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**Leadership Louisville Center Announces 128 ‘Connectors’ in Region
 ‘Trusted leaders’ identified from 5,500 nominees, some are well-known, many are not**

Louisville, Kentucky (February 21, 2010) – A diverse group of 128 individuals, ranging in age from 28 to 71 and representing all walks of life, have been recognized as **Leadership Louisville’s Connectors** for their success at getting things done through their distinctive style of “trusted leadership.”

From 5,500 nominees submitted by people throughout the Louisville and Southern Indiana region, the Leadership Louisville Center utilized web-based survey techniques and sophisticated analysis to identify a dream team of existing and emerging leaders. The Leadership Louisville Connector Project was launched as a signature initiative for the organization’s 30th anniversary last fall.

“They are the people who form the ‘super glue’ that holds the region together. They include unsung heroes and the leaders next door to longtime civic activists and CEOs,” says Leadership Louisville Center president Christine Johnson. “We hope this project is a catalyst for the active conversations around new styles of leadership and how to knit together a fresh fabric of trust throughout the community.”

The list of 128 Connectors includes three of the Louisville Metro mayoral candidates, elected officials in both states, business leaders, pastors, directors of nonprofits, educators and many others. Ten percent of the Connectors live or work in Southern Indiana. **(The names of 128 Connectors are enclosed.)** There are surprises.

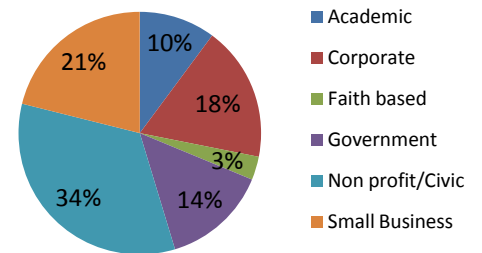
- Generational change is reflected – a landmark leader is not included, but his two sons are on the list.
- Gender equality comes to life in the list of Connectors, with a high number of leaders of women’s organizations included.
- In the private sector, small business had a higher percentage of Connectors than large corporations.
- Being from the region didn’t make a stronger Connector – nearly half moved here from outside the region.

Nominators came from over 85 zip codes in the region. They were asked to nominate people who they know and trust; are great thinkers,

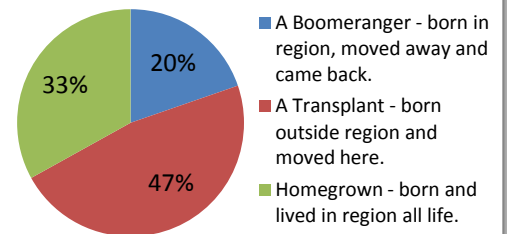
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About the Connectors

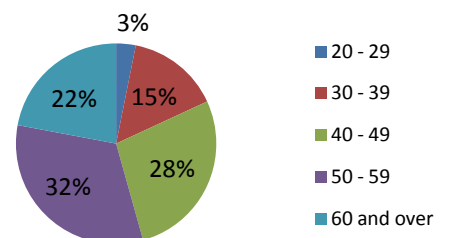
Sectors of Connectors



Birthplaces of Connectors



Ages of Connectors



innovators and doers – people who turn great ideas into reality. They were also asked to consider people who have a concern for the common good and would roll up their sleeves to see work through to the end.

The Connector Project, first undertaken by LEADERSHIP Philadelphia under the leadership of Liz Dow, took its cue from Malcolm Gladwell's *The Tipping Point*. The best-selling book popularized the notion of "connectors," people in a community who impact social change. Dr. Karen Stephenson, CEO of NetForm Software, worked with LEADERSHIP Philadelphia at Gladwell's suggestion.

Following this announcement of the Connectors, project consultant Dr. Karen Stephenson will map and measure the leadership networks of the group. Three committees chaired by Leadership Louisville Center board members will be responsible for the strategic direction of future phases of the Connector Project. These include: planning a recognition event for the Connectors, conducting research to find leadership lessons from the Connectors and guiding the next steps of the project. The **Leadership Louisville's Connectors** recognition event is planned for late summer.

