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ABOUT JEFFERY

Jeffery T. D. Wallace is a dynamic and innovative cross sector leader with over a decade of non-profit executive management, youth, community and economic development experience, and proven success constructing impact driven organizations that forge transformative public-private partnerships. As the Founder and CEO of the LeadersUp talent development accelerator Wallace generates solutions that connect businesses to the next generation of talent.

LeadersUp is a talent development accelerator and social enterprise that was founded to tackle high youth unemployment in America. Since 2013, we have stood in the gap to bridge the divide between the untapped potential of at-risk young adults of color and the business challenge of finding and keeping the best talent.

"Established in 2013 by the Starbucks Corporation and launched by some of its leading U.S. suppliers, LeadersUp is a 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of bridging the divide between the untapped potential of young people and the business challenge of finding and keeping the best talent. At LeadersUp, we believe strategic investments in human capital is the key to creating an economically inclusive society. We are a full service talent recruitment and development organization specializing in the retail, manufacturing and TDL industries. We partner with mid to large sized companies to provide a sustainable pipeline of highly motivated talent that's customized to meet specific business needs. We strive to engage businesses to connect opportunity youth to pathways that lead to middle-skilled careers, amplify business leadership that creates community impact, and develop and share innovative evidence-based practices that work. Our long-term strategic plan is to gain commitments from 100 companies to connect 5,000 young adults to career pathways across 10 U.S. markets by September 2017. Currently, LeadersUp is headquartered in Seattle, Washington and has major market presence in both Los Angeles, California and Chicago, Illinois."