

# Texas Rural Leadership Journal:

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## **TRLP Leadership Curriculum Makes a Difference in Robertson County**

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COLLEGE STATION, TX – The Texas Rural Leadership Program (TRLP) develops adult community leadership skills in rural communities so that local leaders may work more efficiently and effectively together. One client spotlight is on Dr. Nandra Perry, pastor of St. Philip’s Episcopal Church of Hearne, TX. Nandra has been engaged with TRLP in Hearne for the last three years, making a positive difference in her community through TRLP’s Leaders-In-Action workshops.

TRLP has provided its unique services in the rural community of Hearne for four years, developing local leaders as they work together resolve longstanding issues in their community. Dr. Perry said, “the TRLP offers a fantastic toolbox and a fantastically supportive network for community leaders who are looking for ways to help their community thrive. Solid training in asset-based community development, servant leadership, and appreciative inquiry---these are gifts that will keep on giving in your community by building a core of leaders with shared values and a heightened sense of purpose and confidence. The TRLP network multiplies that value by providing those leaders with access to great people and ideas from all over the state.”

By demonstrating capacity for sustained community development through its collaboration with TRLP, local leaders were able to secure grant funding through the Episcopal Health Foundation (EHF). Hearne’s successes through TRLP started with the creation of the annual Crossroads Hometown Festival, a celebration of a deeper sense of community. As a second project created through TRLP’s Leaders-In-Action workshops, they have now, “successfully launched Hearne’s Community Health Resource Center of Robertson County, which was the dream of our second TRLP class,” Dr. Perry said. With this, there has been a sense of increased pride and optimism about the community.

TRLP would like to bring similar successes through its work to your community. For more information go to [TRLP.tamu.edu](http://TRLP.tamu.edu). Become the change you would like to see in your rural community today.