Leadership Louisville Connector Project Partners:

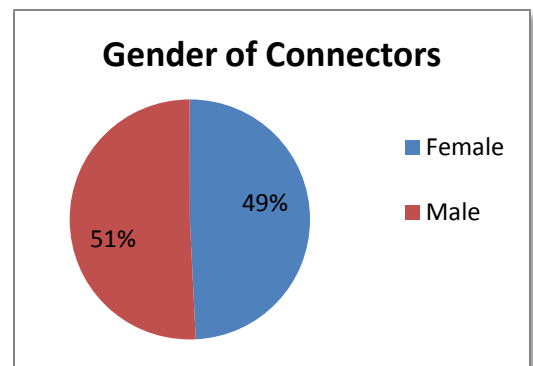
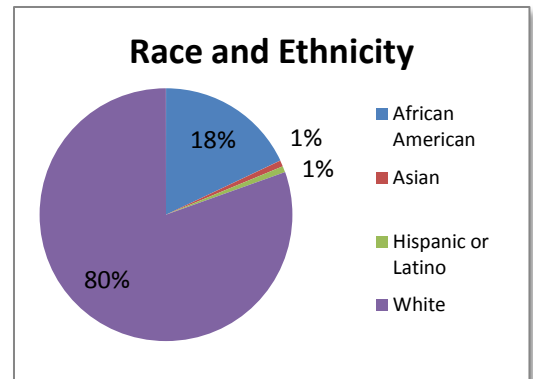
Partnering with the Leadership Louisville Center on the Connector Project are: The Courier-Journal, University of Louisville/New Cities Foundation City Solutions Center, Leadership Southern Indiana, Doe-Anderson and NetForm.

About the Leadership Louisville Center:

Created in 1979, the Leadership Louisville Center is the region's leading leadership development and civic engagement organization. The Center strives to cross economic and social boundaries to inspire individuals to serve as catalysts for a stronger community. Dynamic programming and events develop, connect and engage leaders into action toward social innovation and a brighter future for the Louisville community.

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More about the Connectors





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LEADERSHIP LOUISVILLE'S CONNECTORS

SMALL BUSINESS

Name	Title or Position	Current Employer or Affiliated Organization
Tyler Allen	President, Candidate for Mayor of Louisville Metro	USA Image Technologies, Inc.
John Y Brown III	Owner	JYB3 Group
Tricia Burke	President	Office Environment Company
Ivor Chodkowski	Farmer/Small Business Owner	Field Day Family Farm/Grasshoppers Distribution/Community Farm Alliance
Lockett Davidson	Principal	TouchStone Coaching and Consulting
Sandra Frazier	Managing Member	Tandem Public Relations
Laura Grinstead	Publisher	Underwired Magazine
Maggie Harlow	Owner	Sign-A-Rama Downtown
Gary Heine	Co-owner	Heine Brothers' Coffee
Gant Hill	President	Venterra Realty LLC
Gill Holland	Film Producer/Green Building Developer	The Group Entertainment
Holly Houston	Attorney	Self-employed
Julia Inman	Owner	Creative Solutions
Michelle Jones	Creative Entrepreneur (and head cheerleader for Louisville)	Independent
Kim Leanhart	Director Corporate Operations	Leanhart Plumbing, Inc
Mike Mays	Co-Owner	Heine Brothers' Coffee
JK McKnight	Founder/Manager	Forecastle Festival, LLC
Cash Moter	Architect	Joseph & Joseph Architects
Cissy Musselman	Vice Chair	Risk Management Services
Barbara G. Nichols	Administrative Assistant	Mark A. Hottel, CPA, PSC
Henrietta Pepper	President	the pepper group, ltd.
Adolfo (Ben) Ruiz	CEO & Creative Director	Adhawks Advertising & PR, Inc.
Lesa Seibert	President	Xstreme Media LLC
Debra Walton	Facilitator	New Seasons
Marsha Weinstein	President	Center for Integrative Health
Tonya York-Dees	President	York Management, Inc.



