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## What We're Working On

**We've made to the end of 2023!** Thank you for joining us, partners new and old, for such an exciting year. Take a look at our [Year In Review](#), which shares key outcomes in our Bank On, Take Root and UEDA membership activities. We did so much in partnership with others! Happy New Year, and we'll see you in 2024!

**We would also like to thank our outgoing board members:** Nathan Guequierre, Kate Madison, and Nikki Purvis. Your work has been essential to UEDA's success. We appreciate your service and wish you the best on your next adventures!

**Save the Date for Carnival 2024!** Join us for a night of food with 20+ local restaurants & caterers, dancing, music and celebration on **March 8th, 2024**. Tickets will be available in mid-

January. Current UEDA members receive a \$10 discount on tickets, so be on the lookout for a discount code!

**VISION 2050 is still undertaking their 2024 review and update!** The website includes an opportunity to look at the current draft of the update, including land use and transportation. Don't miss the opportunity to leave comments at the bottom of the page! [Check it out here.](#)

## UEDA Member Highlights

**Independence First** is creating a **NEW** consumer advocacy team. The **Accessible Housing Advocacy Team** and will focus on increasing the supply of accessible housing in the metro-Milwaukee area as well as sharing information on where people can find them. **Virtual meetings will take place over Zoom on the first Tuesday of each month from 3:30PM TO 4:30PM.** To access meetings at that time, visit: [bit.ly/AccessibleHousingTeam](https://bit.ly/AccessibleHousingTeam). To request accommodations or if you have questions, contact Rebecca Rabatin at 414-226-8307 or [rrabatin@independencefirst.org](mailto:rrabatin@independencefirst.org)

**WWBIC** held their annual luncheon on November 28. "The Cities of Our State" featured a panel of mayors from around the State of Wisconsin and a dynamic small business marketplace. [Check out the recap and access the video here.](#)

**Sherman Park Community Association Eco-Neighborhood Team** recently hosted a webinar making your home more energy efficient. [Check out the video here.](#)

**The City of Milwaukee DCD's Growing MKE** has a set of draft recommendations ready! Part of their recommendations include adjustments to single-family zoning. [Read about it here.](#) To give your input on the full recommendations, [take the survey here.](#)

**CIBC** has been recognized by the Latino Entrepreneurial Network as **Corporate Partner of the Year**. Thank you for your dedication to Latino entrepreneurship! [Read more here.](#)

**Cinnaire** is partnering with Cupid Development and St Matthew CME Church on **affordable housing development**. The apartments and townhomes would have a focus on senior residents. [Read about it here.](#)

Through their Historic Tax Credit Program, **JPMorgan Chase** has been able to help preserve **The Fortress**. A fixture in Brewer's Hill, this historic building is home to both residential and commercial space. [Learn more here.](#)

## MEMBER & PARTNER JOB OPENINGS

Find a listing of current job openings [HERE](#). Contact [adam@uedawi.org](mailto:adam@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** [website](#) to find or list a nonprofit job opportunity in the state!

## Member Spotlight



The **Fondy Food Center** officially welcomed their new executive director! Venice R. Williams has been serving as Interim Executive Director since spring of 2022 and will now be staying in the position.

[Read about her work and the transition here.](#)

## Welcome to these New & Returning Members!

Carol Maria  
Ezekial Community  
Development Corp.  
Greg St. Arnold  
Helen Bader Institute for  
Nonprofit Management  
Metropolitan Milwaukee  
Fair Housing Council  
Milwaukee Community Land  
Trust  
Montavius Jones  
My Choice Wisconsin  
Nathan Guequeirre  
Revitalize Milwaukee  
Safe & Sound  
SecureFutures  
Southside Organizing Center  
United Way of Greater Milwaukee  
& Waukesha County  
VIA CDC  
WI Economic Development  
Association (WEDA)  
WI Economic Development Corp.  
(WEDC)  
WI Partnership for Housing  
Development

## UEDA Community

The application period for **WHEDA's 2024 Housing Tax Credits** is open! Applications have various deadlines up through January 26th, 2024. [Learn more here.](#)

**Congratulations to the Sherman Phoenix on its 5th anniversary, which [was celebrated on November 28](#).** The Sherman Phoenix Foundation recently launched a capital campaign and offers community programs, like a training hub and others. In honor of the fifth anniversary, the foundation is encouraging people to donate in increments of \$5, attend five events, or support five of the businesses. [Learn more here>>](#)

**Milwaukee County has been awarded \$1.8 million in federal dollars for affordable housing.** The funds are focused on housing mobility initiatives for Section 8 voucher holders. [Learn more here.](#)

