Community Affairs Committee
The Community Affairs Committee now has its own email address. To reach the co-chairs, Makeda Zulu-Gillespie and Raymond Dehn, please use the following address: cac@unpmn.org.

Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center
On January 19, 2009, the firm of Stahl Construction Company in partnership with MN Best took possession of the Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement facility located at 2001 Plymouth Avenue North to prepare it for renovations. To date, the ‘design to build’ contracts for the HVAC and electrical have been awarded. MN Best will self-perform the contract for painting and tile. As the project progresses, MN Best may perform addition work, if necessary.

Additional bid information will be made available sometime after mid-March, and will be posted at the University of Minnesota’s Office for Business and Community Economic Development website, http://www.bced.umn.edu/, under Construction Bids. Bid notifications will also be sent to professional organizations like the National Association of Minority Contractors and the Association of Women Contractors. Construction is scheduled for completion on or about August 1, 2009.

Any questions can be directed to:

University of Minnesota’s Office for Business and Community Economic Development
Sharon Banks
612-626-8043

University of Minnesota’s Owner’s Representative
Archie Givens
952-831-1448

MN Best Enterprises
Charo Nickens
763-502-2355

Stahl Construction Company
Deborah Aldrich
952-767-2118
FIPSE/UROC Work Groups Project Update

Out of School Time
FIPSE/UROC staff and graduate students continue to be involved in ongoing development of a provider network, focused on improving networking and professional development opportunities for hourly workers. The Center for Youth Development is involved with developing a schedule of meetings and training sessions to occur bi-monthly, and is expected to be launched during this spring.

Health and Nutrition
FIPSE/UROC staff is working with three middle schools in North Minneapolis to develop afterschool gardening program that will involve students from grades 5 through 8. The participating schools and their, respective, community partners include Bethune Community School/Phyllis Wheatley Community Center, CityView Performing Arts Magnet/McKinley Neighborhood Association, and Hmong International Academy. The classroom component of this initiative will begin during the first quarter of this year, and will continue through the end of the school year. Planning is also underway to establish, or incorporate, hands-on opportunities for students to work in outdoor gardens at each school during the summer. While CityView has a garden already established, preparations are also underway to begin new gardens at Bethune and Hmong International Academy.

Youth Entrepreneurship
FIPSE/UROC staff continues to work with the Urban 4H program and several community organizations to establish or continue youth entrepreneurship programs. In a recent meeting, community partners expressed interest in obtaining descriptive community demographic data and other resources to augment program evaluation and resource development efforts. FIPSE/UROC staff is working to align existing resources through various university colleges and departments to comply with this request.

UNP Community Affairs Committee Ads in NorthNews
In an effort to increase awareness and attendance at UNP Community Affairs Committee meetings, announcements of the meetings are appearing in the March 4th, and April 1st issues of NorthNews. We ask that you review the ads, and if you have ideas and/or resources to help publicize the UNP Community Affairs Committee Meetings to a wider audience, to share your ideas at: cac@unpmn.org

Northside Seed Grants (NSG) Spring Round of Competition
The deadline for the next round is March 15, 2009. These seed grants support community organizations that operate programs serving residents of the Minneapolis Northside community by providing student research assistants and faculty researchers to carry out neighborhood-initiated and neighborhood-guided projects. The program provides approximately 200 hours of student time to work on a project defined by the community (260 hours during the summer.) Applications are available online at the Center for Urban & Regional Affairs (CURA) website: http://www.cura.umn.edu/NSG.php. For more information, contact Kris Nelson, the University-Northside Partnership Seed Grant coordinator at 612-625-1020 or ksn@umn.edu.
University Northside Partnership Workgroups
The University Northside Partnership Workgroups have accomplished significant objectives during the past few months. The workgroup leadership has been meeting twice monthly for both leadership and participatory action research (PAR) trainings, and they have co-created a Foundations of Participatory Action Research workshop that for community and university members. The first workshop was held in January, and two more will be held during the Spring (March 24, 2009 from 1-4 pm at the University of Minnesota and April 22, 2009 from 6-9 pm at the Urban League). The workshops are offered free of change, but please RSVP to Anna Bates at public@umn.edu to ensure adequate materials.

