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MACC NEWS

In our last issue of the MACC Connector, we shared a progress report of the MACC Management Services Organization (MSO). News from the MSO this month is that the MSO has a new name: MACC CommonWealth - Administration and Management for Connected Communities.



The MACC CommonWealth's five partners: **Family & Children's Service, Phyllis Wheatley Community Center, Pillsbury United Communities, Plymouth Christian Youth Center** and **MACC** hope soon to be organized as a Limited Liability Company (LLC) and wholly owned by the five partnering 501(c)3 nonprofit agencies. Review the next issue of the MACC Community Connector for further update.

### [MACC Unleashing the Power campaign](#)

MACC has launched a campaign to address the changing face of the nonprofit sector by creating new collaborations, empowering community residents, assisting low-income communities in wealth creation, and preparing nonprofit leaders for the challenges ahead.

Called Unleashing the Power, this \$1,700,000 capacity-building and program development campaign is targeted at these goals:

- Funding a MACC CommonWealth to centralize and increase the performance of Human Resources, purchasing, building management, accounting and technology functions in member agencies.
- Expanding MACC's Civic Engagement activities
- Building a Partners for Home Ownership program to increase home ownership of low income families
- Expanding MACC's Leadership Development activities to help nonprofit CEO's address emerging issues and develop new leaders.

For more information, visit our website at [www.maccalliance.org](http://www.maccalliance.org)

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## VALUE TO MEMBERS



Performing arts troupe Breaking Ice.

### **Hold the date - MACC will host a MACC All Staff Summit - Nov. 3, 2006**

On Nov. 3, 2006, MACC invites all member agencies and partners to join together for Unleashing the Connective Power of Communities MACC All Staff Summit. This all day event will feature the LIVE, BOLD, INNOVATIVE, CULTURALLY DIVERSE, EVOCATIVE performing arts troupe, Breaking Ice. Hosted at the Wellstone Center for Community Building by **Neighborhood House**, this gathering will provide opportunities for members to connect more with MACC and with one another. Please hold the date and stay tuned for further details.

### **MACC Voter Education Kick Off launches new engagement**

In June, staff from several MACC agencies came together to learn more about voter registration & education for non-profits. Susie Brown, from **Family & Children's Service** talked about "Do's and Don'ts" for nonprofit agencies doing voter education efforts and Gene Martinez, Arc Greater Twin Cities, shared information about organizing candidate fairs. All in attendance received Community Power Vote materials to promote their efforts. For more about the Community Power Vote materials or to make a purchase, go to [www.communitypowervote.org](http://www.communitypowervote.org)

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## PARTNERSHIPS

### **MACC joins with Citizens League on an immigration study**

"I want to be a psychologist, a counselor... because, growing up, I experienced family tension due to my parents' culture clashing with mainstream American culture. I want to help other students get through that tension... I'm in the unique position of understanding both sides." Yung, an immigrant and a student at the University of Minnesota, represented just one of the many insights from the MACC and **Citizen's League** discussion on July 26 at **Tubman Family Alliance** in Minneapolis. The event was one of several in a series held by the Citizen's League Immigration and Higher Education Study Committee that facilitates discussion to help illuminate the experiences of immigrant students in Minnesota schools. Find a full report of the meeting at <http://www.citizensleague.net/what/projects/edimm/jul26/>



Immigrant university students field questions from the Citizen's League Immigration and Higher Education Study Committee at a MACC/Citizen's League event at Tubman Family Alliance on July 26

### **Join the UNCA Summit in Washington DC, Sept. 7-9**

Two MACC members will be among the recipients of the Anne E. Casey Foundation Family Strengthening Award at the semi-annual national conference of the **United Neighborhood Centers of America** (UNCA), in which MACC and its members are active participants.

"A New Chapter, A New Beginning" is the theme of the UNCA Policy Summit set for Sept. 6 to 9 at the Washington

Court Hotel in Washington, D.C. The summit brings together community organizations from across the country that will be meeting with their national congressional delegations and focusing discussion on these program tracks: economic opportunity, connecting families, new Americans and civic participation, and community leadership. Discussion on the new affiliation of UNCA with the **Alliance for Children and Families** will be woven throughout programming.

