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MACC NEWS

MACC is Moving!

In conjunction with the MSO's move to **Family & Children's Service**, effective *April 6*, MACC is moving its administrative offices. Our new mailing address is:

**414 South Eighth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55404-1081**

Our phone numbers and email addresses remain the same. Please make this change in your records.

Welcome to MACC's newest member, Way To Grow



On February 7, MACC welcomed our first new member in 2006, Minneapolis' **Way To Grow**. First established in 1989 as a means for dramatically improving how the city's most disadvantaged children started kindergarten - ready and able to learn, Way to Grow continues its work towards that goal. The agency's mission is to engage diverse parents and families to nurture and prepare their children for school and life success

through community-driven family support programs and connections to services. Please visit the MACC website members page www.maccalliance.org or go directly to www.mplswayatogrow.org to learn more.

MSO is on the move!

In January, through a Joint Venture Agreement, four MACC members and MACC launched a plan to move to single systems in Finance, HR, Facilities and IT Management. This plan is moving forward and so are the staffs of these partnering agencies. In March and April, the corresponding staff for these departments from **Phyllis Wheatley Community Center**, **Pillsbury United Communities**, and **Plymouth Christian Youth Center** will move to their new location at **Family & Children's Service**' downtown office. Stay tuned.

VALUE TO MEMBERS

MACC members gain a new team of facilitators

During the first quarter of 2006, twelve MACC member agency colleagues completed a Facilitation course provided by MACC, with ICA Instructors, Linda Alton and Jonathan Bucki. Between classes, participants completed assignments using the skills and methods taught during each class session.

For all those MACC member folks who have completed the facilitation course and want to keep those skills and develop them further, we've scheduled a Practice Group kick off session with Linda and Jonathan on April 13. For more information, contact haass@puc-mn.org.

PARTNERSHIPS

Edina Realty - MACC Partnership

Progress continues with the MACC - Edina Realty partnership. Edina Realty has selected five metro area branch offices to partner with five MACC member agency sites. MACC's next step is to arrange tours for these partnering agencies and to work with all partners involved to continue the relationship building process of determining what each partnership will look like.

MEMBER NEWS

- **Arc Greater Twin Cities** will celebrate its 60th birthday at its Annual Meeting on May 18 at Hopkins Center for the Arts. Go to www.arcgreatertwincities.org for more information.

- One of the best parties in town is the Wine Tasting Event, the annual fundraiser for **East Side Neighborhood Services** in Northeast Minneapolis. It runs from 5 to 8 pm on Thursday, May 11, at the Nicollet Island Pavilion. Free parking at De LaSalle High School with shuttle service to the pavilion. A large variety of wines selected by Surdyk's and River Liquor, famous Northeast and Southeast cuisine, micro brews, entertainment and a silent auction creates a fun active event for the more than 500 people who attend. Only \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. Information at 612-781-6011 or www.esns.org.
- Camp Bovey, owned and operated by **East Side Neighborhood Services**, is a resident camp located near Gordon, Wisconsin for boys and girls ages 8-14. New this year is a 1-week horseback riding camp. Camp runs six sessions beginning June 26. Visit www.esns.org for more information and consider promoting our camp to your constituents. Campships are available.



Neighborhood House™

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION!

Join **Neighborhood House** for the grand opening celebration of the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community Building

SATURDAY, April 29, 2006

- 2-3 Volunteer recognition
- 3-4:15 Wellstone building dedication
. Evelyn Rosenberg public art unveiling
- 4:30-7 Donor recognition & named room dedications

SUNDAY, April 30, 2006

- 12:30 All are welcome to gather at Roosevelt Elementary School for a parade to Neighborhood House.
. Dress in the clothing that your immigrant ancestors would have worn upon their arrival in America
- 1-2 Arrival celebration, blessing, ribbon cutting, short program
. Craig David public art unveiling
- 2-6 Free ice cream social
. Cultural performances/food vendors

179 Robie Street East, St. Paul. - 651-789-2500 - www.neighb.org

- Join **Tubman Family Alliance** for its 13th Annual Wing Ding, April 26, 5:30-9:30pm at the Milwaukee Depot, 225 -3rd Avenue South in downtown Minneapolis. Tickets are \$28 in advance and \$35 at the door. Bring in a poem about a chicken and get in for the advanced price! Celebrity waiters from local TV, radio and print media will be serving the fine fare. 612-825-3333 or www.tubmanfamilyalliance.org for more information or ticket purchase.



Kids these days...

It's not often you hear about kids doing good things these days, but that's exactly what you heard at our Neighborhood Champions event to honor more than 100 young people from the Seward and Longfellow neighborhoods. Sponsors were **Family & Children's Service**, Longfellow Community Council, Seward Neighborhood Group, Minneapolis Park and Recreation and Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice.

Neighborhood Champions are ordinary people who do extraordinary things to make their communities a better place to live. Neighbors, teachers and peers nominated candidates to be recognized for their contributions. This is the first time that youth were specifically honored.

Among those recognized was a group of young people who raised more than \$1,200 last summer to help pay for a sculpture in Brackett Park. The youth, ages 8 to 14, put on a "Star Wars" play and held several performances for neighbors, family and friends. They contributed the proceeds to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for the sculpture project. Brackett Park is named for George Brackett, former Minneapolis mayor and founder of Family & Children's Service. (To learn more, visit our website at www.everyfamilymatters.org)

"All of the youth who were honored made a significant difference in the safety and livability of the Seward-Longfellow neighborhoods," said Ilya Yacevich, Community Builder for Family & Children's Service. Last year, Neighborhood Champions recognized more than 500 people from throughout the Twin Cities. For more information on sponsoring a Neighborhood Champions Event, contact Anne Morrow at 612-341-1612 or anne.morrow@fcsmn.org.

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Family & Children's Service Wish List

If you have items to donate, please call our volunteer office at 612-341-1611.

- new or gently used backpacks and new school supplies
- art supplies for therapeutic play
- basic care kits for women, children or infants

Volunteer Opportunities

- Share your knowledge or special skills with our Community Leadership Development Program (CLDP) participants by giving a one-hour presentation to their group. Call our volunteer office at 612-341-1611
- Drivers are needed to help transport children and families to enrichment activities. Call our volunteer office at 612-341-1611

Look for your next MACC Connector in May.

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Family & Children's Service www.fcsmn.org
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Learning Disabilities Association www.ldaminnesota.org
Life's Missing Link www.lifesmissinglink.com
Loring Nicollet-Bethlehem Community Centers www.lnbcc.org
Merrick Community Services www.merrickcs.org
Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center www.miwrc.org
Neighborhood House www.neighb.org
Phyllis Wheatley Community Center www.phylliswheatley.org
Pillsbury United Communities www.puc-mn.org
Plymouth Christian Youth Center www.pcyo-mpls.org
Sabathani Community Center www.sabathani.org
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Way To Grow www.mplswayatogrow.org
West Seventh Community Center www.west7th.org

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