

Leaders Grow Here™

# Sponsors

Year-Long Sponsorship Opportunities for 2026

























**2025 GROWTH** 

Leaders Grow Here™

- All LGH social media platforms have seen follower and engagement growth increases throughout 2025.
- LGH is on track to increase social media platform growth by 5-10% in 2026.
- **LGH's mailing list** open rate is 35-40%. The average open rate for businesses is 8% and for nonprofits 26%.

Regional Market Reach 2025

### GREATER HARTFORD













### **WHO WE SERVE**

Leadership Greater Hartford Executive Orientation

Quest



5432

Business professionals and community members have been trained by and are now alumni of LGH.

**257** 

Served through our Leadership Breakfast in 2025.



25

Senior leaders forged connections in the Hartford region in 2025.



**54** 

34

Leaders Organizations

expanded their networks, community connections, and leadership capacity through our flagship program in 2025.

Third Age Initiative

Leaders on Board Consulting and Training



11

Participants in class #18. Enhancing the quality of life for older adults.



34

Nonprofits served through Leaders on Board in 2024.

116

Individuals were prepared for nonprofit board service through Leaders on Board in 2024.



**27** 

Clients customized leadership training was provided to organizations in 2024.

## 2026 VISIONARY SPONSORSHIPS

What does it mean to be a **Visionary Sponsor**, and why is this role vital to
Leadership Greater Hartford, our
network of over 5,000 alumni, and
the Greater Hartford community?

Some Visionary Sponsors have experienced firsthand the impact of Leadership Greater Hartford's (LGH) professional leadership development programs over the past 49 years. Others are organizations seeking to strengthen their connections and visibility within Greater Hartford's business, nonprofit, and higher education communities.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, LGH relies on the vital support of Visionary Sponsors to continue delivering dynamic, responsive programming. This sponsorship is more than just funding—it's a partnership that fuels leadership growth across the region. With a lean and highly collaborative structure, LGH ensures that every event attendee and program participant benefits from a rich, meaningful experience.

In return, we are committed to providing our Visionary Sponsors with well-earned brand recognition for their investment in leadership development across the 29 towns we serve. We also support sponsor organizations by offering opportunities for staff development through our programs, contracted engagements, and events, as well as access to a diverse network of passionate leaders from a wide range of industries and backgrounds.

Thank you for your dedication to Greater Hartford and your support in developing its leaders through our work.

To learn more, please contact Larisa Kottke, LGH President & CEO, at larisa.kottke@leadershipgh.org or 860-206-5062.

### **Lessons in Leadership**

Lessons in Leadership is an engaging, 4-part webinar series designed for business, educational, and nonprofit leaders in the area. The series is centered on a popular leadership book, with each session highlighting key themes and offering opportunities for attendees to participate in small-group discussions on how to apply new leadership concepts. Our featured book for 2026 is Brené Brown's newest book, *Strong Ground*.

Dates and Format: Morning webinars – March 4, 11,

18, 25; 8:00am-9:15am

Estimated Attendance: 80-100 people per session.

#### **Leaders in Focus**

Leaders in Focus events connect participants with Hartford-area leaders, offering a unique opportunity to learn firsthand how they have achieved success in their industries. Each session includes networking, a presentation by the featured leader, and an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of their work. Additional details will be provided soon.

Dates and Format: Three in-person sessions – spring, summer, and fall; 4:30pm-6:00pm Estimated Attendance: 30-40 people per session.

### 2026 VISIONARY SPONSOR RECOGNITION

### **Annual Polaris Awards**

LGH's Polaris Awards is a community-wide celebration honoring leaders and organizations who serve as "guiding lights" in our region. Polaris honorees are typically unsung leaders with a demonstrated history of strengthening the LGH pillars of community, leadership, and connections. All proceeds from this signature fundraising event support the mission and regional impact of LGH.

Date and Format: Networking social with local food vendors and live music. Awards program followed by dessert reception.
June (TBD), 5:30pm-9:00pm. Location: TBD.
Estimated Attendance: 250 people.

### Leadership Breakfast

LGH's Leadership Breakfast brings together Greater Hartford's business and nonprofit communities to network and exchange insights. This event provides a platform to showcase key institutions and leadership, featuring dynamic discussions and presentations on the most pressing leadership challenges in today's evolving workforce landscape.

Date and Format: Breakfast program with preevent networking. October/November (TBD), 8:00am-10:00am. Location: TBD.

Estimated Attendance: 300 people.