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NONPROFIT/CIVIC

Name	Title or Position	Current Employer or Affiliated Organization
Christopher 2X	Founder Fight Crimes Against Children Partnership	Fight Crimes Against Children Partnership
Christina Lee Brown	Community Leader	Festival of Faiths
Ann Coffey	President & CEO	Women 4 Women, Inc.
Kerri Cokeley	Associate Director of Community Building	Metro United Way
Khalilah Collins	Director/Lead Organizer	Women In Transition
Kevin Connelly	Executive Director	Center for Nonprofit Excellence
Alfonso Cornish	Vice President Learning & Organizational Development/Chief Learning Officer	Norton Healthcare
Tim Darst	Executive Director	Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light, Inc.
Cathe Dykstra	President & CEO	Family Scholar House
John Mark Eberhardt	Executive Director	The Steward's Staff
Jerry Finn	Executive Director	Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County
Tom FitzGerald	Director	Kentucky Resources Council
Bill Gatewood	Executive Director	Presbyterian Community Center
Mary Greenebaum	Producer	University of Louisville Kentucky Author Forum
Christine Harbeson	Executive Director	Interfaith Community Council
Cathy Hinko	Executive Director	Metropolitan Housing Coalition
Mark Hogg	Executive Director	Edge Outreach
Judi Jennings	Executive Director	KY Foundation for Women
Christine Johnson	President	Leadership Louisville Center
Dan Jones	Chairman and CEO	21st Century Parks, Inc.
Gwendolyn Kelly	Educator	Speed Art Museum
Kent Lanum	Executive Director	Paul Ogle Foundation, Inc.
Lynn Meyer	System VP and Chief Development Officer	Norton Healthcare
Helen Overfield	Executive Director	NAWBO - National Association of Women Business Owners
George Parker Jr.	Executive Director	Louisville Film Society
Suzu Post	Retired Executive Director	Retired from two local social justice nonprofit organizations
Joe Reagan	President & CEO	Greater Louisville Inc.
Benjamin Richmond	President & CEO	Louisville Urban League



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NONPROFIT/CIVIC (continued)

Name	Title or Position	Current Employer or Affiliated Organization
Lynn Rippy	Executive Director	YouthBuild Louisville
Cathy Robertson	Executive Director	Lyndon Area Business Association
Todd Schmiedeler	Associate Vice President, Philanthropy	Norton Healthcare
Judy Schroeder	Associate Director for Community Building	Metro United Way
Attica Scott	Coordinator	Kentucky Jobs with Justice
Barbara Sexton Smith	Executive Vice President	Fund for the Arts
Lindy B. Street	Retired	Former Senior Vice President, Columbia/HCA
Terry Taylor	Executive Director	Interfaith Paths to Peace
Kelly Thompson	Director of Engagement Initiatives	Metro United Way
Jack Trawick	Executive Director	Center For Neighborhoods
Denise Vazquez Troutman	President and CEO	The Center for Women and Families
Carla Wallace	Community Organizer	Carl Braden Memorial Center and Fairness Campaign
Jane Walsh		Making Connections Network
Mimi Zinniel	President/CEO	Louisville Olmsted Parks Conservancy

FAITH-BASED

Name	Title or Position	Current Employer or Affiliated Organization
Relia Bailey	Executive Director	Canaan Community Development Corporation
Fr. John Burke	Pastor of Good Shepherd Catholic Church	Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz
Dr. Kevin W. Cosby	Senior Pastor	St. Stephen Baptist Church
Jud Hendrix	Pastor	Covenant Community Church