The UNP Workgroups have made progress working on their projects. The Economic & Community Development workgroup has begun a project around homeownership on the Northside, and they are conducting focus groups with residents to create recommendations to help public and non-profit agencies to develop efficient policies and programs to utilize abandoned housing stock as affordable and stable housing for individuals settling in North Minneapolis. The Education Workgroup is focusing on improving the pipeline to post-secondary education for Northside students, and they plan to identify resources for college preparedness, access, retention, and graduation and then co-create ways to inform and educate about how to guide Northside students toward post-secondary educational options. The Health workgroup is focusing on supporting healthier lifestyles of North Minneapolis residents and reducing health disparities through increased opportunities for physical activity. The group will identify resources in both the community and the university to foster collaborations around this theme. The Arts workgroup is creating an Arts & Culture Database that will facilitate informational exchange and meaningful contact. Both the Economic & Community Development and Arts workgroups have hired research assistants to proceed with their work.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
InsideNorthside.org, a North Minneapolis community site, has started a community events calendar. If you have additions, feel free to email them to Ariah Fine, ariah@ariahfine.com. You can see the calendar, as well as links to others here: http://insidenorthside.org/Community+Calendars

Arts & Entertainment

Patrick Henry to present “West Side Story”
Its first large production in years, Patrick Henry High School will be presenting “West Side Story” Wednesday, February 18 through Friday, February 20, 2009 at 7 pm. Tickets are $5/adults and $3/students.
Take 6 Headlines Free Concert
The University of Minnesota’s Office for Equity and Diversity and the School of Music will host "From Every Voice," an annual concert in honor of the life and work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., on Sunday, February 22, 2009, at 4 pm at Ted Mann Concert Hall. The concert is free and open to the public; no tickets or reservations are required. For more information about the concert, visit http://www.academic.umn.edu/equity/MLK2009.html or call the Office for Equity and Diversity at 612-624-0594.

North Star: Minnesota’s Black Pioneers
Wednesday, February 25 at 8 pm, Twin Cities Public Television (tpt) will air Dan Bergin’s North Star: Minnesota’s Black Pioneers documentary. The special, which features 12 fascinating stories that provide a whole new perspective on the North Star state and its diverse history, was researched by then University of Minnesota graduate student, David V. Taylor, who went on to become the provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs at Morehouse College in Atlanta Georgia. In addition to the series, North Star is also offering lesson plans and activity sheets so teachers can bring this material to the classroom. Visit www.tpt.org/northstar for more information.

Black History Month Event at the Capri
On Friday, February 27 at 7 pm the Capri Theater will be featuring youth dancers and local spoken word artists. Henry Lake of KFAN radio, will serve as the emcee. Performers include Jamecia Bennett and Esera Tuaolo.

Meetings, Workshops & Trainings

CURA Northside Seed Grants (NSG) Workshop
On Monday, February 23 from 4:00 to 8:00pm at the Plymouth Christian Youth Center, 2210 Oliver Avenue North, community members, students and faculty will share what they have learned from participating in Northside Seed Grants and how the research has affected their community. With funds provided by UROC and the U of M office of the Senior Vice-President for System Academic Administration, CURA has facilitated 15 ‘Northside Seed Grant’ community based research projects since 2007. Attend this workshop to hear more about NSG, CURA’s grants and other funding for Community Applied Research. RSVP by February 18, 2009. For more information or to register visit: http://cehd.umn.edu/events/cura/

Making Proud Choices Training
Looking for a great curriculum to use with middle school students? Consider attending the Making Proud Choices! training. The curriculum has four major components focusing on goals and dreams; knowledge about the etiology, transmission and prevention of STDs, HIV and teenage pregnancy; beliefs and attitudes that abstinence is the most effective way to eliminate sexual risks and safer sex and condom use are essential for sexually experienced youth; and skills and self-efficacy for sexual responsibility and accountability. The training will take place at the Minneapolis Urban League on February 28 from 9 am- 3pm and the cost is $25. Contact Makeda Norris at 612-302-3164 for more information and to register. Space is limited.
Block Leader Training
The Minneapolis Police Department is hosting Block Leader Training Monday, **March 16 from 7-9 pm** at Minneapolis Police Department’s 4th precinct. Join other leaders throughout the city to develop skills for effectively working with your neighbors. You MUST RSVP to attend this training! Call 612-673-3364.

Free Participatory Action Research Workshop
The Office for Public Engagement is pleased to sponsor a three-hour introductory workshop designed to engage community members, university faculty, students, and staff in exploring the principles and practice of Participatory Action Research (PAR.) Organized by Professor Darlyne Bailey, Assistant to the President, the workshops will be facilitated by Kelly McNally Koney, an Organization and Community Development Consultant.

Participatory Action Research (PAR) engages community stakeholders and university researchers in collaborative investigations that rely on mutual expertise to derive solutions and actions steps that can effectively address real life, complex issues in the local community. In recent years, community-based participatory action research has gained prominence in multiple disciplines and areas of study.

The workshop will be offered twice during the spring semester at various locations:
- **Tuesday, March 24, 1- 4 pm**, President’s Room (3rd floor), Coffman Union
- **Wednesday, April 22, 6- 9 pm**, Minneapolis Urban League, Laura Scott Williams Room 2100 Plymouth Avenue

There is no cost to attend this workshop; however, in order to make sure we have adequate materials, we are asking individuals to RSVP to Anna Bates at public@umn.edu at least seven days prior to the respective workshop session. Please contact the Office for Public Engagement at 612-624-1562 if you have any questions or need further information.

