

CLEVELAND HOUSING NETWORK REACHES MULTIPLE MILESTONES IN 2008

Given the many challenges faced by the city we love, it is often a struggle to see our glass as half-full. However, Cleveland's ability to weather this storm is aided considerably by a strong community development infrastructure that includes NPI, CNDC, the City of Cleveland, local foundations, some of the strongest CDC's in the country and the productive capacity of the Cleveland Housing Network. Despite the turndown in local markets, CHN has operated at or above break even for each of the last three years. In order to maximize local response, CHN has adjusted its strategic focus to maintain a dynamic production engine that is a significant part of Cleveland's annual community development output:

ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ASSISTANCE

In its most productive year ever, CHN is completing 6,600 energy conservation jobs in NE Ohio and 13,000 Clevelanders will receive CHN administered utility assistance. In 2008, CHN will reach the milestone of 100,000 households served through these two programs.

YEAR 16 LEASE PURCHASE HOMES

In 2008, 100 lease purchase families will take title to their homes, and CHN will reach the milestone of 400 homes sold to Lease Purchase families.

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR THE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

CHN, in partnership with EDEN and Mental Health Services, will complete its third PSH apartment building later this year (South Pointe Commons on W 25th Street) and start construction of its fourth project (Edgewood Park on E 55th Street).

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The second project (Liberty at St. Clair) was completed and fully leased in the first quarter of 2008.

VACANT HOUSES IN CLEVELAND A NEW STRATEGY FOR SUCCESS

The foreclosure crisis in Cleveland has generated an unprecedented number of vacant houses. Given current market conditions, redeveloping these homes is difficult. Given the magnitude of this crisis, CHN is pursuing three strategies:

- **Foreclosure intervention**—CHN is a leading provider of foreclosure counseling services in Cuyahoga County and will assist 750 homeowners in 2008. Also, CHN continues to provide financial literacy, computer training and job training for 3,000 low income adults at its Community Training Center.
- **Redevelopment**—CHN is tackling 100 homes annually-50 through the Opportunity Housing Initiative (a partnership with NPI and its six Strategic Investment Initiative CDC's), and 50 through CHN's 15-year Lease Purchase program that per OHFA's requirement, will target the same six neighborhoods as the OHFA-funded Opportunity housing Initiative.
- **County Landbank**—CHN is working in partnership with Jim Rokakis to develop a strong asset management function for the County landbank that hopefully will become operational in 2009.

PROPERTY AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

CHN manages 2,500 affordable housing units, including four multi-family buildings (269 units). Vacancy rates are at an all-time low, and vacant units are being repaired by in-house crews as well as a community re-entry program (CATS) that provides jobs to many ex-offenders working to rebuild their lives. For information, please contact the Housing Network at 216-574-7100.



HEROES at Home

Heroes at Home was launched by Rebuilding Together and Sears Holdings in 2007. Heroes at Home strives to improve the lives of all low-income U.S. service members, veterans and military families across America by making necessary repairs, improvements and modifications to their homes.

The donations for Heroes at Home are collected by Sears and K-Mart through in-store fundraising campaigns. To date, these campaigns have generated nearly \$4 million in donations. This funding is distributed by the National Office through an affiliate grant process. As more donations are collected, the number of Heroes at Home projects will increase.

GENERAL CRITERIA FOR ASSISTANCE:

Rebuilding Together serves veterans of past and present service. Veterans must be homeowners and fit within at least one of the following categories to be eligible to receive free home repairs and modifications.

- *Injured veteran/active duty service member returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom with loss of sight, loss of mobility, loss of hearing or suffer from a traumatic brain injury (TBI).*
- *U.S. Veteran who has been honorably discharged.*
- *Active U.S. service member.*
- *Widow or widower of a U.S. service member.*
- *Immediate family member residing with a U.S. service member.*
- *Caretaker of a veteran or active duty service member living with a disabled veteran for an extended period of time.*

For further information, call 800-473-4229.

JOB OPENINGS

SALES AND MARKETING ASSISTANT

LAKE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

- Provide day-to-day operational support for Sales and Marketing Manager.
- Assist with mortgage applications, closings and buyer education and orientation.
- Coordinate marketing events and materials.
- Prepare and staff all open houses.
- Coordinate and manage realtor classes.
- Coordinate home owner education classes.
- Manage advertisements contracts and audits.
- Create, edit and solicit quarterly newsletter and website.
- Represent organization and participate in meetings and special events.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Associates Degree or equivalent.
- Five years experience in real estate, home buyer education and counseling.
- In-depth knowledge on affordable housing and supportive housing programs.
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Office.
- Customer service delivery, strong verbal and interpersonal skills.
- Effective writing and ability to plan and think strategically in a team atmosphere.

