

LE Gives Back

Leadership Evergreen Class Projects

Class of	Project
1996	Evergreen Our Mountain Community sign at El Rancho. The support structure around the sign is fashioned after the rafters in the Hiwan Homestead chapel.
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mountain Mentoring Project, which promoted Big Brothers & Big Sisters to the schools. Local mentors were paired with local students. ● Researched the cost of incorporating Evergreen by studying data and hosting a meeting at the Lake House for the community. Based on 1997 dollars, they estimated that a home assessed at \$300,000 would have an annual increase in property taxes of \$1,800+ for no appreciable increase in services.
1999	No specific project, but many class members went on to serve on local non-profit boards, including Leadership Evergreen.
2001	Assisted with the county's Highway 285 Master Plan.
2003	No project.
2005	Raised funds to purchase 3 emergency defibrulators in Evergreen.
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pedestrian Safety: To raise local compliance and improve crosswalk visibility, the class worked at crosswalks and pedestrian pickup points at several community events; wrote several "It's our town, slow down" articles; coordinated a campaign to get several crosswalks re-painted and better marked. Additionally, they also worked with Drive Smart to promote safer pedestrian crossing zones. ● New tree by Evergreen sign: Worked with Spaulding Trees to replace the dead tree; in conjunction with other groups, raised funds to install a tree and watering system in 2009.
2009	Published a Community Help Book, listing non-profits and governmental agencies that provide human services for those in need of assistance. Copies distributed to fire, law enforcement and service agencies, and posted on the Evergreen Chamber and Leadership Evergreen websites.

2011	Community Food Drive with drop-off locations around the Evergreen area. The donated items were delivered to Evergreen Christian Outreach (EChO), Mountain Resource Center and Loaves and Fishes food bank in Idaho Springs. The timing of this project occurred during the North Fork fire, meeting a tremendous current need.
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Smart 911 awareness: Educated the community about Smart 911 by distributing information at local events, through the fire department, in utilities billing statements, and to area newcomers. ● Code RED: Helped community members register for CodeRED, the Jefferson County emergency alert notification system. ● Interpretive signs with environmental and geographic information were placed at Evergreen Lake. An additional sign will go in at Staunton State Park once the new Visitor Center is built.
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Created a 501C3 for Leadership Evergreen and future class projects. ● Broke the Guinness Book of World Records and put LE on the map 9-24-16 by building the world's longest picnic table - 810 feet, 8.3 inches. Proceeds from the sale of picnic tables went to four area food banks. ● Adopt a Highway between Barclay Road & 285 in Conifer scheduled to begin in 2017.
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Designed and installed 2 Fire Awareness signs. One is on Hwy 74 and the other is on 285. ● First Responder appreciation day. Recognized a different First Responder group monthly.