Save the Date!
MOAPPP’s 18th Annual Conference will be held on **May 7 and 8, 2009** at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center, MN. The Conference features two days of dynamic speakers, challenging workshops and countless opportunities for networking and conversation. Several workshops specific to those working with adolescent parents will be offered. For more information, visit our conference web page. For more resources and information about adolescent parents, go to the Adolescent Parent Program page on the MOAPPP website.

Community Outreach
Free Home-Exterior Updates
A Brush with Kindness serves low-income homeowners who live in targeted Twin Cities neighborhoods and whose homes need exterior restoration. Volunteers from businesses, churches, and service organizations process applications year round. To see if you are eligible, call 612-788-8169.
Free Tax Preparation for Seniors and Low Income Persons
Now through April 18, the AARP Foundation, the IRS and Minnesota Revenue in cooperation with Pillsbury United Communities Oak Park and St. Olaf Centers are offering free tax preparation for seniors and low income persons. Bring a photo ID, Social Security cards, tax documents, and property tax statement, and anything else you think may be important. St. Olaf Center hours: **Monday & Wednesdays, through April 15, 9 am- 12 pm.** Call 612-529-8054 with any questions. Oak Park Center hours: **Saturdays, through April 18, 10 am- 1 pm.** Call 612-377-7000 for an appointment.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Program Director, The Whole Village Project, University of Minnesota
Applications are invited for a Program Director position for the Whole Village Project (WVP) at the University of Minnesota. The position begins March 15, 2009 or as soon as possible thereafter. **The priority application deadline is February 19, but applications may be accepted after that date.** The Program Director is responsible for the day-to-day operations and the ongoing development of the Whole Village Project (WVP) at the University of Minnesota, a new interdisciplinary approach to research and education programs related to public health, economic development, education, natural resource conservation, and food security and nutrition projects in rural Tanzania.

For more information, log onto the University’s Online Employment Page at employment.umn.edu. The requisition number is 159772. If you have questions about the application process, please contact Kathy Yaeger at 612-624-5841 or yaeger@umn.edu.

Research Assistant, Child Trends
Child Trends has a job opening available for a Research Assistant in their Early Childhood Care and Education area in their Minneapolis office (part-time to full-time). Current research projects focus on professional development of the early care and education workforce, evaluations of state quality initiatives, school readiness, transition to kindergarten, and educational outcomes for low-income children and English language learners. For more information or to apply, visit: [http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/events/jobopps/ResearchAssistantMinneapolis2009.pdf](http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/events/jobopps/ResearchAssistantMinneapolis2009.pdf)

Health Educator, Brooklyn Center Specialist- Annex Teen Clinic
For more information or to submit resume and cover letter, contact the human resources department via phone, 612-341-1653, or via email, mcw.jobs@mcwmn.org. Resume and cover letter may also be submitted via US mail to Human Resources, 414 S. 8th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404.

Minnesota Census Support, Census Bureau
The 2010 census will provide a total of 8,000 jobs in Minnesota. We encourage anyone who is a U.S. citizen to contact the Census Bureau for further information. There is additional information on our website ([http://www.mn2010census.org/](http://www.mn2010census.org/)) and on the Census Bureau's 2010 Census site ([http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/index.php](http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/index.php)).
Registered Nurse, Seton Clinic
This is a part-time to full time position of about 30 hours per week with the potential for more hours at other Catholic Charities clinic sites if desired. Primary work location is Seton Clinic, a prenatal clinic for women without health insurance located in the Midway area of St Paul.

Minimum Qualifications:
- RN with current MN license with eligibility for PHN certification
- Experience working with persons from diverse racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds.
- Experience working with people living in poverty.
- Prefer bilingual English speaker in Spanish, Hmong or Amharic.
- Must possess a valid and current driver’s license as well as adequate automobile insurance on personal vehicle.

For more information or to apply, contact Erin Thompson, HR Generalist, Catholic Charities Administration Center, 1276 University Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104. Fax: 612-664-8555 Email: hradmin@ccspm.org. Position open until filled.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Latino Advisory Committee Vacancies
There are currently six (6) vacancies for the Latino Advisory Committee with terms starting 01/01/2009 to 12/31/2010. Meetings are currently taking place on the third Tuesday of every third month at 5 p.m. in Room 333 City Hall. Applications are available from the Office of the City Clerk, 304 City Hall, Minneapolis, MN 55415, 612-673-3358, or at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open/index.asp. Applications must be postmarked or received by Friday, Feb. 27.

Tutors Needed!
La Escuelita is an award-winning after school program that offers academic assistance and leadership opportunities for Latino youth in Minneapolis. Tutors are needed Monday-Thursday 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm. For more information or to sign-up, contact Terrell Webb, twebb@laescuelita.org.