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## What We're Working On

Our community outreach season is in full swing! UEDA staff has been out and about tabling at events like the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center's Bike Day, Juneteenth Festival, and Sherman Park Community Association Housing Resource Fair. Keep a lookout for us at Bronzeville Cultural & Arts Festival and Silver City International Festival. Thanks to our friends at WHEDA and PyraMax Bank for joining us at Juneteenth.

**Volunteer with us!** We'd love to have our members and partners join the UEDA table at Bronzeville and Silver City for a couple hours and help us share financial education and homeownership resources. Sign up for a shift here:

<u>Bronzeville Cultural & Arts Festival</u> (Sunday, August 6th)

Silver City International Festival (Saturday, September 9th)



**UEDA Membership Renewals are on their way!** Be on the lookout for an email from Martha Collins, our Member Services Director in the next couple weeks. <u>Learn more about UEDA Membership</u> or you <u>can start the process here</u>. We appreciate the support of our UEDA Members!

**SAVE THE DATE!** UEDA's Annual Community Gathering will be on **Tuesday**, **October 17** from 4:30-6:30pm. Details coming soon - we'd love to see you there as we recognize our Extraordinary Volunteer and Outstanding Community Partner.

And we've grown! And are growing out of our space. **UEDA** is looking for a new office space. We'd love to stay in our current neighborhood (Brewer's Hill/Bronzeville) as we've been here since 2005 (it's home!) If you have any suggestions or connections to be made please reach out.

## **UEDA Member Highlights**

August and September have some exciting events in our network! Scroll down for information on events to support Housing Resources, Inc. (HRI), LISC Milwaukee, The Business Council, Milwaukee Christian Center (MCC) and Acts Housing!

Congratulations to UEDA Board Member Sherri Jordan for her election to the Professional Dimensions Charitable Fund Board of Directors for 2023-2024. They also announced a new partnership with the Sherman Phoenix Foundation for the Women and Moms Entrepreneurship Project. Read more>>

Earlier this month Associated Bank announced their new Community Uplift Loan Program, which is focused on serving minority and women-owned businesses by providing loans or lines of credit from \$5,000 to \$50,000 and flexible credit criteria. Learn more>>

**AARP Wisconsin** shared that **The Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action**, an initiative of AARP Foundation, AARP and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, will award five equity-minded nurses with a prize award and paid travel for recognition at its health equity summit in Washington, DC, Oct. 31-Nov. 1. Are you a nurse working to promote health equity through teaching, leading, or practicing equity-minded nursing? Or do you know an equity minded nurse? **Please nominate them for this innovative recognition!** Learn more>>>

LISC Milwaukee's Brew City Match program and local business owner Diamond Johnson was recently featured on TMJ 4. Check it out here>>

The Harbor District's SUMMER EN LA PLAZA series is underway! Upcoming events include Your Move MKE (Hip Hop Chess Club) on August 5, Mercadera Market (August 13), and Sana Sana Celebration (September 3). The District also sponsors kayak tours and fishing clinics and save the date for Harbor Fest on September 24! View details for all events here>>>

Northwestern Mutual will contribute \$3 million to boost affordable housing initiatives in Milwaukee. The company will provide a significant investment in the Milwaukee Community Land Trust and will help support Acts Housing's homeownership acquisition fund. Learn more in this Urban Milwaukee article>>>

Milwaukee Christian Center is hosting a Lunch & Learn for their YouthBuild program on Tuesday, August 8 from 11:30am-12:30pm. They are actively recruiting for their 2023-2024 cohort. Community partners, mentors, educators, and young adults are invited. Anyone interested in learning more about YouthBuild! Sign up here or view and share flier>>

The Zilber Family Foundation is making a historic \$20 million donation to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Joseph J. Zilber College of Public Health. The funding will support two endowments that will attract and retain high-caliber faculty and sustain public health research, and provide scholarships for both graduate and undergraduate students. Read this article from the BizTimes to learn more>>>

Rev-Up MKE, the small business pitch competition and mentoring program by Near West Side Partners, Marquette University, and Town Bank, is now accepting applications. Entrepreneurs have the opportunity to start or expand their businesses in the vibrant Near West Side community. The winner will receive a \$10,000 cash gift, \$25,000 in in-kind services, and support from anchor institutions, with the live pitch contest taking place on September 13th. Save the date and spread the word! Learn more and find information to share here>>>

The Milwaukee Public Library and Milwaukee Justice Center host a free monthly Mobile Legal Clinic. The clinic can help with legal advice for issues including landlord/tenant, eviction and eviction records, small claims, debt/collections, probate, guardianship, divorce, child custody/placement, child support, and pardons/expungement. The next one is on August 24>>

Data You Can Use has published 20 updated neighborhood portraits using the most recent data available from the U.S. Census. This resource uses data from neighborhood partners an provides information about Milwaukee communities. See the portraits here>>>

**UMCS** is looking for volunteers to cook on Wednesdays! The kitchen is available between 9:00am-10am in the Community Food Center. Please reach out to Sha'Ron for more information, sha'ron.maclin@umcs-wi.org.

