Community Connections Breakfast 2014 – Community Partner Contacts

Boys & Girls Club of Woburn
Our mission is to inspire youth to find their greatness.

Needs: The Boys & Girls Club of Woburn provides a wide range of partnerships and educational opportunities. We are seeking partners in early education, non-profit management, business, accounting, fundraising, data analysis, marketing, promotion and media. We are looking for volunteers, unpaid internships, and the possibility of summer paid internships.

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Bridgewell
Inspired by the values of caring and respect, together we guide individuals with disabilities and other challenges to achieve and enjoy their highest quality of life and personal growth.

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Budget Buddies
Budget Buddies builds the financial literacy, confidence, and security of low-income women in the Merrimack Valley through a unique program that combines one-to-one coaching and instructional workshops over four to six months. We seek to help women in transition develop the skills, habits, and self-esteem to handle a variety of financial challenges so that they can move ahead in other parts of their lives – such as improving their education, attaining better jobs, or purchasing a home.

Needs: We could use help with community outreach -- including social media, public relations, Web site updates, newsletter articles, and an informational video. We also need help with grants research and entering and analyzing data from surveys of client performance

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City of Lowell
Contact: Lisa DeMeo, City Engineer
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Cultural Organization of Lowell/Cultural Affairs and Special Events, City of Lowell
The mission of COOL is to foster engagement in arts and culture and increase the visibility and vitality of Lowell’s creative community. The mission of CASE is to help create a high quality cultural environment
that offers appealing experiences to the city’s diverse population, stimulates economic development in
the City and encourage people to participate in the culture of the community.

Needs: We are looking for partners who are interested in increasing access to arts and culture, who
want to help keep our City's special events fresh and engaging, who believe in the transformative power
of art and who want to make Lowell a world renown hothouse for creativity.

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Gateways Community Services

Gateways Community Services is a private non-profit corporation created in 1981 to establish and
maintain programs and services which promote growth and independence for individuals with
developmental disabilities. Gateways delivers services for nearly 2,900 individuals with disabilities,
families coping with autism, and seniors in need of care. We bring high quality services to residents in
Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Wilton, and
Nashua. Mission - Gateways Community Services believes that all people are of great value and strives
to be innovative when providing quality supports needed for individuals to lead meaningful lives in their
community.

Needs: Internship programs, community development projects.

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Girl Scouts of Eastern MA

Girl Scouts of Eastern MA is the premier girl leadership program serving girls in grades K through 12 in
local communities, giving them the opportunity to develop life skills, healthy relationships and make a
difference in their community.

Needs: Seeking volunteers for one-time opportunities, 8 -week programs, ongoing volunteerism,
internships, and service learning that are interested in assisting in developing girls’ leadership skills in
the following areas: community service, self esteem and confidence building, health and fitness, sports,
STEM, environmental sustainability ,finance and business and arts and culture.

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Greater Lowell Community Foundation

Our Mission - The Greater Lowell Community Foundation fosters community growth and development
through funding, leadership, and collaboration to transform the lives of the individuals and
organizations we serve. We fulfill this mission in three principal ways:
• Making grants to nonprofit organizations, awarding high school student scholarships and designing
special funding initiatives to address the community’s critical challenges.
• Working in partnership with our donors and other funders to achieve high-impact philanthropy.
• Serving as a convener and center of information where ideas are shared, so that we can leverage common agendas and resources for the future.

Through the Foundation, the private citizens, families, corporations and nonprofit organizations of Greater Lowell create permanent charitable funds that help our region meet the challenges of changing times. The generosity of these donors has enabled the Foundation to award more than $7.5 million in grants to nonprofit organizations and scholarships to worthy students since 1998.

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Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that works to strengthen families and communities by building and renovating simple, decent, safe, energy efficient, and affordable homes. Habitat works in partnership with corporations, like-minded community groups, faith-based organizations, and individual volunteers to strengthen families and communities through sustainable affordable homeownership without regard to age, race, ethnicity or faith, targeting individuals earning 25-60% of Average Median Income.

Needs: Habitat for Humanity offers many Inter-Disciplinary partnership opportunities, including but not limited to, driving outreach to underserved populations like the disabled, the elderly and minorities, marketing, grant writing, and even building science. Habitat offers Service Learning opportunities via Team Building Days at our build sites in the Acre and at our ReStore. UMass Lowell students and faculty may even be inspired to sponsor an affordable home. Join the effort to eliminate poverty housing at www.lowellhabitat.org

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Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell - ReStore
Working in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell, the ReStore is a non-profit retail outlet, open to the public, specializing in the resale of quality new and previously owned Building Materials, Appliances, Home Goods, Furniture and more at 50-70% off retail prices.

