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Fall Into Giving

October 2023 Newsletter



We are excited to launch our first ever **Fall Into Giving** peer to peer campaign to **raise \$20,000 in October and help keep LEAP programs 100% free of cost** to students all school year!

How can you help? There are three options:

Option 1: Create your own fundraising page TODAY (through 10/21), set a fundraising goal of \$250+, and earn LEAP a BONUS GIFT of \$250 from our friends at the **Small Steps Fund of the Essex County Community Foundation -- so **your impact DOUBLES!** After you create your page, share the link to your page on your social networks and/or send it to a list of friends through email.**

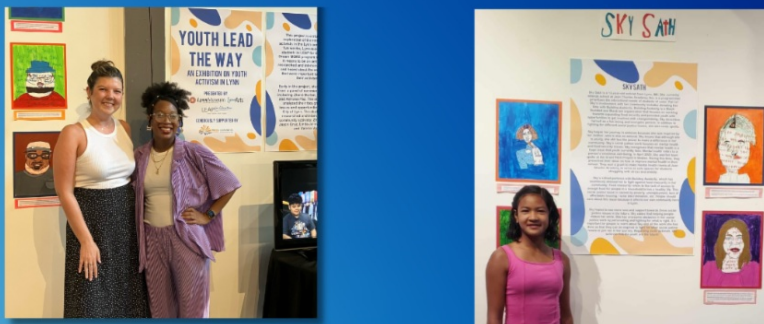
Go here, find "Team Members," and click the "Start Your Page" button! It takes just 5 minutes. Add your photo, tell your LEAP story, and share with friends, family, and your professional network.

Option 2: Donate -- Go here and click GIVE TODAY. Support the efforts of a friend, neighbor or colleague, or donate to the campaign in general.

Option 3: Share -- Share our [campaign landing page](#) or a friend's personal page with your social networks, including **#fallintogivingLEAP**

Thank you, Small Steps Fund, for offering LEAP up to \$5,000 to recognize and match the fundraising efforts of our community members. Please [create your Fall Into Giving fundraising page now!](#)

Youth Lead the Way: Youth Activism in Lynn



Left to right: Erin and Zhané; and Skye.

LEAP's **Dream MORE** middle school program in Lynn collaborated with the **Lynn Museum and Historical Society / LynnArts** this summer to develop and install an exhibition at the museum around Lynn's history of youth activism.

Over five weeks, students had the opportunity to **learn more about Lynn activism** by discussing the issues, interviewing and researching current and former activists, creating a video of those interviews, painting portraits of the activists and finally creating the curatorial content for the exhibit.

This exhibition highlights the activist work of Zhané Burton, Jason Cruz, Linda Jallow, Sky Sath, and Valerie Vong.

This exhibition is supported by a **Mass Humanities "Expand Massachusetts Stories"** grant and will run through the month of December. Be sure to visit the Lynn Museum! For more information, [click here](#).





In late September, LEAP held its Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, an incredible group of our volunteer leaders.

Special congratulations and thanks to our most recently elected Officers and Members:

Incoming Board Chair - **Connie Rudnick Grayson**
Professor Emeritus, Massachusetts School of Law (retired)

Incoming Vice Chair and Treasurer - **Jody Goldman**
Principal, JKG ASSOCIATES

Incoming Secretary - **Lydia Smyers**
Vice President, US Education, Microsoft Corporation

New Members as of September 2023:

Dr. Jessica Huizenga
Associate Partner Center for Model Schools, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Dr. Raminder Luther
Dean, Salem State University Bertolon School of Business

Daniel Richard
Financial Advisor, Primerica, candidate for Lynn School Committee



Special gratitude to those completing their Board service:

Dr. David Silva

Provost, Salem State University

Congratulations on eight (8) years of exceptional Board leadership, four (4) as Board Chair.

Jim Rowan

Principal, Deloitte

Congratulations on concluding a three-year term.



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