#### **2026 SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS**

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL	Speaking Opportunity	Company Profile Featured in Newsletter and Shout-outs	Verbal Recognition at LGH Events Event Tickets*	
Platinum \$30,000	Polaris  And, at a mutually agreed upon 2026 LGH event	<b>5</b>	5	<ul> <li>16 Polaris</li> <li>14 Leadership Breakfast</li> <li>6 Leaders in Focus</li> <li>Unlimited Lessons in Leadership</li> </ul>
Titanium \$25,000	At a mutually agreed upon 2026 LGH event	5	5	<ul> <li>14 Polaris</li> <li>12 Leadership Breakfast</li> <li>6 Leaders in Focus</li> <li>Unlimited Lessons in Leadership</li> </ul>
Gold \$20,000	At a mutually agreed upon 2026 LGH event	<b>5</b>	5	<ul> <li>12 Polaris</li> <li>10 Leadership Breakfast</li> <li>6 Leaders in Focus</li> <li>Unlimited Lessons in Leadership</li> </ul>
Silver \$15,000		5	5	<ul> <li>10 Polaris</li> <li>8 Leadership Breakfast</li> <li>6 Leaders in Focus</li> <li>Unlimited Lessons in Leadership</li> </ul>
Bronze \$10,000		5	Social Media Shout-outs	<ul> <li>8 Polaris</li> <li>6 Leadership Breakfast</li> <li>4 Leaders in Focus</li> <li>Unlimited Lessons in Leadership</li> </ul>
Iron \$7,500		Social Media Shout-outs		<ul> <li>6 Polaris</li> <li>4 Leadership Breakfast</li> <li>4 Leaders in Focus</li> <li>Unlimited Lessons in Leadership</li> </ul>
Brass \$5,000		Social Media Shout-outs		<ul> <li>4 Polaris</li> <li>4 Leadership Breakfast</li> <li>2 Leaders in Focus</li> <li>Unlimited Lessons in Leadership</li> </ul>
<b>Copper</b> \$2,500		Social Media Shout-outs		<ul> <li>2 Polaris</li> <li>2 Leadership Breakfast</li> <li>2 Leaders in Focus</li> <li>Unlimited Lessons in Leadership</li> </ul>

### **LOGO**

### ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL	Screen Display at all LGH Events& Program Kick-off Presentations (Ex: Quest)	Website	Digital Event Program: Polaris + Leadership Breakfast 2025	Printed Polaris Event Program Book Ad	Press and Social Media	Invited to Provide a Sponsored Gift to LGH Event and Program Attendees and Awardees to Further Brand Recognition
Platinum \$30,000	5	Linked Logo	5	Full Page	5	5
Titanium \$25,000	5	Linked Logo	5	Full Page	5	5
Gold \$20,000	5	Linked Logo	5	1/2 Page	5	5
Silver \$15,000	5	Linked Logo	5	1/2 Page	5	5
Bronze \$10,000	5	Linked Logo	5	1/4 Page	5	5
Iron \$7,500	5	Linked Logo	5	1/4 Page	5	5
Brass \$5,000	5	Name Only	Name Only	Business Card	Name Only	5
<b>Copper</b> \$2,500	<b>J</b>	Name Only	Name Only	Business Card	Name Only	<b>J</b>

Platinum \$30,000

- Benefits include your logo displayed on all promotional materials for Visionary events\*, featured placement on event pages, a linked logo on the LGH website, and both verbal and visual logo recognition at each designated Visionary event throughout the year. Additional benefits include a featured company profile in the LGH Newsletter, social media shout-outs, and press coverage (where applicable). Sponsors also receive a full-page ad in the Polaris event printed program and a speaking role at Polaris, as well as another mutually agreed-upon 2026 LGH event.
- Ticket benefits include 16 tickets to Polaris, 14 tickets to LGH's Leadership Breakfast, 6 attendees at each Leaders in Focus event, and unlimited attendance at Lessons in Leadership. Sponsors are also invited to provide branded items for programs, event attendees, and awardees throughout the year to enhance brand recognition.
- Exclusive benefits at LGH's Polaris and Leadership Breakfast include the opportunity to announce and present an award to an honoree, logo placement and a write-up in the digital program books, and verbal recognition throughout each event.

**Titanium** \$25,000

- Benefits include your logo listed on Visionary events'\* diverse promotional materials, featured placement on event pages, a linked logo on the LGH website, and verbal and visual logo recognition at each designated Visionary event throughout the year.
   Additional benefits include a featured company profile in the LGH Newsletter, social media shout-outs, and press coverage (where applicable). Sponsors also receive a full-page ad in the Polaris event printed program and a speaking role at a mutually agreed-upon 2026 LGH event.
- Ticket benefits include 14 tickets to Polaris, 12 tickets to LGH's Leadership Breakfast, 6 attendees at each Leaders in Focus event, and unlimited attendance at Lessons in Leadership. Sponsors are also invited to provide branded items for programs, event attendees, and awardees throughout the year to enhance brand recognition.
- Exclusive benefits at LGH's Polaris and Leadership Breakfast include logo placement and a write-up in the digital program books, along with verbal recognition throughout each event.