Our Goals are to:
• Generate cash flow to support the Habitat’s home building program in Greater Lowell
• Provide the community with a source for affordable home improvement materials
• Be Green! ...we keep usable building materials out of local area landfills
• Provide an excellent opportunity for individuals & groups to volunteer!


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Lawrence Family Development Charter School

Lawrence Family Development Charter School has Performance Criteria incorporated into the School Charter. Of these criteria, one is focused on community organizations. It states “Education is not the sole responsibility of schools and is enhanced and enriched in partnerships with quality community organizations and resources.” In particular science partnerships play a key role in fulfilling this at LFDCS.

Needs: Lawrence family Development Charter School would be interested in continuing to develop the partnership. This would continue to tap into the school of engineering for supporting STEM education at LFDCS and finding ways to find funding for the future LFDCS STEM Center.

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Lowell Association for the Blind

LAB’s mission is to support, educate, and nurture the blind and visually impaired residents of the Greater Merrimack Valley by helping them enrich their lives and gain independence.

Its further mission is to stimulate the interest of the general public in the problems and issues facing the blind and visually impaired and to educate them to understand that the blind and visually impaired are productive members of society, seeking fulfillment of their human potential.

Needs: Lowell Association for the Blind has worked with UML students in a variety of courses and majors such as business, marketing, English or Psychology. LAB is open to any partnerships that will help us fulfill our mission.

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Lowell Humane Society

Mission: The purpose of the Lowell Humane Society shall be to provide shelter, prevent cruelty to animals, and advocate for their welfare. Through humane education, the Society strives to enlighten the public with the goal of improving the quality of life for animals and people.

Needs: Seeking:Partnerships to promote adoptable animals and recruiting volunteers to help with general animal care, walking dogs, at fundraising events and taking photographs of animals/posting on our website.

Contact: Crystal Arnott, Shelter Manager and Outreach Coordinator
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Lowell Middlesex Academy Charter School

The mission of the Lowell Middlesex Academy Charter School is to enable all students to achieve academic, social and career success. This supportive school community identifies, encourages, and develops interests and abilities while acknowledging and respecting each student’s personal and cultural identity.
Needs: We are in the infancy stages of developing a tutoring program for our students. We are interested in cultivating a partnership with the university that would enable our tutoring program to grow. We are interested in responsible men and women who are willing to work with an at-risk population. These men and women would not only help our students academically, but could also serve as role models for our students. These students could be a stable force in our students’ lives.

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Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust
Mission: to improve the quality of life for the people of Lowell through the creation, conservation, and preservation of parks, open space, and special places.
www.LowellLandTrust.org

Needs: Interested in partnerships to enhance engagement between UML and LP&CT, including research, stewardship of protected areas in the city, water quality, environmental education (all ages), and internships with students.

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Lowell Public Schools
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Lowell Telecommunications Corporation
LTC (Lowell Telecommunications Corporation) is Lowell’s public access TV & media center and fosters open access to information and communication technologies for the distribution of ideas, community development, and personal empowerment.

Needs: We currently have a partnership with UMass Lowell.

Contact: Gloria Polites, Member Services Manager/Intern Coordinator
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Merrimack Valley Food Bank
Our mission is to help meet a persons most profound need for adequate nutrition and freedom from hunger.

Needs: Seeking partnerships with a creative individual, marketing, writing, organizing, event background. Someone who is passionate about fighting hunger and understands or would like to learn more about our mission.

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Merrimack Valley Food Bank - Mobile Pantry
A program of the Merrimack Valley Food Bank, the Mobile Pantry is a grocery delivery program providing nutritious food and health information at no cost to homebound elderly and persons with disabilities.

Needs: An ideal partnership would be someone in a nutrition/health related field.

Contact: Suellen O'Neill, Director or Eileen Kronauer
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Merrimack Valley Venture Forum
Contact: Susanne Ferrara, Executive Director
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Minute Man Arc
Minute Man Arc is committed to enhancing the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities of all ages by: enhancing inclusion in the community; maximizing personal choice and decision making; supporting people to achieve full potential in all areas of life.

Needs: Minute Man Arc is interested in partnerships which provide opportunities for the persons we serve to learn and grow, thereby improving their lives and their communities.