**Fintech has been put forward as a potential tool to reduce racial discrimination in mortgage lending.** A new study from the Urban Institute describes how it falls short. [Read the report here.](#)

**Milwaukee County is investing in affordable housing developments in 3 Milwaukee suburbs.** County Executive Crowley is hoping to use these developments to give county residents more choice in where they live, as well as increase general health and racial equity. [Read about it here.](#)

**The NCRC and Native Community Capital have release a new study looking at the financial needs of Indian Country.** It finds that financial access is sparse and in demand on Native land. [Read the report here.](#)

## Small Business & Nonprofits

**Nonprofit career and professional development opportunities** can be found at the [Jobs That Help Events Calendar](#). We thank them for being a member & partner in this work!

The NCRC recently held a webinar on how **new financial technology can be used by entrepreneurs.** [Check out the video with transcript here.](#)

### 3 Levels of Communication Mastery

**Jan 13 | 10AM | St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care**

Join BizStarts to learn the foundations of R.A.C. Communication and boost self confidence. [Register here.](#)

**Check out these discussion guides from the Urban Institute about social sector infrastructure.** They cover topics from funding to reducing inequities to creating well-being within your organization. [Look at the guides here.](#)

## Upcoming Events

## Current Members

***\*Check your email for renewal notices to remain current!***

### Nonprofit & Governmental

AARP Wisconsin\*  
 Acts Housing  
 ArtWorks for Milwaukee  
 BizStarts\*  
 Burleigh Street CDC  
 Cinnaire  
 City of Milwaukee DCD  
 Community First  
 Congress for the New Urbanism, WI\*  
 Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCSS) of Greater Milwaukee  
 Data You Can Use  
 The Difference Principle, Inc.  
 Fondy Food Center  
 Gateway to Milwaukee  
 Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors\*  
 Greater Milwaukee Committee\*  
 Groundwork Milwaukee\*  
 Harbor District  
 Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce  
 Independence First  
 Landmark Credit Union\*  
 Latino Chamber of Commerce  
 LISC Milwaukee\*  
 Menomonee Valley Partners  
 Milwaukee Christian Center  
 Milwaukee County Economic Development\*  
 Milwaukee Development Corp.  
 Milwaukee Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)\*  
 Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity  
 Milwaukee Preservation Alliance\*  
 Milwaukee Public Library\*  
 PRISM Economic Development Corp.\*  
 Riverworks Development Corporation\*  
 Rooted & Rising – Washington Park  
 SEWRPC  
 Sherman Park Community Association  
 The Business Council  
 TMG Wisconsin  
 U.S. Small Business Administration (Wisconsin)

**Governor's Conference on Economic Development****Jan 31-Feb 2 | Wisconsin Dells**

WEDA's largest educational and networking event of the year, this conference will cover topics such as entrepreneurship, workforce housing, and artificial intelligence. [Register here.](#)

**2024 WVCC Financial Summit For Business****February 1 | Madison**

This summit is a must-attend for professionals who have questions related to the financial industry that will assist their business. Gain valuable insights from industry experts, network with like-minded individuals, and discover innovative strategies to boost your business. [Register here.](#)

**Just Economy Conference 2024****April 2-4 | Washington, D.C.**

Join the NCRC for a national level conference to meet with other change-makers, learn, and discuss relevant topics including fair housing, fair lending, access to capital, and more! [Find out more here.](#)

UW Credit Union\*

WHEDA

WI Department of Agriculture,  
Trade & Consumer Protection  
(DATCP)

WI LGBT Chamber of  
Commerce

WI Veterans Chamber of  
Commerce  
WWBIC\*

**Small Businesses**

Bright Horizons Real Estate  
Center for Public Skills  
Training

Center of Care LLC\*

Columbia Savings & Loan  
Association

Community Development  
Management Partnerships  
Community Insurance

Information Center  
Contexture

GoodFlow Enterprises\*

Goyke &amp; Associates\*

HomeWorks Bronzeville\*

Jobs That Help

Lloyd Consulting, Inc.\*

Mueller Communications

P3 Development Group

**Corporations & Funders**

Associated Bank, NA

BMO Harris Bank

CIBC Bank

First Federal Bank

Johnson Financial Group

JPMorgan Chase

Mortgage Guaranty Insurance  
Corp. (MGIC)\*

Old National Bank\*

U.S. Bank

Zilber Family Foundation

**Individual Members**

Amy Turim

Avery L. Goodrich, Jr.\*

Barbara Markoff

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Rusty Borkin  
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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 Adam Bridges at [adam@uedawi.org](mailto:adam@uedawi.org).

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