Community Connections Breakfast 2015 – Community Partner Contacts

Acre Family Child Care
Acre Family Child Care's mission is to provide a pathway for women to achieve economic independence by operating high quality child care businesses in their homes. Our vision includes ensuring that the children of Greater Lowell have access to a high-quality early education experience, regardless of their parents level of income.

Needs: AFCC is interested in partnering with experienced and/or driven volunteers to help increase the capacity of our Child Care Department in the area of Parent Engagement. We are also interested in partnering with experienced and/or driven volunteers to help bolster our Marketing and Communications department.

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Circle Home, Inc.
Enabling people of all ages, who are experiencing a health challenge, to live safely and comfortably in their own homes is the mission of Circle Home, Inc. We provide expert and compassionate home health care, hospice care, and community wellness activities.

Needs: Seeking partnerships to advance community health, and to support special projects in communications, media production (graphic arts, photography, video), advocacy, public speaking/teaching, market research/focus groups, public relations/journalism.

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Clarendon Early Education Services, Inc.
Clarendon's mission is to provide quality, culturally sensitive and affordable child care services while promoting small business opportunities for women and men in the Mass. Family Child Care industry. Clarendon provides a year-round, full-day educational child development program for children aged birth to 13 years with services offered in Spanish, Khmer, Portuguese, Vietnamese and English. We help income-eligible parents to access financial assistance by facilitating child care funded by the Department of Early Education and Care. We ensure quality Early Childhood Education by supporting our Educators with educational, nutritional, professional, administrative and technical resources.

Needs: Early Intervention and school readiness; Birth -Grade Three alignment; STEM; Professional Development opportunities; Grant proposals; Information Technology - Web Building; Marketing

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Coalition for a Better Acre
The Coalition for a Better Acre is a membership based community development corporation dedicated to resident empowerment and sustainable community revitalization for current and future residents of Lowell and the Merrimack Valley. We promote healthy, vibrant neighborhoods by developing resident leaders, affordable housing and economic opportunities, and by responding to community needs through collective action.

Needs: Community programming for youth and adults
Cultural Organization of Lowell (COOL)/City of Lowell Cultural Affairs and Special Events Office

Our mission is to foster engagement in arts and culture and increase the visibility and vitality of Lowell's creative community. To help create a high quality cultural environment that offers appealing experiences to the city's diverse population, stimulate economic development in the City and encourage people to participate in the culture of the community.

Needs: internships, grant partnerships

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D'Youville Life & Wellness Community

The mission of D'Youville Life & Wellness Community is "to further the healing ministry of Jesus Christ by extending professional compassionate care to seniors in need." Although founded by the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa - the Grey Nuns - in 1960, D'Youville welcomes people of all faiths, backgrounds and financial status, providing long-term nursing care, including for Alzheimer's and other memory loss, short-term post-op rehab, Adult Day Healthcare, and professional healthcare training and education for the general public.

Needs: Educational partnerships in the fields or nursing, gerontology, physical therapy and other in-patient rehabilitation; possibly research collaborations in the fields of elder care, Alzheimer's and memory loss and otherwise advancing knowledge about the aging process and prolonging vitality in older persons.

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Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc. (ESMV)

ESMV's mission is to ensure that choices of programs and services are available and accessible to meet the diverse needs and changing lifestyles of older adults. We believe home based care, community services and supportive living programs maintain the dignity of human life by promoting self determination and by encouraging the maximum independence of the people they are designed to serve. ESMV is fortunate to have both federal and state designations related to aging services and programs. This allows our mission to be broad and services and programs to be comprehensive.

Needs: Seeking partnerships that will allow us to better serve consumers throughout the Merrimack Valley. Areas of focus include: healthcare, housing, and food/nutrition.

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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 the Greater Nashua area. 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: We have a wealth of internship and co-op opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students. Our programs are appropriate for students in social work/human service related programs; Applied Behavior Analysis programs; business, human resources, and accounting programs.

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**Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts**

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. We do this by providing girls with the opportunity to discover their world, connect with others, and take action to make a difference in their communities. Our age-appropriate programs, delivered with energy and expertise by deeply committed volunteers and staff, allow girls to explore their interests and unlock their potential.

Needs: Partnerships related to our mission, and/or willing to connect directly with girls in the community, and/or provide administrative or communications support. Both paid and unpaid opportunities available for adults with any level of experience.

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**Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell**

Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell inspires all girls to be strong, smart and bold. Through creative programs in a safe and nurturing environment, we strive to teach the independence and personal responsibility girls need to succeed. We provide quality enrichment programs after school, during summer and holiday breaks, for girls between the ages of 5 and 18.

Needs: We would love to partner with departments in Gender Studies, Sociology, Psychology, Social Work, Education, Engineering and all of the sciences.

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**Greater Lowell Community Foundation**

The mission of the GLCF is to foster 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 the following ways: Grant giving: nonprofit organizations, high school scholarships, and special funding initiatives; 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, to leverage common agendas and resources in the future. The generosity of our donors has enabled the GLCF to award more than $7.5 million to the Greater Lowell Community since 1999.

