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The One Less Foundation Participating in American Express Leadership Academy
Local nonprofit to benefit from global perspective on effective social sector leadership

Philadelphia, PA, May 15, 2018- The One Less Foundation (TOLF) has been accepted into the 2018 American Express Leadership Academy at Thunderbird, held in Glendale, Ariz. June 3-8. The leadership academy is in its tenth year of providing nonprofit organizations around the world with training, working to transform organizations through best-in-class management and leadership practices.

As one of only 10 U.S. based nonprofit organizations and 20 international nonprofits to be accepted into the invitation-only program; emerging leaders from The One Less Foundation will learn how to run a more successful organization by building personal and business leadership skills through the perspective of a global mindset. The One Less Foundation has been working to reduce poverty in the Philadelphia area through financial literacy, education and mentoring services provided directly to individuals.

“It’s an honor to be recognized for the work that we do and the impact we are making in the community,” said Ingrid Shepard, the Executive Director at The One Less Foundation. “This is a great opportunity for our organizations’ leaders to gain new skills and learn to work on a new level to make an even greater impact on the reduction of poverty in the Philadelphia region.”

The American Express Leadership Academy is a partnership between American Express and the Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University. The program focuses on blending personal leadership skills with business skills through team exercises, case studies, group discussions, leadership assessments and developing organizational projects. To date, the program has served more than 300 managers from nearly 100 organizations.

“One of the philanthropic goals of American Express is to focus on the development of social sector leaders,” said Thunderbird Professor Mary Teagarden, Ph.D., the Academy’s Academic Director. “These participants are on their way to positions of senior leadership.”

About American Express Leadership Academy

The American Express Leadership Academy is a signature program initiative of the [Leadership program](#). Founded in 2008 in partnership with the [Center for Creative Leadership](#), the Academy encompasses 11 Academy partners and 20 programs, across nine countries. Over 90 Leadership Academy sessions training nearly 3,000 nonprofit and social sector leaders have been hosted. The curriculum of the American Express Leadership Academy focuses on building the personal, business and leadership skills needed to run a successful nonprofit organization. Each Academy is tailored to fit cultural nuances and different nonprofit niche needs.

About The One Less Foundation

Founded in 2012, The One Less Foundation provides financial literacy education, mentoring services and supplemental educations programs to underserved populations in Philadelphia, through a two-generation approach, focusing on helping individuals and families create paths out of poverty. TOLF has a range of services and programs geared toward building educational and financial stability for the most vulnerable populations. For more information visit: www.theonelessfoundation.org.