staff

Ellen Erlanger, Co-Director, was a teacher and administrator for the Upper Arlington City Schools, Upper Arlington, Ohio, for 27 years and was involved in service-learning, career development, character education, vocational education, guidance, staff development, and community education throughout that time. In addition to fulfilling her local program responsibilities, she provided consultation, training and technical assistance to other public and private schools on a regional, statewide and national basis. Ellen retired from the Upper Arlington City Schools in December 2002 after 30 years in the field and is now Vice President of Legacy Consulting Group and a consultant with the Legacy Group of Partnerships Make A Difference, a non-profit corporation providing training and educational materials development. She is also associated with the *Growing Together Service-Learning Network*.

Ellen has authored a variety of instructional materials and education-related articles as well as other books, works of poetry, and newspaper and magazine articles. She is also active in relevant education organizations at the state and national levels. During her leadership, the Upper Arlington City School District achieved the rare distinction of having all three of their secondary schools selected by the Corporation for National Service as “National Service-Learning Leader Schools.” Ellen holds a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Michigan.

Kathy Meyer, Co-Director, has been an educator for 40 years and served as an administrator for the Worthington Schools, Worthington, Ohio, from 1985 to 2000, where she supervised service-learning, career development, character education, vocational education, guidance, science, and after-school and summer school programs. Under her leadership, Worthington was selected as a model school district by Learn and Serve Ohio. Kathy retired from the Worthington Schools in December 2000 and is President of Legacy Consulting Group. In addition, she is associated with the Legacy Group of Partnerships Make A Difference and the *Growing Together Service-Learning Network*.

In these roles, Kathy has authored and published a variety of instructional materials and provided related training programs in many public and private schools throughout Ohio and a number of other states. She has provided expertise in a variety of other settings and is active in many professional organizations. Over the years, she served in a number of leadership positions, including President of the Ohio Career Education Association. Kathy holds a B.A. from Wittenberg University and an M.A. from Wright State University.

Jane Ramseyer Hubbard, Field Coordinator, retired from the Upper Arlington Schools where she taught middle level students, participated in service-learning activities, and served as the district Teacher Leader for Social Studies and Language Arts for nine years.

Jane has a B.A. and an M.S. from The Ohio State University. She has presented numerous workshops as a fellow with the Ohio Writing Project and has been recognized for her work with curriculum development, career education, and teaching. She continues to serve as a coach for high school mock trial teams and is also a consultant with the Legacy Group of Partnerships Make A Difference and the *Growing Together* Service-Learning Network.

Karen Patterson, Field Coordinator, taught language arts at Upper Arlington High School from 2000-2012. In recent years, Karen has also worked as a service-learning coach, helping individual teachers in the district utilize service-learning in their classrooms, securing additional monies for Upper Arlington service-learning projects through grant writing, and providing professional development at statewide conferences.

Currently, Karen is a consultant with the Legacy Group of Partnerships Make A Difference and the *Growing Together* Service-Learning Network. Karen holds a B.S. from Miami University and an M.Ed. from Ashland University.

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The Legacy Group of Partnerships Make A Difference is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing educators, parents and students with the tools and inspiration to do great things. We are committed and experienced educators whose ultimate vision is to help young people develop a sense of passion and purpose and learn to apply it throughout their lives.

The *Growing Together* Service-Learning Network utilizes service-learning as an instructional strategy to enrich the teaching/learning process, enhance student success, improve school climate, and actively address a wide range of significant local and global needs and issues. This “community of service-learning practitioners” fosters effective partnerships among schools, community agencies/organizations, higher education partners, and philanthropic sponsors so that desired results can be achieved over time.