Needs: The GLCF is looking to engage nonprofits, the creative community, educational institutions, civic agencies, and private sector businesses in philanthropy.

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**Greater Lowell Fire Education Program**
G.L.F.E.P. works with juvenile's at risk of being involved with fire curiosity or play. We work with other professionals to provide the service or education to best meet the clients’ needs.

Needs: Seeking partnerships with other professional services and agencies working with juvenile's who are involved with fire involvement.

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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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Jericho Road Lowell
Jericho Road Lowell brokers the skills of volunteer professionals to meet the strategic and operational needs of nonprofit organizations in Lowell. By doing so, Jericho Road helps Lowell nonprofits build their capacity to better serve their constituents and improve the quality of life in their community, while educating volunteers about the needs of others.

Needs: Partnerships related to our nonprofit capacity-building work, including marketing, social media, program evaluation, data input, other program and administrative tasks

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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.

Contact: Elizabeth Cannon, Executive Director
Lowell Community Charter Public School
Lowell Community Charter Public School serves grades K1 - 8. Our mission is to graduate creative, confident and independent thinkers, global citizens and leaders who give back to their community. We expect our students to strive for excellence in academic achievement and personal conduct within a joyful, supportive culture. The diversity of our students, staff, families and community and the many nations from which we come is a source of strength and an opportunity for learning.

Needs: We are seeking partners and volunteers for student advising or mentoring, reading in the classroom, science programs, interns for administrative work, fundraising and afterschool programs for students. We would also love to partner around programs for parents and staff.

Contact: Kathy Egmont, Head of School
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Lowell House INC., Addiction Treatment & Services
Lowell House Inc. Offers comprehensive and compassionate addiction-related services that aim to strengthen our community by rebuilding lives.

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Lowell Humane Society
The Lowell Humane Society's mission is to provide shelter, prevent cruelty to animals, and advocate for their welfare. Through humane education, we strive to enlighten the public with the goal of improving quality of life for animals and people.

Needs: Seeking volunteers to help with our mission and anyone with graphic design experience to assist with events.

Contact: Taylor Pestell, Volunteer Coordinator; Animal Caregiver & Adoption Counselor
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Lowell Middlesex Academy Charter School (LMACS)
The mission of Lowell Middlesex Academy Charter School is to enable its students to achieve academic, social, and career success. The supportive school community identifies, encourages, and develops interests and abilities, while acknowledging and respecting each student's personal and cultural identity.

Needs: LMACS is interested in developing partnerships that will enable and support our students to receive a high school diploma and become productive citizens. Partnerships to increase enrollment and retention, as well as internship and job opportunities are of prime importance. Additionally, health and mental health resources are also important in supporting student needs.

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Lowell Transitional Living Center
The Lowell Transitional Living Center provides the most vulnerable adults in our community with food, shelter, stability and dignity. We provide programs and services that meet immediate needs for emergency shelter and food, along with case management and other stabilization services that enable those we serve to make the transition from a shelter bed to a permanent place to call home.

Needs: We are interested in partnerships with organizations looking for volunteer opportunities, and community building relationship with organization in and around Lowell.

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Merrimack Valley Food Bank
The Merrimack Valley Food Bank’s mission is to help meet a person's most profound need for adequate nutrition and freedom from hunger. Only through cooperative efforts can society initiate change, develop strategies to alleviate hunger and work toward improving the quality of life for all people.

Needs: We love working with UMass Lowell; staff and students throughout the year! We host volunteers at our warehouse on a daily basis and welcome UMass Lowell students and staff to join us. Other ways you can help us is to host food & fund drives on our behalf. We also have opportunities to work with students participating in your service learning program.

Contact: Debbie Callery, Community Relations Coordinator
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Mesoamerican Development Institute
Research and development of industrial processes on a multidisciplinary environment. The coffee supply chain worldwide is used to bring many sustainable principles into practice and as an experiential learning process.

Needs: Companies that could use coffee under the brand Café Solar© as an engine for fundraising and education

Contact: Raul Raudales, Director, Research & Planning
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Pawtucket Congregational Church, UCC
Our mission is to share God's love in the community as we follow Jesus Christ's teaching and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We are an Open and Affirming (LGBTQ welcoming) congregation and strive to make a difference in the world through service, support and education.

Needs: We run Kay's Place Thrift Shop and free Saturday lunch and a Community Garden. Also looking for help making our church facility available to groups in the community, or anyone who could help make our church more "green". Seeking partnership with those who want to serve others.

Needs: Anything connected with communication, publicity, music, marketing, food insecurity and/or nutrition and growing food.

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**Tsengas Industrial History Center**

The Tsongas Industrial History Center is an education partnership between the University of Massachusetts Lowell Graduate School of Education and the National Park Service at Lowell National Historical Park. The mission of the Tsongas Industrial History Center is to inspire connections with and understandings about America's industrial past, present, and future through experiential learning using Lowell's unique resources.

Needs: TIHC seeks to link UMass Lowell 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, environmental studies, and more.

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