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CORPORATE

Name	Title or Position	Current Employer or Affiliated Organization
John Asher	Vice President, Racing Communications	Churchill Downs
Jonathan Blue	Chairman and Managing Director	Blue Equity, LLC
Robert Brown	Member	Greenebaum Doll & McDonald
Carolle Jones Clay	Vice President, Managing Director Community Relations	Republic Bank
Stan Curtis	Senior Vice President	Hilliard Lyons
Laura Douglas	Vice President, Corporate Responsibility and Community Affairs	E.ON U.S.
Greg Fischer	Candidate for Mayor of Louisville Metro	Chairman, Iceberg Ventures
Cathy Fyock	Director, Recruiting/Client Services	Resources Global Professionals
C. Edward Glasscock	Chairman Emeritus	Frost Brown Todd, LLC
Henry Heuser, Jr	Chairman	Henry Vogt Machine Co and Unistar, LLC
Heather Howell	Consultant	Humana
David Jones, Jr.	Chairman & Managing Director	Chrysalis Ventures, LLC
Dale Orem	Vice Chairman	Your Community Bank
Robert Price	President/Owner	Express Employment Professionals
Allison Pullen	Business Development Manager	Qk4 Architecture Engineering Planning
Ashley Roberts	Private Banking Officer	Republic Bank
Sundar Sridharagopal		SHPS / Techneek
Kerry Stemler	President/CEO	KM Stemler Co Inc
Donald Wenzel Jr.	Vice President	J. P. Morgan Chase & Co.
Bill Weyland	Managing Director	City Properties Group
Geoff White	Senior Associate	Frost Brown Todd
Thomas Williams	Member	Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC
Marita Willis	Vice President - Community Consultant	PNC Bank
Dick Wilson	Senior Vice President of Marketing	UBS



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GOVERNMENT

Name	Title or Position	Current Employer or Affiliated Organization
Jerry Abramson	Mayor	Louisville Metro
Cecile "Cile" Blau	Senior Judge	State of Indiana
Carol Butler	Special Assistant to the Mayor and President and CEO of Butler Books	Louisville Metro Government
SteVon Edwards	Obesity Prevention Specialist	Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness
Judy Green	District 1 Councilwoman / Dentist	Louisville Metro Government / L.A. Dental Center
Maria Hampton	Senior Branch Executive	Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
Kirt Jacobs	Economic Development Officer	Louisville Metro Government
Sophie Maier	Community Outreach Coordinator	Louisville Free Public Library
Bob McEwen	Redevelopment Director	City of Charlestown, Indiana
Melissa Mershon	Director, Office for Environmental Policy and Community Outreach	Louisville Metro Government
Tom Owen	Local Historian/District 8 Councilmember	University of Louisville/Louisville Metro Government
William Schreck	Retired	Former Director of Metro Department Codes & Regulations, Louisville Metro Government
Steven Stemler	Indiana State Representative	State of Indiana
William E. Summers, IV	Deputy Mayor	Louisville Metro Government
Carolyn Tandy	District Director	Office of US Rep. John Yarmuth
David Tandy	District 4 Councilman, Candidate for Mayor of Louisville Metro	Louisville Metro Government
Adewale Troutman	Director	Department of Public Health and Wellness
Jim Urban		
Tina Ward-Pugh	District 9 Councilwoman	Louisville Metro Government



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ACADEMIC

Name	Title or Position	Current Employer or Affiliated Organization
Brian Buford	Director, Office for LGBT Services	University of Louisville
Deborah Bulleit	Teacher/Facilitator	IUS & Harrison Education & Literacy Program
Rowan Claypool	Founder	Bulldogs Across America and Teach Kentucky
Jane Goldstein	Assistant Dean for Development and External Relations	College of Business University of Louisville
DeVone Holt	Special Assistant to the Superintendent	Jefferson County Public Schools
Graham Honaker	Assistant Director of Development	University of Louisville College of Business
Wes Lites	Professor of Philosophy	Jefferson Community and Technical College
Tori McClure	Vice President of External Relations, Enrollment Management	Spalding University
Joseph McGowan	President	Bellarmino University
Harry Pickens	Special Assistant To The Provost For New Initiatives	University of Louisville
Rita Shourds	Chancellor	Ivy Tech Community College
Terry Singer	Dean, Kent School of Social Work	University of Louisville
Betty Stokes	Retired Educator/Administrator	The One Room Schoolhouse