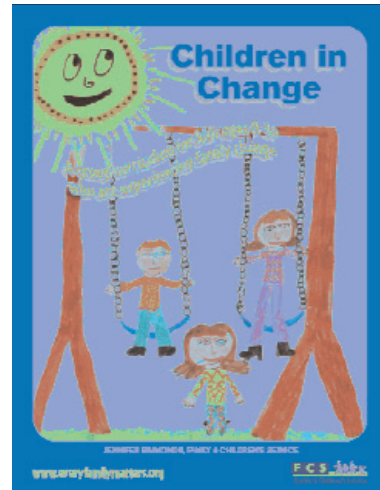
Find full program and registration information at [www.uncasummit.org](http://www.uncasummit.org)

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## MEMBER NEWS

■ **Family & Children's Service** is pleased to announce that the newly published *Children in Change* book is available at no cost to professionals who work with youth ages 8-14. *Children in Change* is designed so that educators, social workers, clergy and other professionals can easily conduct *Children in Change* groups at their school or service site. Family & Children's Service is able to offer this resource at no charge while supplies last through special grant funding from the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. To order a free copy of *Children in Change* and *Seeing Red*, send an email request to: [rebecca.boesen@fcsmn.org](mailto:rebecca.boesen@fcsmn.org) or call her at 612-728-2084.



■ **Arc Greater Twin Cities**, People First chapters and People's Rights of Hastings are hosting six Policy and Candidate Fairs this summer! These events are great opportunities to visit informally with candidates and talk with them about issues that concern you. For more information about these events, visit [www.arcgreatertwincities.org](http://www.arcgreatertwincities.org)



At an Arc Greater Twin Cities policy and candidate fair in July: Self Advocates Judy Merisko, Karen Byland and Sally Fremo enjoying the park; Let's eat!; Arc Senior Public Policy Advocate Gene Martinez mugs for the camera with District 60 Senate Candidate Scott Dibble.

■ Join **Pillsbury United Communities'** 10th Annual Golf Lovers Classic: A Benefit for Kids on August 14 at Edina Country Club. In addition to the rare opportunity to play a round of golf at one of the finest courses in Minnesota, you and your guests will be treated to a gourmet dinner and live entertainment, and you will have the chance to bid on hard-to-find items and experiences in our 3rd Annual Silent Auction. Proceeds from the Golf Lovers Classic benefit the youth development programs of Pillsbury United Communities. These programs give thousands of city kids opportunities to participate in safe after-school activities, make plans to attend college, express themselves in our art and theatre programs, or develop leadership skills. For a registration form and a list of ways to participate, go to [www.puc-mn.org](http://www.puc-mn.org)

■ **Life's Missing Link** celebrates its 15th Anniversary on October 1. Join in the fun, with music and entertainment from “The Girls” at Dakota Jazz Club and Restaurant. For more information go to [www.lifesmissinglink.com](http://www.lifesmissinglink.com) or call 612-871-0748.

■ Save the date! **Neighborhood House** hosts its annual Embrace the Dream Breakfast on Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel in St. Paul. Details to follow at [www.neighb.org](http://www.neighb.org)

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The **MACC Alliance of Connected Communities** is the alliance 21 Twin Cities-based human service organizations. MACC's mission is to assist individuals and families in achieving greater self-sufficiency by strengthening the capacity of community-based organizations.

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**The City, Inc** [www.thecityinc.org](http://www.thecityinc.org)

**Confederation of Somali Community in Minnesota** [www.cscmn.org](http://www.cscmn.org)

**East Side Neighborhood Services** [www.esns.org](http://www.esns.org)

**Family & Children's Service** [www.everyfamilymatters.org](http://www.everyfamilymatters.org)

**Hallie Q. Brown/Martin Luther King Center** phone: 651-224-4601

**Hennepin County Department of Human Services and Public Health** [www.co.hennepin.mn.us](http://www.co.hennepin.mn.us)

**Keystone Community Services** [www.keystoneservices.org](http://www.keystoneservices.org)

**LDA of Minnesota** [www.ldaminnesota.org](http://www.ldaminnesota.org)

**Life's Missing Link** [www.lifesmissinglink.com](http://www.lifesmissinglink.com)

**Loring Nicollet-Bethlehem Community Centers** [www.lnbcc.org](http://www.lnbcc.org)

**Merrick Community Services** [www.merrickcs.org](http://www.merrickcs.org)

**Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center** [www.miwrc.org](http://www.miwrc.org)

**Neighborhood House** [www.neighb.org](http://www.neighb.org)

**Phyllis Wheatley Community Center** [www.phylliswheatley.org](http://www.phylliswheatley.org)

**Pillsbury United Communities** [www.puc-mn.org](http://www.puc-mn.org)

**Plymouth Christian Youth Center** [www.pcy-mpls.org](http://www.pcy-mpls.org)

**Sabathani Community Center** [www.sabathani.org](http://www.sabathani.org)

**Tubman Family Alliance** [www.tubmanfamilyalliance.org](http://www.tubmanfamilyalliance.org)

**Way To Grow** [www.mplswayatogrow.org](http://www.mplswayatogrow.org)

**West Seventh Community Center** [www.west7th.org](http://www.west7th.org)

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