PHOENIX (March 5, 2018)—The Valley Leadership (VL) board of directors officially adopted a two-year strategic plan designed to develop and build Valley Leadership for the future. The plan aligns the organization’s programming, operations, and governance systems to act together for intentional impact on issues facing Arizona. The evolved mission, vision, and values statements focus on mobilizing, leveraging, and empowering a broad spectrum of leaders across the state in order to address our most pressing concerns.

“The time for transformation is now,” says Dave Brown, VL CEO. “During the planning process, it became clear that we were underutilizing our greatest asset, the VL network of nearly 3,000 alumni. This plan outlines a clear, strategic way to leverage, mobilize and empower our network and partners to do more.”

See VL’s evolved mission, vision and values

The strategy includes what VL is calling an Issues-Based Impact Maker model that will move alumni and partners to impact. The model leverages and mobilizes the organization’s key stakeholders—including alumni, current class participants, partners and stakeholders—to have deeper impact on timely and relevant issues.

“No, in its 40th year, Valley Leadership has enjoyed a long legacy of impact,” says Sarah Krahenbuhl, VL board chair. “This plan builds on that history, evolving the organization to be uniquely positioned to effect change where it is most needed in our state. The board and staff worked tirelessly on developing a plan that will meet the needs of our evolving community.”

The board and staff reached out to nearly 100 community leaders, conducted alumni and stakeholder surveys, facilitated two dedicated planning retreats and hosted several meetings and task groups to arrive at this plan, which will take the organization through June 2020.

About Valley Leadership
Valley Leadership empowers, leverages and mobilizes leaders to meaningfully impact the most pressing issues facing Arizona. Our vision is a broad spectrum of Arizonans working together to impact the issues that matter most, setting the example on leadership.
As the Valley’s premier leadership organization, Valley Leadership boasts a proven and long-standing track record of making deep impacts on the community. Our roots date back to the late 1970s, when a group of Valley visionaries recognized the need to identify and develop the next generation of leadership. Our founders imagined an annual succession of educated change agents dedicated to the best possible future for our region. Almost 40 years later, this vision has produced nearly 3,000 alumni.

Through high-quality education, unprecedented access and an innovative network, Valley Leadership goes beyond traditional leadership programs by empowering leaders to advance their passions and accelerate their pursuits.

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