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Each month, UEDA sends out this electronic bulletin to our members, which includes updates on the latest headlines in community and economic development. We will also feature short articles and a list of upcoming events and activities of interest to UEDA members.

MEMBER FEATURE: Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC-Milwaukee)

The mission of LISC is to catalyze the development of vibrant, diverse, high quality, sustainable neighborhoods in Greater Milwaukee by working with neighborhood organizations and residents. They do this by organizing capital, expertise and other resources to support initiatives that will transform distressed neighborhoods into healthy ones, and foster their connection to the socioeconomic mainstream of the metropolitan region. LISC is a national nonprofit intermediary that establishes sites in cities and rural areas throughout the country. As a result of an invitation from the Greater Milwaukee Committee, LISC opened a Milwaukee office in 1995 to work in the city's poorest neighborhoods. Since then, much has been accomplished through LISC-Milwaukee's efforts, including the development of housing units, financing of commercial space and community facilities, loan and loan guarantee investments, and grants to CDCs for development projects capacity building. These investments have leveraged an additional \$117,423,339 in private investment in Milwaukee's neighborhoods.

LISC-Milwaukee's work is organized into four program areas: *Great Neighborhoods Program*, which facilitates targeted investment in the Washington Park and Harambee Communities of Milwaukee for the purpose of creating communities of choice; *Commercial Corridor Program* which facilitates the transformation of older commercial corridors in the City of Milwaukee into productive centers of economic activity; *Neighborhood Leadership Program* which focuses on building the capacity of CDCs to measurably impact housing and commercial development in Milwaukee's most challenged neighborhoods and to strengthen their linkages and lines of communication with neighborhood partners and constituencies; and, *Planning, Advocacy & Administrative Excellence* through which the organization supports the development of new initiatives, public policy and advocacy work.

On **Monday, November 19**, LISC will recognize the Latino Community Center and Milwaukee Police Department with national awards from the MetLife Foundation and LISC's Community Safety Initiative in recognition of their outstanding partnership to improve the safety of Milwaukee schools. This event will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Bay View High School, 2751 S. Lenox Street, Milwaukee.

Additionally, LISC-Milwaukee coordinates the annual *Milwaukee Awards for Neighborhood Development Innovation (MANDI)*, held each spring to honor nonprofit achievements throughout Milwaukee County. **Nominations for the 9th Annual MANDIs are now being accepted through November 21st.** People, organization, and projects throughout Milwaukee County are eligible for nomination. Visit the Milwaukee LISC website at www.lisc.org/milwaukee for more information on how to nominate.

UEDA QUARTERLY GATHERING: Life Ventures Partnership Project

On October 25, UEDA held its first quarterly gathering in some time, building off the momentum from the 6th Annual Community Development Summit. Over 60 people attended, learning about one of the five catalytic projects presented by the City of Milwaukee in their *Economic Vision and Strategy Framework*. The **Life Ventures Partnership** is an approach designed to align employers, schools, government agencies and community-based organizations in reaching Milwaukee youth, particularly those at-risk, to educate and link them to future career opportunities. Participants engaged in discussion and provided feedback to Department of City Development staff on the project. A summary of the discussion and a copy of the presentation will be available at UEDA's website (www.uedawi.org/2events.htm) by November 16th. Contact UEDA if you would like to know how you can get involved in making the Life Ventures Partnership a reality.

NONPROFIT NEWS

- This month Guidestar discussed the **updated compliance guidelines for public charities and private foundations** from the IRS. **Publications 4221-PC** and **4221-PF** are designed to aid 501(c)(3) organizations in understanding the requirements involved in retaining their tax-exempt status. The sector has undergone significant changes in recent years – these two publications go over topics such as requirements for filing the Form 990-N, reporting changes in information and requesting determination letters. These publications can be ordered from the IRS by calling toll free at (800) 829-3676 or visiting their website: www.irs.gov. For more articles like this visit www.guidestar.org.

- The **Wisconsin Nonprofits Association** is now online! Programs are now in place and they are ready to help bring shape to a collective voice for nonprofits throughout Wisconsin. In the next month, they will be holding a series of informational sessions – the next teleconference will be **Wednesday, December 12 from Noon to 1pm**. To participate in this FREE session contact joann@wisconsinnonprofits.org. Visit them at www.wisconsinnonprofits.org for information on federal policy updates, benefits to membership and other areas.
- The Nonprofit Congress has just released the Nonprofit Constitution, a document built on values determined by nonprofits in communities across the country. Learn more at www.nonprofitcongress.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Meet the IFF, November 13th noon to 1:30 p.m.** Learn about a highly successful alternative approach for financing real estate and equipment projects. The IFF is a nonprofit loan fund exclusively serving the nonprofit community, and has served nonprofits for 17 years. You will come away with an understanding of how to borrow for your agency's next capital project through discussion of real examples. Bring a brown bag; beverages will be provided. Contact the Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee at (414) 344-3933 for registration information.
- **Project Milwaukee: Creating a Vibrant Regional Economy, November 15th at 4 p.m.** Hosted by WUWM, this forum will focus on a variety of topics concerning economic development in Milwaukee. Visit them online at http://www.wuwm.com/project_mke.php for a list of panelists, details and how to register. Additionally, WUWM has featured stories that touch on these issues each day. You can access past stories and interviews at the Project Milwaukee website listed above.
- **Milwaukee's Workforce & Economic Development in Alignment, November 27th from Noon to 1:30 p.m.** This brown bag will feature panelists who will discuss Milwaukee's efforts to align workforce and economic development to stimulate economic growth in the context of the City's *Economic Vision and Strategy Framework*. Call the Nonprofit Center at (414) 344-3933 for registration information.
- **Annual Business Opportunity Expo, November 28th from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Italian Conference Center, sponsored by the Milwaukee County Board of Community Business Development Partners (CBDP). This event is intended to bring together small businesses with Milwaukee County department decision-makers to foster and encourage business relationships. If you are interested in attending, please contact them at cbdp@milwcnty.com.
- **Ready Children, Ready Families, Ready Schools, Ready Communities – Where Does Community Fit In? Tuesday, December 4th from Noon to 1pm.** This brown bag discussion will share information on the status of children's lives in our community and discuss its importance to community-based organizations. How can we articulate the special roles of organizations working with health, youth and families in this effort? This is a FREE session, and will be held at the Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee.
- **The Spirit of the Nonprofit Center 14th Annual Holiday Celebration of Diversity, December 6th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** This annual event will be held at the Italian Conference Center in Milwaukee. For tickets and more information, please contact them at (414) 344-3933 or info@nonprofitcentermilwaukee.org.
- **An Informed Discussion of Nontraditional Mortgage Products & Escalating Foreclosures: Building an Effective Community Response for Wisconsin, Tuesday December 11 & Wednesday December 12.** This two-day forum will focus on regulatory updates, new options for borrowers, and best practices or models for solutions for this growing problem affecting Wisconsin residents and communities. It will be held at the Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha and is sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, WHEDA and UW-Extension. Visit www.chicagofed.org and click on Conferences & Events for more information.
- **WorkSource Wisconsin Event on Recruiting, Hiring & Training Workers with Disabilities, Wednesday, December 12.** This event is designed to educate individuals working in human resource management, employee supervision and employee assistance services on effectively working with those with disabilities and will be held in Milwaukee at the Italian Conference Center. To register, visit www.worksourcewi.com, or call (866) 460-9602.

This bulletin is a service for our members. If you would like to know how you can become a UEDA Member, contact us at the phone number below or visit our website's membership page for details.

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