

# 2014-2015 Network Membership Agreement

## ***“Growing Together” Service-Learning Network***

### **2014-2015 Network Membership Agreement Between Partnerships Make A Difference and Member School**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (School) requests membership in the “Growing Together” Service-Learning Network. As part of this membership, both Partnerships Make A Difference and the member school agree to help strengthen and support efforts to enhance and expand school-based service-learning programming in the Network. There is no membership fee associated with the Network.

#### **1. Services and resources provided by Partnerships Make A Difference:**

- *“School Support” or “Teacher Support”* (encompasses our direct assistance to schools/teachers with service-learning planning, implementation, and evaluation)
- *Professional Development*
  - *“Creating a Legacy, Level 1”* graduate course
  - *“Service-Learning Leadership Seminar, Level 2+”* graduate course
  - 1-day introductory experiences (as needed)
  - Professional development support for individual schools and/or districts (as requested)
  - Connections with Common Core, SLOs/Teacher Evaluation, etc.
- *Opportunities for Collaboration Among Schools and Agencies*
- *Network-wide Events*
  - Stakeholders Steering Committee Meetings (including August Kick-Off, Mid-Year Update, and others as needed)
  - Critical Issues Summit
  - Year-End Celebration
- *Youth Leadership Opportunities*
  - Participation in *“Critical Issues Summit”*
  - *“Power of Service-Learning”* Youth Leadership Summit
  - Summer youth leadership program, in collaboration with YMCA, Camp Akita, Columbus Diocese Office for Social Concerns, and others as appropriate
  - *“Kids as Communicators”*
  - Other needs and opportunities to be determined

- *Products/Resources*
  - "Poverty Simulation" adapted for use with students
  - "One in Five" Hunger Awareness Simulation
  - "Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen" script adaptation
  - Model projects
  - Other products/resources to be developed as needed/identified
- *Website/Social Media*
  - Updated/expanded website, [www.partnershipsmakeadifference.org](http://www.partnershipsmakeadifference.org)
  - Facebook and Twitter
  - Links to school websites/web pages as requested
- *Publicity/Branding*
- *Grant writing to support Network initiatives*
- *Program Evaluation*

## 2. **Responsibilities of the Member School:**

- a. Identify a "lead teacher(s)" to serve as the liaison between the member school and "Growing Together" program.
- b. Collaborate with "Growing Together" staff on service-learning project planning, implementation, and follow-up to support school improvement, enhance student success, increase the number of civically engaged youth, and address critical local and global issues and needs.
- c. Participate in August "Growing Together" kick-off meeting, two stakeholder meetings (August program launch and mid-year), "Critical Issues Summit," and "End-of-Year Celebration" (at least one staff member, preferably a team).
- d. Recruit students to participate in Network youth leadership opportunities.
- e. Complete brief service-learning project report form(s) as projects are completed.

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#### **Member School (To be signed by School Principal and Lead Teacher):**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Principal  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) Date:

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Lead Teacher  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) Date:

Email (Principal): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Lead Teacher): \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street, City, Zip)

School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

***Return to later than May 1, 2014 to: Partnerships Make A Difference, Attn: Ellen Erlanger and Kathy Meyer, 1601 W. Fifth Ave, #106, Columbus, Ohio, 43212, or fax to 614.636.4726. For questions, call Kathy or Ellen at 614.488.3459 or email, [info@partnershipsmakeadifference.org](mailto:info@partnershipsmakeadifference.org).***