

# MATTHEW KLEIN

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**Leadership, Education, & Athletics in Partnership (LEAP)**

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Co-Founded with Andrea Schorr

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1993 Global Fellow



## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

LEAP operates a year-round academic and social enrichment program in Connecticut's high poverty communities. College student "Senior Counselors" and high school student "Junior Counselors" are paired together to work as a team with a group of 8-10 children of the same age and sex. Children read and are read to every day and receive intensive homework help after school. During the summer, LEAP's Senior Counselors move into donated apartments in their children's neighborhoods in order to build strong bonds with children and their families. Through the years, LEAP has also become a leader in the field of integrating education and technology through the development of community technology centers. LCLCs (LEAP Computer Learning Center) serve as a resource for LEAP children that they access for one hour a week during the academic year and two hours during the summer. They also serve as community technology centers where parents and other community members can gain access.

## PERSONAL BIO

Matthew Klein is the Executive Director and first staff person of the Blue Ridge Foundation New York. Blue Ridge operates as an incubator, identifying innovative, high-potential ideas and transforming them into institutions that demonstrate practical, effective solutions to social problems. The Foundation is associated with Blue Ridge Capital, an investment firm in New York City. Matt is also an adjunct professor at NYU Stern School of Business, where he teaches courses on venture philanthropy and the nonprofit capital market. Matt's experience prior to Blue Ridge includes work in non-profit management and civil rights law. He co-founded Leadership, Education, and Athletics in Partnership (LEAP), a Connecticut-based youth development agency, performed legal work with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., and the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, and served as a law clerk in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York for the Honorable Robert L. Carter.

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**Issue area**

Public Service and Civic Engagement

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**Organization/Fellow Location**

Brooklyn, United States

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**Impact Location**

North America

United States

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**Organization Structure**

Nonprofit

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