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Pawtucket Congregational Church
Our mission is to share God's love in the community. We seek to actively build community partnerships and strive to make a difference in the world through service, support and education.
We are an open and affirming congregation and our building is barrier free.

Needs: Pawtucket Church is located on Mammoth Rd, centrally located to UML campuses. We currently provide space to several UML organizations and are interested in increasing our partnerships with organizations who need meeting space, retreat space and community service opportunities.
We serve the community in practical and tangible ways, including our Saturday Thrift Shop (Kay's Place Thrift Shop) at the church, and, partnering with other local organizations, are intending to start offering a free lunch on Saturdays for those in need of both food and company.
We will also be starting a small Community Garden at the church in 2014, working with Mill City Grows, but looking for other partners, especially gardeners.

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Seabrook Adventure Zone
The Seabrook Adventure Zone (SAZ) is a partnership between Seacoast Youth Services and the Seabrook Middle School that provides a 21st Century Community Learning Center comprehensive after-school and summer programming that focus on improving academic achievement and develop pro-social skills through a variety of activities that foster literacy, service learning, and positive youth development through experiential learning.

Needs: SAZ has a strong partnership with several departments at other Universities in Massachusetts and New Hampshire and offer supervised internships to students at the Seabrook Adventure Zone. We would love to expand and create a partnership with departments at UMASS Lowell, especially for your commuting students.

Contact: Forrest Carter, Program Director
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The Paul Center for Learning and Recreation, Inc.
The Paul Center is a non profit agency dedicated to providing educational, social and recreational programs for children and young adults with moderate to severe developmental disabilities.

Needs: Agencies that would also resemble our mission to enhance the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and support their families.

Contact: Paula Bye, Executive Director
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The Wish Project
The mission of The Wish Project is to provide people in need in the Merrimack Valley with basic furniture, home and baby goods primarily through reuse and recycling. By providing basic goods to people in crisis, we help end needless suffering in the short term while helping to end homelessness in the long term. We have two areas of activity, wishes and projects. Wishes are placed for basic needed goods by social worker using our online Wish Placement system. That way all clients are qualified as needy and we are getting a good list of what is needed versus what is wanted. Projects include the many seasonal collection projects for new and specific goods that most people need each year. These include items such as: blankets, backpacks and Christmas gifts. In general these are given out in lots to agencies that partner with us. Volunteers are the backbone of our workforce and are very welcome all year long.

Needs: Seeking: volunteers at the warehouse, partnership for fundraiser: Sleep-A-Thon (big gym), printing help, graphic design, labor from sports teams, just to name a few....

Contact: Donna Hunnewell, Executive Director, Founder or Patty Murphy, Volunteer Manager
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Toxics Use Reduction Institute

Needs: Contact: Felice Kincannon, felicek@turi.org Phone: 978-934-3346

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Tsongas Industrial History Center

The Tsongas Industrial History center is an educational partnership of the UMass Lowell Graduate School of Education and the Lowell National Historical Park. Our mission is to inspire connections with and understandings about America's industrial past, present, and future through experiential learning using Lowell’s unique resources. The Center facilitates hands-on learning through unique field-trip programs that utilize the authentic resources of Lowell National Historical Park. Our interdisciplinary approach brings industrial history and related science and engineering content to life for nearly 60,000 students and educators annually.

Needs: Needs: TIHC seeks to link UML faculty and students with the resources of Lowell National Historical Park in ways that serve mutual learning and research needs in such areas as engineering, science, technology, history education, cultural studies, and more.

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uAspire

uAspire works to ensure that all young people have the financial information and resources necessary to find an affordable path to – and through – a postsecondary education. uAspire partners with high schools, community organizations, and colleges to provide college affordability advice to more than 10,000 young people and their families every year. Through our work, college-ready students have the support and knowledge they need to overcome financial barriers and succeed in college.

Needs: We are interested in partnerships with other community organizations that service high school students. While also interested to partner with High Schools and colleges in the area to increase our network.

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**United Teen Equality Center**

UTEC (the United Teen Equality Center) helps proven-risk youth steer away from crime and poverty towards education, employment and civic engagement.

Needs: UTEC is looking for opportunities to expand its social enterprises in the greater Lowell area: Office catering, Mattress recycling, Furniture design, Hosting events at the UTEC building on Hurd St.

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**YouthBuild Lowell**

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**Zeitgeist Art Gallery**

Our mission is to provide, preserve, and promote artistic, musical, and dance traditions from around the world. We also provide nonprofit education and promotion of the arts in general.

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