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**LEADERSHIP  
BURBANK**



**For an even better Burbank**



# Mission

Leadership Burbank seeks to identify, educate, and motivate current and emerging leaders in Burbank to develop ideas and solutions that make Burbank a strong, sustainable and vibrant community.



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# **What is Leadership Burbank?**





For thirty years, Leadership Burbank continues to be an important part of the fabric of Burbank. This local charity hosts many programs and initiatives to help aspiring leaders enhance their personal and professional skills and gain a deeper understanding of community dynamics – while introducing them to the network of key individuals and organizations throughout Burbank who effect change on a daily basis.





Leadership Burbank's program and initiatives connect individual leaders with the inner workings of City Hall, essential non-profits, the business and faith communities, and important civic organizations for an even better Burbank.



## **Our Nine Month Leadership Program:**

Facilitated by qualified experts in leadership development, our hands-on curriculum addresses issues of leadership, social justice, public safety, economic viability and the environment through real-world tutorials designed to set each class on their path as a future leader in the Burbank community.

## **Our Initiatives:**

Leadership Burbank also hosts a series of gatherings and Forums to engage our over 600 alumni and inspire civic participation in Burbank. Some of those initiatives in our thirty year history have been:

- Non-partisan Forums during election years for both City Council candidates as well as Burbank Unified School Board candidates
- Board Service mixers that allow our charitable organizations identify qualified candidates to volunteer on their Board. Many of our alumni also serve on the City's Boards and Commissions and serve in elected positions in the City's government
- Volunteer events and socials for our alumni to continue to network

# Measuring Our Impact: What Our Class Members Share About Their LB Journey

“Leadership Burbank has built an enchanting ecosystem/infrastructure in the Burbank community. We are introduced to remarkable community leaders and concepts to enrich our understanding of ourselves and our relationships to others. If the class project serves as a test, our class witnessed how the impact of our individual strengths and efforts is exponentially greater when collaborating with others ultimately empowering communities to accomplish overwhelming feats.” – Gina Kozai

“Leadership Burbank has given me a wonderful perspective into the rich, multi-dimensional community available at my finger-tips. I am leaving this experience inspired to dig deeper and connect with a wider array of professionals as well as expand my own skill set.” – Adrien Flores

“It was amazing to witness how Leadership Burbank brings strangers together to harness their strengths and diversity to accomplish a collective goal while making lasting friendships.” – Kyle Porter

“Leadership Burbank has empowered me with the education, tools, and resources to be an architect of change within the community. The program has connected me with organizations, people, partners and friends.” –Alvaro Valdez

“I feel very grateful for the opportunity to participate in this class. I have gained a better understanding of the community I work in but most importantly the community I call home. I have built relationships with my classmates that I hope to foster for a lifetime.” – Sylvia Garcia

“Leadership Burbank has deepened my love for this amazing community, introduced me to incredible individuals, and has helped me grow as a professional. I am so proud of what we were able to accomplish as a team this past year! Go class of 2024!” – Bryce Burton



# **Leadership Burbank Partners**



# Founding Partners



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## Partners who invest in our mission or class projects

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# **Class Projects**



# Class Projects Throughout the Years

As part of the nine month leadership program, each class of Leadership Burbank selects a class project based on their agreed upon class values and current needs in the city. **Leadership Burbank's class projects have invested over a million dollars in goods and services throughout Burbank.**

From January to May, the class fundraises and completes a project that will benefit the community of Burbank. Here are just a few of our class projects:

City of Burbank Centennial – Plant 100 Trees Project

Update the Burbank “B” on the Hill

Monterey High School – Kitchen Renovations & Career Day

Boys & Girls Club of Burbank Garden Project

Burbank Temporary Aid Center Resource Room Expansion

Burbank YMCA Child Development Infant Room Expansion

Burbank Animal Shelter Dog Run and Adoption Space Renovation



# Class of 2013 31 Violins



Raising funds to expand instrumental music instruction in Burbank's elementary schools. Eliminate the financial burden from the district and individual schools

Freed up district resources so more students can access music education



Increased instruction time and reduce music class sizes

Original Goal: One Elementary School  
Final Outcome: Three Elementary Schools

# Class of 2014 Joslyn Oasis



Raising funds to construct a new outdoor recreation and garden space adjacent to the Joslyn Adult Center.

Space had been unused, untouched, riddled with leaves for 15 years.



Created a space for visitors to enjoy fresh air, read, listen to music or partake in Tai Chi or Dance Classes.



# Class of 2020 A Place to Grow



Raising funds to resurface the facility's playground – which had been shut down and considered inoperable due to decades of wear and tear.



Create a mock studio apartment to help clients develop independent living skills.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic shut down, this class completed their project!



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**You are Invited to Help Create  
the Community You Want  
by Becoming the Leader You Truly Are**

