

Leaders Partnering to End Poverty (LPEP)

Community Success Stories

LPEP is a program that focuses on building leadership capacity in the community to increase opportunities for people to move out of poverty. Since 2013, we have served four communities and they have built and successfully continued their community initiative in the following ways:



Staples Motley Beyond Poverty
LPEP Staples Motley 2013

The steering committee continues to meet regularly. They convene a women's empowerment group on a monthly basis and in 2016 they hosted their third annual Community Connect Day. This event brings a wide range of community resources together for families to learn about, and enroll, in needed services. They have also continued to host community wide awareness activities like presenting their original dinner theater production, "Poverty: What's Your Baggage?" and hosting a public forum to discuss Meth Addiction.



Lift One, Lift All: Freeborn County Beyond Poverty
LPEP Freeborn County 2015

After completing the program, Lift one, Lift All started a mental health support group in collaboration with the National Alliance for Mental Illness. The steering committee meets regularly and determines an area in the community they will focus on for intervals of one year. Currently they are researching how to develop a domestic violence shelter in Albert Lea. Prior to this effort, the Albert Lea community opened a resource center with the help of Lift One, Lift All. It offers all residents connections to community events and resources. The goal is to bring in more resources and become a "one stop shop".



Beacons of Hope
LPEP Two Harbors 2016

Beacons of Hope formed issue teams to tackle the following topics:

- Access to Information
- Affordable Youth Activities
- Safe and Accessible Housing
- A Sense of Belonging in Two Harbors
- Increasing Job Opportunities



#Luv1LuvAll
LPEP Luverne 2017

#Luv1LuvAll finished the program with six issue teams, which included:

- Access to Resources
- Dental Care
- Housing
- Brain Health
- Senior Dining
- Healthcare



Hands for Hope
LPEP Red Wing 2018

Hands for Hope is moving forward in the Red Wing community while focusing on the issues listed below:

- Long-Term, Affordable, Safe Housing for All
- Teen Mentorship
- Emergency Housing
- Financial Literacy
- Educational Opportunity Gaps