<u>This recent story by TMJ4 discusses the impact of unreliable transportation</u> and how these "deserts" affect different communities in Milwaukee. It features VISION 2050, the regional land use and transportation plan developed by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC). The plan calls for implementing bus rapid transit

and enhancing bicycle and pedestrian conditions, aiming to address the problem and create a more connected and equitable city by 2050.

Milwaukee Public Library and Goodwill Workforce Connection Centers are hosting a Job Fair with local employers on Thursday, August 3rd at Milwaukee Central Library from 11am-2pm, learn more here>>

**Earlier this week the City of Milwaukee Department of City Development (DCD) kicked off Growing MKE!** This citywide planning effort will set a framework for housing growth and choice in Milwaukee, resulting in a proposed amendment to the Citywide Policy Plan and updates to the City's Zoning Code. Upcoming Open House Public Meetings:

- Monday, August 14 | 5:30pm 7pm | Mitchell Street Library
- Monday, August 28 | 5:30pm 7pm | Washington Park Library

This is your opportunity to weigh in on the future of the City! <u>Learn more about Growing MKE and sign up to receive updates>></u>

The Community Development Alliance (CDA) and Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Milwaukee have chosen Envision Growth, Turner Community Partners, and VIA CDC to lead the construction of 45 affordable homes for early childhood educators in five neighborhoods in Milwaukee. Read more in this press release from LISC>>>

We know hiring is a challenge! This recent email from Jobs That Help provides some helpful insight on how to increase performance on job postings.

#### MEMBER & PARTNER JOB OPENINGS

Find a listing of current job openings <u>HERE</u>. Contact kat@uedawi.org if you are a member and have an opening you would like added. And, be sure to check out the **Jobs That Help** <u>website</u> to find or list a nonprofit job opportunity in the state!

### **UEDA Community**

#### WHEDA's 2023 Housing Grant Program is now open!

The foundation will award \$2million to assist in the development & improvement of housing facilities throughout Wisconsin that provide housing for people in crisis. Applications are due **by August 11**, grants will be announced in December. <u>View application materials and more here>></u>

Community Advocates in hosting Living Well with Mental Challenges at the Milwaukee Public Library on August 8th from 6-7 PM at the Capital Branch. It will explore strategies and tips for those living with a mental health challenges.

Register and learn more here>>>

Milwaukee Rental Housing Resource Center is hosting a resource fair and Back to School event on Thursday,

August 17 from 10am to 2pm at Community Advocates. The event will include resource tables, informational sessions, and a school supply giveaway. View flier here>>

Bronzeville Week will be held on August 5-12! Look for a full list of events, including the Cultural & Arts Festival, Business Breakfast, Art Walk and more. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram for latest or learn more here>>

Quad, the global marketing company, has launched a new location called Quad MKE at Century City Tower, aiming to create a pathway into entry-level manufacturing and administrative and creative agency positions while providing training and free transportation to Quad locations in greater Milwaukee. Check out this article from the Milwaukee Mag>>>

Milwaukee County is holding a series of information meetings on homeownership projects coming to the King Park neighborhood. The county partnered with the Community Development Alliance (CDA) on the project. Paired with the project is a \$1.5 million investment in repairs to the King Park Community Center. Read this article from Urban Milwaukee>>>

#### Learn about community resources to help tenants!

The two key Emergency Rental Assistance programs in Milwaukee have paused accepting applications as Federal funds have been spent. However, there are some community resources that can help tenants and landlords, as outlined by Milwaukee Neighborhood News. Learn more>>

A recent Q&A on the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and housing with Enterprise provides an overview of how

**components of the bill can support affordable housing initiatives.** This post covers deadlines and timelines for the different funding sources in IRA.

The State of Wisconsin is surveying residents to understand who has access to internet and how affordable it is. This survey covers different areas and will affect how much federal funding the State of Wisconsin will get to expand broadband. Please share and take the survey here>>>

Wisconsin's Child Care industry is struggling with turnover and burnout at a time when State and Federal funding will likely decrease. <u>Learn more>></u>

On July 10th Milwaukee Common Council approved a new 2% sales tax on a 12-3 vote to address a growing fiscal crisis and prevent lay-offs of over 1,000 city employees and service cuts. Read this article from the Urban Milwaukee to learn more>>>

Milwaukee County will vote Thursday, July 27 on their proposed increase.

## **Small Business & Nonprofits**

Nonprofit career and professional development opportunities can be found at the <u>Jobs That Help Events Calendar</u>. We thank them for being a member & partner in this work!

