

# Voluntold

## Lessons from an Acclaimed Leader

### Surprise! You are the lead. But you didn't even raise your hand...

We have all been there. Our talents have been noticed by others and then when the time comes for a project to be overseen or a problem fixed, all eyes turn to you. Suddenly, the room becomes conspicuously quiet and the air feels heavy; polluted by the burdens of leadership. Your mind races and you wonder if everyone can hear your inner voice screaming: Do I have time? Do I even want this? What will happen if I say no...

**But then, it happens. Without even raising your hand you suddenly realize you are the acclaimed leader. You have been voluntold.**

Time and again you find yourself chosen for your leadership skills. It is exciting, flattering and challenging. However, it can also be overwhelming. Have you ever taken the time to consider how these opportunities can simultaneously serve you and the needs of others?

Embracing the lead allows you to direct the traffic. It is more than learning to manage and prioritize the work piled on your desk; it is an opportunity to build and inspire. Real leaders don't create followers - they create more leaders. You can rise to the challenge, employ and engage the skills of others and enjoy being an integral part of their growth and development. And, the best part is, you will grow too.

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### Program Overview

- 45 Minute Session
- Learn how leaders take on responsibility in a measured and managed way.
- Understand how to ensure you have the proper resources, support and buy-in to be successful.
- Determine the characteristics you look for in a support team.
- Know that being the 'acclaimed leader' can be a blessing or a curse. Your management will define the role.
- Learn how to develop the leaders within the group so that others will have a chance to steer the course.