

Affiliation Vision

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Fuel leadership in Akron by empowering and connecting existing and emerging leaders across a broad spectrum of diversity

Torchbearers is an independent affiliate of Leadership Akron

In 2009, the formal affiliation was formed. Each organization has its own 501(c)(3) status, board of directors, and annual operating budget.

Here's how the two organizations work together:

- **Ex-officio representation** at one another's board meetings
- Partnerships on **fundraising, marketing and communication** efforts
- **Routine meetings** to share strategic direction and foster alignment, coordinate activities, and identify opportunities for collaboration and synergy
- Support in a variety of **committees, projects, and learning experiences**, including:
 - Collaborate on program design, including Torchbearers' Leadership & Development programming and Edge, a summer program facilitated by Leadership Akron and Torchbearers for interns and early career professionals
 - Joint service projects
 - Participation in events, including the *Leadership on Main* and *Akron Encounters* series and annual Torchbearers events, including the anniversary celebration

Leadership Akron

leadershipakron.org

Founded in 1984, Leadership Akron is a nonprofit organization with the mission to **inspire and connect leaders to strengthen the Akron area.**

Leadership Akron delivers learning experiences to leaders across sectors that help each participant see beyond their own sphere to the larger picture of the Akron area. Leadership Akron originated with its signature program, which has graduated over 1,000 leaders, and today, delivers learning experiences to over 300 leaders annually.



Torchbearers

torchbearersakron.com

Torchbearers is an organization focused on **enhancing Greater Akron by investing in the connection, development, and engagement of our membership.** The organization was founded in 2003 to provide meaningful engagement and development opportunities for emerging leaders and to further efforts to attract and retain young people to Greater Akron. Today, the membership is over 100 strong and reflects the diversity found across the Greater Akron young professional community.

