

Alumni Spotlight - Emmett and Teri Cloud

One of Leadership Sandy Springs' alumni couples, Emmett (2012) and Teri (2015), have demonstrated active leadership in our local community. Emmett, a financial advisor, has served as President of the Board of Directors of Heritage Sandy Springs and Co-Chair of Mount Vernon Presbyterian School's Annual Derby Party Fundraiser.

Teri, a communications professional, currently serves as President of the Women of UGA Leadership Council, Communications Chair of the Executive Board of Art Sandy Springs, was awarded Woman of Distinction in 2016 by the Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber of Commerce, and served on the board of Heritage Sandy Springs.

The Clouds, who have two children, recently began a new company called Cloud Family Wealth Management.

Here are their insights on how LSS informed their leadership journey:

1. How did you become involved with Leadership Sandy Springs?

TC: Through our volunteer work and professional networks, we got to know several LSS alumni and staff. Every single one of them - as diverse as they all were and are in their professions and personalities - strongly encouraged us to participate in LSS. They couldn't stop talking about it!

EC: I came home after my first LSS meeting and told Teri she HAD to experience LSS. Three years later, when the kids were a little older and more independent, she submitted her application. She loved it as much as I did and we spent many nights talking about our experiences.

2. What was your biggest takeaway from your class experience?

TC: I think we both left with a much deeper understanding of our community - who lives here, what our strengths and weaknesses are, how the City runs, who leads it and what we can do to make it better.

EC: The program was a good reminder that if we are going to be a true community, we need to support each other - dine in Sandy Springs, shop in Sandy Springs, do business here, work and play here. It makes a difference.

3. What advice would you give new class members?

TC: Try to really listen - absorb and capture as many "nuggets" as you can. My class (BEST ever- 2015!) was so amazing and rich with successful and inspiring people - natural leaders and so fun and colorful! I am proud to know them.

EC: What she said.

4. What advice would you give LSS alumni?

TC: Stay engaged and continue to nurture and grow the connections you made through LSS. The LSS network grows every year and the staff does a phenomenal job of creating opportunities and building platforms for promoting community relationships.

EC: What she said.

5. How did Leadership Sandy Springs increase your skill set; what has been the greatest value of your overall involvement with LSS?

TC: My love and dedication to Sandy Springs - both professionally and culturally - have grown exponentially as a direct result of my experience with LSS. I want Sandy Springs to be my children's number one choice of residence after college, and I really feel that ALL of us as citizens can be leaders and make a contribution to the City's success.



EC: Teri and I recently combined our skill sets to start our own firm in Sandy Springs. Our experience with LSS certainly contributed to our confidence in embarking on this new venture and our trust in the long-term success of the Sandy Springs' market.