



# LEADERS OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

a program of Compass Mark



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## Columbia Taylor Campus Middle School

Leaders of Future Generations (LFG) is thrilled to begin another cohort with Columbia Middle School Taylor Campus! Compass Mark facilitators, interns, and a returning student mentor are working alongside ten 5th & 6th grade student leaders—who have named themselves the “Community Kids”—to build and enhance everyone’s unique leadership qualities. The team is also creating a new service project based on the school and community’s needs.

The team’s focus for this year is on the importance of recycling, because it can help make the environment a cleaner and healthier place. Our LFG students plan on creating a recycling contest amongst homerooms, where their peers will compete in bringing in the most plastic water bottles. The water bottles will then be used by our LFG students to create a recycling art project to be showcased in the main hallway of the school.

The students’ goal for this service project is to bring awareness to the positive impacts of recycling. They will accomplish this, for example, by hanging their hand-made posters around the school that will show how recycling impacts wildlife, plants, water, etc. Students would also like to show their peers that something creative can come out of using reusable materials, such as the surprise art project they will be presenting to their school in the upcoming weeks.



## COMMUNITY KIDS



### Meet Ella



Ella is a 5th grader at Columbia Middle School Taylor Campus. She hopes to learn life lessons that will benefit her in becoming a more effective leader. Ella’s role model is an LFG mentor, Alissa, because Alissa is an example of what Ella wants to be like when she gets older. Alissa is not only nice but she is also respectful and caring. She is an amazing leader. When asked what is one of her biggest dreams or goals in life, Ella stated that once she grows up, she hopes to move to Boston so she can go to Harvard Law School and become a lawyer. Ella shows great leadership qualities during group, and we are very lucky to have her be a part of this LFG Cohort!

### Student Spotlights



### Meet Sanjith

Sanjith, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at Landis Run Intermediate School, recently joined us at LFG. Throughout the program, Sanjith hopes to grow as a role model so he can help others when they do not make the wisest decisions. Speaking of role models – Sanjith looks up to Dwayne Johnson because he is a hard worker who dedicates himself to many things, such as acting and philanthropy. Sanjith is passionate about many things including playing chess, ending global warming, and stopping negativity everywhere. One day Sanjith wants to be a cardiologist, so that he can help those in medical danger. This goal is driven by his loving memory of his grandfather, who passed away from cardiac arrest. Finally, Sanjith is resourceful while being a team player, and he is kind. He is an outstanding example of leadership in action!



“Leadership is an action, not a position.”

—Donald McGannon

**Landis Run Intermediate School**

After facilitating a stretching yet rewarding virtual format of the program, Compass Mark was eager to host another in-person LFG cohort at our long-time partnering school, Landis Run Intermediate School (LRIS). Our current LFG cohort consists of 23 students – several of whom are returning students from last year’s virtual cohort – for a packed and energetic 12 weeks of program. This is also an exciting time of growth, as facilitators welcome six student mentors to help run the program. Our mentors are middle & high school students who had completed the program from previous years and have now returned to take on new leadership responsibilities within LFG.

Similar to our LFG students in Columbia, our LRIS students quickly expressed their passion for taking care of their school property through environmental awareness and efforts. Calling themselves the “Trash Troopers”, our LRIS students will use this passion to drive their environmental service project. They plan to spend time during LFG’s afterschool hours to clean up littered trash around the school property. Over several weeks, students will measure how much trash they have collected, and use that visual to share with their school how every individual’s choice makes an impact. Through this, the Trash Troopers plan to *save the environment one piece at a time*. Simultaneously, the team has been learning and practicing several leadership qualities. Thus far, these have included positive communication skills, listening, emotions, stress management, and decision making.

**Meet Holly**



In addition to current LFG students, we like to spotlight our student mentors for their dedication to the program, and for consistently being positive leaders to their peers. Holly is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Manheim Township Middle School, and she

has returned to serve in LFG to “make new friends and inspire people to be kind”. One of Holly’s role models is Audrey Hepburn. Holly desires to emulate Audrey by creating a safe environment where everyone is cared for. Holly’s passion for showing love and acceptance to others flows into her leadership qualities such as empathy and being approachable. We are so grateful for Holly’s example to her peers that every act of kindness—regardless of if it is noticed by others—shows honorable leadership.



**Mission Statement**

Our mission is to empower youth to become strong leaders within their school and community through skill building, mentorship and service learning.

**Vision**

Building leaders for future generations.

**Compass Mark Values**

- Purposeful**– We value asking thoughtful questions, embracing the courage to change, and pursuing innovation grounded in research and best practice.
- Compassion**– We value sharing with each other’s vulnerability, always seeking to guide through making individual connections.
- Persistent**– We value staying the course with resolute determination, taking time to celebrate achievements along the way, and pursuing collaboration for long-term impact.
- Inclusive**– We value creating welcoming, judgement-free environment that engage our individual differences as strengths.
- Resilient**– We value the inherent potential that exists in every person and community, recognizing that the past does not determine the future.



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**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

Be on the look-out this New Year for the LFG LowDown’s updated style! 

We are excited to welcome a new LFG site in Ephrata Intermediate School in 2022!

Students, remember that if you complete the LFG program and attend 75% of the after-school meetings, you are invited to attend our **FREE** 5-day overnight Kids Kamp in June of 2022!