Gold \$20,000

- Benefits include your logo listed on Visionary events'\* varied promotional materials, placement on event pages, a linked logo on the LGH website, and both verbal and visual logo recognition at each outlined Visionary event. Additional benefits include a featured company profile in the LGH Newsletter, social media shout-outs, and press coverage (where applicable). Sponsors also receive a half-page ad in the Polaris printed program and a speaking role at a mutually agreed-upon 2026 LGH event.
- Ticket benefits include 12 tickets to Polaris, 10 tickets to the Leadership Breakfast, 6 attendees at each Leaders in Focus event, and unlimited attendance at Lessons in Leadership. Sponsors are also invited to provide branded items for programs, event attendees, and awardees throughout the year to enhance brand recognition.
- Additional benefits at LGH's Polaris and Leadership Breakfast include logo placement in the digital program books and verbal recognition throughout each event.

**Silver** \$15,000

- Benefits include your logo listed on Visionary events'\* varied promotional materials,
  placement on event pages, a linked logo on the LGH website, and both verbal and
  visual logo recognition at each outlined Visionary event. Additional benefits include a
  featured company profile in the LGH Newsletter, social media shout-outs, and press
  coverage (where applicable). Sponsors also receive a half-page ad in the Polaris event
  printed program.
- Ticket benefits include 10 tickets to Polaris, 8 tickets to the Leadership Breakfast, 6 attendees at each Leaders in Focus event, and unlimited attendance at Lessons in Leadership. Sponsors are also invited to provide branded items for event and program attendees throughout the year to enhance brand recognition.
- Additional benefits at LGH's Polaris and Leadership Breakfast include logo placement in the digital program books and verbal recognition throughout each event.

**Bronze** \$10,000

• Benefits include your logo listed on Visionary events'\* varied promotional materials, placement on event pages, a linked logo on the LGH website, and both verbal and visual logo recognition at each outlined Visionary event. Additional benefits include a featured company profile in the LGH Newsletter, social media shout-outs, and press coverage (where applicable). Sponsors also receive a quarter-page ad in the Polaris event printed program.

- Ticket benefits include 8 tickets to Polaris, 6 tickets to the Leadership Breakfast, 4 attendees at each Leaders in Focus event, and unlimited attendance at Lessons in Leadership. Sponsors are also invited to provide branded items for programs, event attendees, and awardees throughout the year to enhance brand recognition.
- Additional benefits at LGH's Polaris and Leadership Breakfast include logo placement in the digital program books and verbal recognition throughout each event.

**Iron** \$7,500

- Benefits include your logo listed on Visionary events'\* varied promotional materials,
  placement on event pages, a linked logo on the LGH website, and both verbal and
  visual logo recognition at each outlined Visionary event. Additional benefits include a
  featured company profile in the LGH Newsletter, social media shout-outs, and press
  coverage (where applicable). Sponsors also receive a quarter-page ad in the Polaris
  event printed program.
- Ticket benefits include 6 tickets to Polaris, 4 tickets to the Leadership Breakfast, 4 attendees at each Leaders in Focus event, and unlimited attendance at Lessons in Leadership. Sponsors are also invited to provide branded items for event and program attendees throughout the year to enhance brand recognition.
- Additional benefits at LGH's Polaris and Leadership Breakfast include logo placement in the digital program books and verbal recognition throughout each event.

Brass \$5,000

• Benefits include your company name listed on Visionary events'\* varied promotional materials, placement on event pages on the LGH website, and listed recognition at each outlined Visionary event. Additional benefits include social media shout-outs and press coverage (where applicable). Sponsors also receive a business-card-sized ad in the Polaris event printed program.

- Ticket benefits include 4 tickets to Polaris, 4 tickets to the Leadership Breakfast, 2 attendees at each Leaders in Focus event, and unlimited attendance at Lessons in Leadership. Sponsors are also invited to provide branded items for program and event attendees throughout the year to enhance brand recognition.
- Additional benefits at LGH's Polaris and Leadership Breakfast include name placement in the digital program books.

**Copper** \$2,500

- Benefits include your company name listed on Visionary events'\* varied promotional materials, placement on the LGH website, and listed recognition at each outlined Visionary event. Additional benefits include social media shout-outs and press coverage (where applicable). Sponsors also receive a business-card-sized ad in the Polaris event printed program.
- Ticket benefits include 2 tickets to Polaris, 2 tickets to the Leadership Breakfast, 2 attendees at each Leaders in Focus event, and unlimited attendance at Lessons in Leadership. Sponsors are also invited to provide branded items for program and event attendees throughout the year to enhance brand recognition.
- Additional benefits at LGH's Polaris and Leadership Breakfast include name placement in the digital program books.