This position is full time with benefits.

**Send resumes and cover letter with
salary requirements to:**

**Emily Lipovan
Executive Director
Lake Communities Development Corporation
89 Chester St.
Painesville, OH 44077**

HOMELESS EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANT

MIAMI VALLEY HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

- Staffing the Employment Solutions Work Group to meet twice monthly.
- Researching best practice models for a specialized one-stop employment center.
- Developing a specialized one-stop employment design center for Montgomery County which address outcomes, program design, staffing, budget and location.
- Identifying challenges and developing supports for employing the homeless.
- Developing an electronic assessment tool for referrals and to measure progress in specialized employment programs.
- Researching existing flexible funds available to fund the specialized one-stop center.
- Creating a budget and funding plan for additional funds as needed.
- Creating training models for employment staff of the specialized one-stop center .

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A minimum of five years experience working with public workforce development programs.
- Must have excellent writing, research and communications skills.
- Must be willing to participate in a three-day training in February 2009 at location to be announced.

All proposals should be submitted to:

**Natalie Harris
MVHO
PO Box 28308
Dayton, OH 45428-9000**

All proposals should include: List of consultants to be involved with experience, description of tasks proposed from list above of how each will be accomplished, estimated time table for tasks and description of deliverable implementation.

JOB OPENINGS

INDUSTRIAL OUTREACH MANAGER

CLEVELAND INDUSTRIAL RETENTION INITIATIVE

The Cleveland Industrial Retention Initiative (CIRI) is a program of WIRE-Net for the City of Cleveland. CIRI raises awareness of available resources to stimulate business and neighborhood investment and foster job creation. This position provides outreach to manufacturing and related companies to the City of Cleveland. This position is responsible for identifying, articulating and responding to company issues and concerns in an expedient manner.

PRIMARY DUTIES:

- Schedule and conduct interviews and plant visits to achieve outreach goals.
- Identify company service needs; make appropriate internal and external referrals.
- Help plan, coordinate and implement networking and educational events for companies and partners.
- Prepare timely and regular outreach reports as needed and requested.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Team player, motivated to accomplish outreach goals.
- Strong customer service skills; with a proven ability to be self-directed.
- Work independently, and plan and manage multiple tasks on a timely basis.
- Knowledge of city, local, county, state and federal governments.

EXPERIENCE:

- Experience and knowledge of manufacturing related business and economic development advocacy issues.
- Three years experience in private or non-profit sector sales, marketing, public relations and community or economic development, preferably a combination of these disciplines.

EDUCATION:

- Degree in business or related field is required or equivalent work experience.

CIRI, Continued

This is a part-time position that may become full-time; occasional evening and weekend work is required. This is a position requiring someone who has reliable transportation and a valid driver's license.

**Please forward a cover letter, resume and
Salary requirements to:**

**CIRI job opportunities
WIRE-Net
4855 West 130th St.
Suite #1
Cleveland, OH 44135
jobopportunities@wire-net.org**

ACCOUNTANT/CONTROLLER REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

CLEVELAND HOUSING NETWORK

Responsible for the financial operations of real estate limited partnerships for which owner has fiscal oversight, to include general ledger, internal/external financial reporting, construction contract/development and property management, fiscal management and financial reporting for all partnerships.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's degree in accounting with CPA (Masters preferred).
- 3-5 years supervisory experience.
- 5-7 years experience in real estate development and/or property management accounting or related experience.

