



## 2019-20 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

A shared vision, put into action, can make powerful change.

Five years ago, Fox Valley leaders envisioned a program which would provide a system-wide approach to strengthening the region's nonprofit sector, The Nonprofit Leadership Initiative (NPLI) is honored to work with our donors and partners every day to implement that vision.

Conversations with nonprofit leaders is a large part of most of my days. I've been pleased to hear leaders share how the financial sustainability and leadership training NPLI provides has helped them build the foundation they need to respond to current challenges.

I wish all of NPLI's supporters could have joined me at the April virtual graduation

ceremony of this year's cohort from NPLI's Leadership Institute. **Every participant commented how the Institute has made them better leaders than they were just a year ago when they started the program.** It was an emotional graduation and the pride I feel for these strong, resilient leaders is immeasurable.

NPLI's role as a resource hub has never been more in demand as we help nonprofits respond to the changing landscape in our country. We are well positioned to assist, and later in this report we share how we are collaborating to meet this need.

Wishing you all good health.

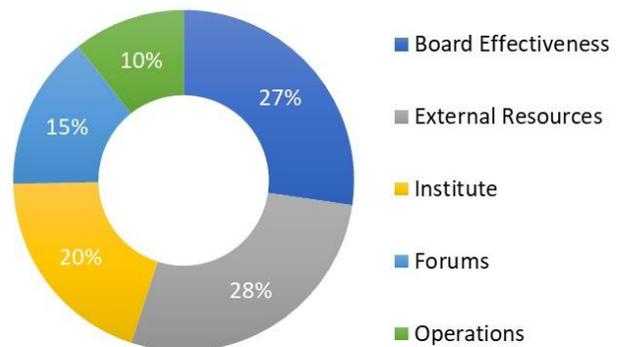
~ **Kim O'Brien**  
**Executive Director**  
[npleadershipfv.org](http://npleadershipfv.org)



### Financial Highlights

- Contributions + Income - \$240,152
- In-Kind Contributions - \$9,400
- 25+ Funding Partners - Full listing of financial partners at [npleadershipfv.org](http://npleadershipfv.org).

Expenses - \$231,926



**"The Leadership Institute program is critical for any nonprofit leader, regardless of age or experience level, to affirm best practices in nonprofit organizations."** ~Christina Turner, Trout Museum of Art, 2019-20 Institute graduate

# 2019-20 Highlights



Photo - Jan. 2019

Congratulations to the 2019-20 Leadership Institute grads! There are now **50 nonprofit leaders in our community** who have completed the year-long program and earned their Nonprofit Management Certificate from Fox Valley Technical College and NPLI. ([See full list of graduates](#))

Pictured: (front row) Julie Filapek, Neighborhood Partners; Jonathan Pylypiv, VFW Post 2278; Nikki Hessel, Future Neenah; Christina Turner, Trout Museum of Art; (back row) Randy Tuma, Bubolz Nature Preserve; Erin Shulz, SOAR Fox Cities; Jen Parsons, Samaritan Counseling Center; Hope Schaefer, Girls on the Run; Jenny Anger, Thompson Center on Lourdes; Elaine Krizenesky, Wild Ones.

## COLLABORATION



Collaboration has been a core value for NPLI since its inception and we fostered several partnerships this year.

- Worked with **NPlace**, a new online platform providing nonprofits a space to post questions, share information and participate in training. NPLI has been involved since the design phase of the platform. We're using the site for information sharing and have created invite-only groups for focused discussions. NPLI has posted over 110 links and resources to the site!
- Teamed up with **Microsoft, the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and IT Forward** in developing a Technology Charitable Fund to provide nonprofits with technology support.
- Convened a group of 10 local organizations providing support to nonprofits to learn about each other's services and explore efficiencies. The group meets quarterly.
- Partnered with **InterSector** to provide COVID-related human resources consultation at a reduced rate,



The Leadership Forum on Tough Conversations had over 80 attendees including several of Samaritan Counseling Center's staff who took advantage of the professional development opportunity. (Photo - Jan. 2019)

## 2019-20 Impact Numbers

**630** - Leadership Forum registrants

**120** - Board Effectiveness participants

**144** - Board Connect agencies

**496** - Nonprofit Next users

**50** - Leadership Institute graduates to date