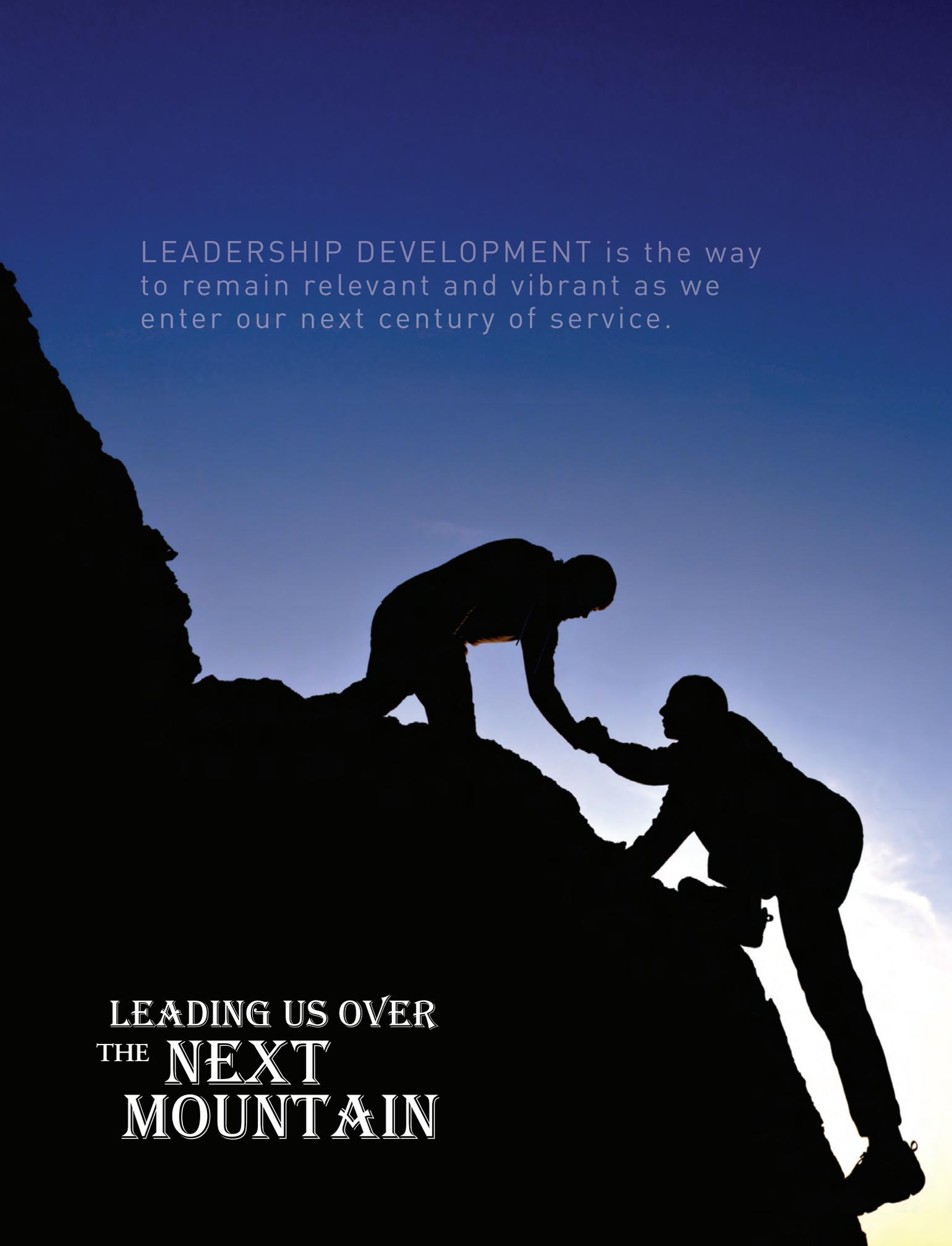


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The image features a silhouette of three individuals climbing a mountain peak. One person is at the top, another is in the middle, and a third is at the bottom, reaching up to assist. The background is a clear blue sky with a bright light source on the right side, creating a strong contrast with the dark silhouettes.

LEADING US OVER
THE NEXT
MOUNTAIN



Leadership is vision, knowledge, drive, confidence, optimism, openness, humanity, and caring. It is direction and guidance that inspires dedication, confidence, and achievement. Leadership is required to inspire and bring out the best in people. It is a process by which a person influences and motivates others to accomplish an objective, and directs an organization in a way that makes it more cohesive and coherent (unified, connected, and harmonious).

A leader must inspire others, and instill passion and direction to an individual or group of individuals.

So, leadership is the ability to inspire, empower, and instill passion in others - the ability to guide and direct others - the ability to motivate others toward a common goal, and achieve the desired results.

A recent study revealed that young people volunteer not only to serve the needs of others, but also for opportunities for personal growth. The training and development we provide, and the actual leadership experience gained by being a member of a Lions club provides an opportunity for each Lion to serve others better and also to grow as an individual.

Leadership development also provides effective ways to understand and improve the way we handle our own and other people's emotions by learning how better to communicate, motivate, guide and instill passion in others.

As we strive to meet the growing needs for humanitarian service, we need to do so effectively and efficiently. Good leaders can make that happen. Strong service = strong clubs = member pride, engagement and enthusiasm.

Just as importantly, leadership development is the way to remain relevant and vibrant as we enter our next century of service. As we celebrate our centennial, we must plan for our future. One key to our future is succession planning - ensuring an adequate pool of knowledgeable, capable, enthusiastic, forward-thinking Lions leaders who will guide and support us for years to come.

To climb to the top of a mountain, you need the right tools. You also need the right tools to become an effective leader. Our leadership development programs, tools, and resources have enhanced the skills of thousands of Lions around the world, preparing them not only to effectively address challenges, but to anticipate those challenges as well. Whether your preference is face-to-face training or technology-based learning, LCI offers something for everyone. I encourage you to climb even higher by taking advantage of the various training and development opportunities offered by LCI and the GLT.