Forward resume along with salary requirements to:

**Cleveland Housing Network
HR Department
2999 Payne Ave., Suite #306
Cleveland, OH 44114
Fax: 216-685-1659
E-mail : scurlett@chnnet.com**

JOB OPENINGS

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MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH
FROM 11 A.M. TO 11 P.M.
AND 20% OF YOUR SALES WILL BENEFIT
NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILY PRACTICE**



**Johnny Mango World Café
and Bar
3120 Bridge Ave.
Ohio City
216-575-1919**

**CREW CLEVELAND
CONFERENCE
AUGUST 18, 2008
7:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**

THE RITZ-CARLTON CLEVELAND

CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women, Inc. of Cleveland) presents a dynamic, cutting edge conference on public-private efforts for Economic Development Regionalism and Internalization. Keynote speaker is Lt. Governor Lee Fisher. The agenda includes a panel of mayors from Northeast Ohio including Mayor Frank Jackson, City of Cleveland, and the mayors of Akron, Bay Village and Hudson. Also in attendance will be a panel of economic development leaders including Joe Roman, president of the Greater Cleveland Partnership and Ray Leach, president of JumpStart. Updates on the convention center, medical mart and other initiatives will be presented by Cuyahoga County Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones and the Cleveland-Cuyahoga Port Authority will provide an update on economic development efforts to create a world class Port and International Trade District. The cost is \$95/full program or \$50/lunch only. To exhibit, sponsor, register or to obtain more information please call Radhika Reddy, CREW Board Member at 216-344-9441 or by e-mail @www.registrationfactory.com/v3/?eventuid=ac198738.

TENANT LIAISON/ PROPERTY MANAGER

EDEN, INC.

EDEN, Inc., a non-profit housing agency is seeking a highly motivated, detail-oriented individual to work in scattered site properties serving special needs tenants. Experience in social services and housing preferred. Bachelor's degree in related field required. Good salary and benefits.

HOUSING ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST

EDEN, INC.

EDEN, Inc., seeks motivated, organized person with strong customer service skills to certify applicants and help maintain eligibility. This person will coordinate program services for a high volume subsidized housing program. Good communication, writing and PC skills a must. Bachelor's degree required in related field. Experience with special needs population a plus. Good salary and benefits.

For either position, send resume and salary requirements to:

**HR Manager
7812 Madison Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44102**

**SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH
CLEVELAND TENANTS ORGANIZATON
CRUISE FOR A CAUSE
ABOARD THE NAUTICA QUEEN
FOR MORE INFO 216-432-0617**

SBA'S PATRIOT EXPRESS LOAN DELIVERS TO VETS AND THE MILITARY COMMUNITY

In just under a year's time, the U.S. Small Business Administration's Patriot Express Pilot Loan Initiative approved more than \$150 million in loan guarantees to nearly 1,500 veterans and their spouses who are using the SBA-guaranteed funds to establish and expand their small businesses.

Patriot Express, launched last June 28, builds on the more than \$1 billion in loans SBA guarantees annually for veteran-owned businesses, and the counseling assistance and procurement support it provides each year to more than 100,000 veterans, service-disabled veterans and Reserve members.

Patriot Express is a streamlined loan product based on the agency's highly successful SBA Express Program, but with enhanced guaranty and interest rate characteristics. The Patriot Express loan is offered by SBA's network of participating lenders nationwide and features SBA's fastest turnaround time for loan approvals. Loans are available for up to \$500,000 and qualify for SBA's maximum guaranty of up to 85% for loans of \$150,000 or less and up to 75% for loans over \$150,000 up to \$500,000. For loans above \$350,000, lenders are required to take all available collateral.

The Patriot Express loan can be used for most business purposes, including start-up, expansion, equipment purposes, working capital, inventory or business-occupied real-estate purchases. Patriot Express loans feature SBA's lowest interest rates for business loans, generally 2.35% to 4.75% over prime depending upon the size and maturity of the loan. Local SBA district offices will have a listing of Patriot Express lenders in their area. Details on the initiative can be found at www.sba.gov/patriotexpress.

Patriot Express is available to military community members including veterans, service-disabled veterans, active-duty service members participating in the military's Transition Assistance Program, Reservists and National Guard members and current spouses of any of the above.

The local SBA office is located in downtown Cleveland at 1350 Euclid Ave. and can be reached at 216-522-4180.

Member News

7TH ANNUAL STOCKYARD STAMPEDE

Join us for a MOOvelous time on **Saturday, August 9th** for the 7th Annual Stockyard Stampede, SRO's 5K run and 1M walk in the Stockyard neighborhood. Race day registration/packet pickup begins at 7:30 a.m. at St. Boniface (3545 Wet 54th St.) Cost of the event for pre-registration is \$15; \$20 day of event. Special features of the event include: very unique Cow Bell awards, t-shirts for all paid runners/walkers, water stops, timers, refreshments and a raffle with many great prize packages. Registration form are available at the SRO office, community meetings in the neighborhood and online at www.hmepromotions.net. Please send all checks and money orders to Stockyard Redevelopment Organization, 6605 Clark Ave. Suite 101, Cleveland, 44102. Call 216-961-7687 for questions or more information.



**SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
6-10 P.M.**

**YEAR OF THE RAT AUCTION
SPONSORED BY THE ST. CLAIR
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CORPORATION**



For further information, please contact Rebecca Britton at 216-881-0644 or email at rbritton@stclairsuperior.org.

All Weekends—Arts in August Performance Series—Located in Lincoln Park in the Tremont neighborhood. August 15 and 16—GroundWorks Dance Theatre—August 22 & 23—Verb Ballets. All performances are **FREE**. For performance times please visit www.tremontwestdevelopment.com or call 216-575-0920.

Thursday August, 7 and Tuesday, August 19—Microloan Packaging Workshop—A **FREE** 1-1/2 hour workshop presented in conjunction with the SBA. Come and learn how to prepare and submit a loan application and see how the review process works for the WECO Microenterprise Center. Loans are available for \$500 to \$35,000 for small businesses unable to secure traditional funding. All workshops are from 5:30 –7 p.m. For locations, contact the WECO Fund at 216-458-0250 or go to www.wecofund.com.

Saturday, August 9— Domino Tournament—Presented by the Clark Metro Development Corporation, this fun event will be held at 3131 West 33rd St. Registration begins at noon and cost is \$20/couple; seniors 65 and over pay \$10/ couple. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for the winning couples. Corporate table sponsorship available. All proceeds benefit the Clark-Metro Service area. For further information contact Maria at 216-741-9500.

Saturday, August 9—Inaugural Glenville Heritage 5K Health and Wellness Walk/Run—Registration begins at 8 a.m., 1M walk begins at 9 a.m., 5K run begins at 9:15 a.m. Pre-registration is \$15 or \$10 if Ward 8 resident. Late registration is \$25 per participant. The course starts at Sam Miller Park (East Blvd and East 88th St.) through historic Rockefeller Park and back. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. There will also be awards for those 50 and over. Each race participant will receive a door prize, snack and a goodie bag. For further information contact Carla at 216-791-6476, ext. 221. You may register online at www.hmproductions.net.

Saturday, August 16—Union Miles 4th Annual Community Expo—A **FREE** family event to be held at the John Adams High School Field from 1-7 p.m. Parade, kids world, games and prizes, teen activities, food, entertainment, senior world and MORE! For vendor information, volunteer and sponsorship opportunities please call 216-341-0757 or visit www.unionmiles.org.

Friday, August 22—Midtown Cleveland 2008 Security Fair—Picnic lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hosted by Applied Industrial Technologies, East 36th and Euclid Avenue. Presented by the City of Cleveland, 3rd District Police, Midtown Cleveland Security and Code Enforcement Committee. For more information please call 216-391-5080.

Saturday, August 23—St. Clair Superior Neighborhood Festival—At the Goodrich-Gannett Neighborhood Center from noon-6 p.m. Enjoy multi-cultural foods, local entertainment and fun activities for the whole family, plus more bouncies than ever before. Kids: bring empty cans, glass or plastic bottles to receive **free** tickets. 5 recyclables = 1 free ticket. For more information, contact Michelle at 216-881-0644.

Saturday, August 23—31st Annual Slavic Village Festival—from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the corner of East 65th and Fleet. Games, entertainment and the beer garden will be open from noon till 9 p.m. There will also be kielbasa and pierogi eating contests and a kielbasa cook-off. For vendor opportunities, please contact Keith Johnson at the Slavic Village Development Corporation at 216-429-1182, est. 116.

CNDC Calendar

COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS Edgewater Park	8/8	2 P.M.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LUNCHEON WITH TRACEY NICHOLS	8/19	NOON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	8/26	8:30 A.M.
VACANT PROPERTIES FORUM II Columbus Convention Center Columbus, OH	8/28	8 A.M.

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the offices of CNDC, 3751 Prospect Ave.

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The Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition serves as the collective voice of community development corporations in the city of Cleveland. Its mission is to assist members by proactively engaging in advocacy and public policy that benefits Cleveland's community and economic development industry, providing strategic opportunities for broad and meaningful peer interaction and developing customized training programs with exposure to the best practices in the field.

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We reserve the right to edit for space and clarity.
Please submit all articles to lynn@cndc2.org