WWBIC 2023 Program/Training Catalogs are available in English & Spanish - please share with your networks! Access all catalogs for each region here>>

Join the WI Veterans Chamber of Commerce for the 2023 Fall Command Post Accelerator, a specialized business accelerator for veteran and military affiliated business owners in Wisconsin. It includes in-person sessions on September 9-10, 2023, and virtual online instruction via Zoom from September 12 to October 31, 2023. Submit your application by August 11th. Learn more and register here>>>

Scale Up Milwaukee's SPARC Program is now accepting applications for Cohort 10 this Fall! This growth-centric virtual training program is a collaboration between Scale Up, WWBIC and the African American Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin that focuses on helping Black, Hispanic, and woman-owned businesses under \$1M grow their ventures. Sessions will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, starting September through November. The cost of the program is \$500 and includes all 50+ hours of materials, faculty resources, office hours, and a business planning platform; limited scholarships are available. Apply here and learn more here.

Brew City Match is accepting applications! The program is specifically designed for small business and property owners who are looking to locate in or are already located in target neighborhoods such as Cesar Chavez Drive, Historic King Drive, Historic Mitchell Street, Near West Side, North Avenue/Fond du Lac and Riverworks corridors and surrounding areas. Learn more here>>

## **Upcoming Events**

Milwaukee Turners Vel Phillips Forum Brave Reporting & Media Censorship

Thursday, August 3 | 12-1:30pm

In person at Turner Hall and on Zoom. Doors open at 11:30am, light buffet lunch provided. Learn more and RSVP here>>

#### **LISC Milwaukee MANDI Awards**

Thursday, August 10 | 5:30pm

Visit www.mandiawards.com for event information and to purchase tickets.

Housing Resources, Inc. (HRI It's A Housing Affair Gala

Friday, August 11 | 6:00-10:00pm

Harley-Davidson Museum

With a theme "Building Legacy in our Communities" the event will feature a dynamic Mistress of Ceremony, keynote speaker, invited public officials, museum tours, an auction and live music. <u>Learn more here>>></u>

A Celebration of Strong Neighborhoods

August 23 I 5-8 PM I Ivy House

Held as the annual signature fundraiser by the **Milwaukee Christian Center**, this event includes community celebration, appetizer buffet from Antigua Latin Cuisine, live music, and interactive opportunities to learn about their work. <u>Learn more and register to join here>>></u>

#### The Business Council Annual Strategic Partnership Luncheon

August 24, 2023 | 11:30am-1:00PM

Italian Community Center, Milwaukee

"Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now" is the theme for this year's luncheon, celebrating 25 years of TBC. This year's event will feature guest speaker Roland Martin. For information on tickets, sponsorship opportunities, and more: www.tbcmkeevents.com

## **Member Spotlight**



**Milwaukee Christian Center** is a multi-service organization that works to build strong neighborhoods full of opportunity. They work in the areas of housing, youth development, older adults, and food security. They serve over 7,500 people each year.

Learn more about them at www.mccwi.org

Join them at their fundraiser in August

#### Welcome to these New & Returning Members!

**BMO Harris Bank** 

#### Current Members

#### **Nonprofit & Governmental**

**AARP Wisconsin** 

Acts Housing

ArtWorks for Milwaukee

**Burleigh Street CDC** 

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City of Milwaukee DCD

Community First

Congress for the New Urbanism, WI

Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCSS) of Greater Milwaukee

Data You Can Use

Fondy Food Center

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Groundwork Milwaukee

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Latino Chamber of Commerce

LISC Milwaukee

Menomonee Valley Partners

Milwaukee Development Corp.

Milwaukee Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)

Metropolitan Milwaukee

Fair Housing Council

Milwaukee Christian Center

Milwaukee County Economic Development

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity

Milwaukee Preservation Alliance

Milwaukee Public Library

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PRISM Economic Development Corp.

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**SEWRPC** 

Sherman Park Community Association

The Business Council

TMG Wisconsin

United Methodist Children's Services (UMCS)

United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County

U.S. Small Business Administration (Wisconsin)

**UW Credit Union** 

**VIA CDC** 

**WHEDA** 

WI Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection

WI LGBT Chamber of Commerce

WI Partnership for Housing Development

WI Veterans Chamber of Commerce

**WWBIC** 

YWCA Southeast Wisconsin

#### **Small Businesses**

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Columbia Savings & Loan Association

Community Charge PGH

Community Development Management Partnerships

**Community Insurance Information Center** 

Contexture

Diverse Dining

GoodFlow Enterprises

Goyke & Associates

HomeWorks Bronzeville

Jobs That Help

Lloyd Consulting, Inc.

Midwest Executive Realty

P3 Development Group

#### **Corporations & Funders**

Associated Bank, NA

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First Federal Bank

Greater Milwaukee Association of REALTORS

iCare/Humana

Johnson Financial Group

JPMorgan Chase

Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corp. (MGIC)

**Mueller Communications** 

U.S. Bank

Zilber Family Foundation

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Lynnea Katz-Petted

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# Have something to share? Let us know!

This newsletter is sent to UEDA's network and features links to articles, upcoming events and activities of interest.

If you have announcements or other items you would like included in a future newsletter, please contact kat@uedawi.org.







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