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In early September, my husband became an official participant in the Hispanic Leadership Institute - West, a program that aims to prepare leaders to serve the West Valley.

The 10-year-old program's mission is develop individuals to take on more leadership roles and to serve as an education and networking resource for leadership issues affecting the Latino community.

In layman's terms, the 10-week institute helps people like my husband connect passion with purpose so they can positively impact the lives of people our community.

Avondale Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers knows the importance of educational opportunities such as HLI-West, which is a partnership between Valle del Sol, the Hispanic Leadership Forum and Estrella Mountain Community College.

When she went through the program, she attended classes in Phoenix, and wished the program was available in the West Valley.

"People who needed to be at the table weren't at the table," she recalls. "We worked to bring HLI to the West Valley so they would have a seat."

One of the people who found a seat at that table is Anna Tovar, Senate minority leader. Tovar is a graduate of that first HLI-West class and remembers the world that opened up to her through that experience.

"Growing up, my parents and grandparents had taught me to help others, modeling that principle with neighboring families when they needed a helping hand," she explains.

"As a schoolteacher, I became aware of needs that were bigger than a single family," Tovar said.

There were issues affecting entire communities and she wanted to find a way to make a difference. HLI-West gave her the education and the network that helped Tovar to realize it was possible to make an impact.

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Rogers and Tovar's experiences were on my mind as I watched my husband and 14 other men and women become the 10th class to graduate from this program.

He stood alongside a policeman, community college administrator, human resources manager, secretary and hotel marketing manager to receive his certificate of completion. Each individual wrote a pledge, articulating how he or she will use this education and newly expanded network to change the lives of neighbors.

One promised to address the needs of the homeless within our neighborhoods. Another pledged to expand educational opportunities for the disadvantaged and disenfranchised.

Jacqueline Sandoval sat next to me. Five years ago, the young woman graduated from a Valle del Sol youth leadership program. She hopes to be a part of the 2014 HLI-West program.

"I want to create opportunities for our youth to become engaged in the issues affecting our cities and communities," she said. "If I can do it, so can others. I want them to know it is possible. They can not only make a difference – they can become the difference."

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