

Future Milwaukee Leadership Program: Community Transformation through Civic Engagement, Ethical Leadership, and Social Responsibility

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Thanks to long-time supporters such as the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, the Future Milwaukee Leadership Program is currently conducting its 31st program serving the greater Milwaukee area.

Between September and January, the 2008-09 Future Milwaukee Leadership Program participants - 32 diverse individuals from corporate, private, public, educational and nonprofit sectors throughout Milwaukee County - have completed 13 biweekly sessions as well as a first round of group projects with 9 community-based nonprofit organizations. Participants are now working on a second round of group projects in conjunction with 6 Milwaukee partner organizations: FUEL Milwaukee, North Avenue Community Development Corporation, Cultural Alliance of Greater Milwaukee, Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek, American Red Cross of Southeastern Wisconsin and the Rotary Club of Milwaukee – Community Leadership Development and Diversity Committees.

Future Milwaukee develops the leaders of tomorrow through its interactive nine-month, 22 session program examining issues, problems and trends facing Milwaukee decision-makers, civic organizations and community associations. Since 1978, over 1,300 diverse Future Milwaukee graduates have leveraged their knowledge, curiosity, and skills, taking on real projects in collaboration with key Milwaukee organizations. Since 2006, the Future Milwaukee Leadership Program has been administered by Marquette University's College of Professional Studies.

Recruitment for participants in the 2009-10 Future Milwaukee Leadership Program has begun with an application deadline of June 16, 2009. To apply online or for more application information, please go to www.futuremilwaukee.org or contact Lori Kazaks at the Marquette University College of Professional Studies at lori.kazaks@marquette.edu or (414) 288-7118. For program information or questions, please contact Ron Kuramoto at rkuramoto@wi.rr.com or (414) 687-9955 (cell).