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### **Leadership Connect 2018-2019 Class Kicks Off**

The Opening Retreat and kickoff for Leadership Connect was held September 18 and 19, at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, MI. The 2018-2019 class stayed overnight at the resort and participated in several group activities to inaugurate them into the program.

Leadership Connect is a comprehensive community leadership program that contains two components: Community Awareness and Personal Leadership Development. The class covers seven different areas of the community and how they connect with each other. Participants also receive over 30 hours of leadership skill training which allows them to understand their own leadership style and the style of others.

Each month after the Opening Retreat, the class will meet at a different location throughout the Northwest Ottawa County area to learn about a sector of the community which includes education, health, human services, local economy and state government. Participants are given an awareness and understanding of the issues that have the greatest impact on our community.

Leadership Connect is not only a benefit to its participants, but also to the organizations that support the program. The companies will gain employees who are more resourceful and better prepared to handle a variety of situations within the workplace.

For more information about Leadership Connect contact Nancy Manglos, Director of Talent & Leadership Development for The Chamber at 616.842.0529 or visit [www.grandhavenchamber.org/leadership-connect/](http://www.grandhavenchamber.org/leadership-connect/).

Photo Caption: Leadership Connect 2018-2019 Class at Crystal Mountain Resort

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