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20th Anniversary Celebration

Neighborhoods Rising

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Virginia LISC's
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Proud of Our Past, Inspired by Our Future

On Thursday, November 4, 2010, the Virginia office of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) celebrated two decades of service to the community.



Jim Ukrop celebrates 17 years of service to Virginia LISC

The 20th Anniversary event, held at Richmond Center Stage, was attended by more than 300 people and celebrated the partnerships with community organizations, businesses, foundations and community leaders that have occurred over the last 20 years.

Neighborhood Rising neighborhoods of Battersea and Fulton were highlighted with video presentations of the planning efforts underway and resident leaders provided insight on the community engagement taking place in their neighborhoods. Youth in the *Neighborhood Rising* areas participated in a [photo contest](#) using their lenses to show their view of their community. Winners of the contest were awarded prizes at the event.

The evening's program concluded by honoring Jim Ukrop for his 17 years of service to LISC. As a surprise, LISC announced leadership scholarships had been created in Jim's name to support two participants each year for the next 10 years. The scholarships with Leadership Metro Richmond and the VCU's Emerging Nonprofit Leaders programs are being provided in partnership with the Virginia Housing Development Authority.

[Photos from the Event](#)

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Battersea Design Studio



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UPDATE

Battersea Rising

Battersea's Quality of Life plan is almost complete. Battersea's key goals going forward include: creating a strong neighborhood association; creating a neighborhood watch; wiring the neighborhood so that there is greater access to information and jobs; access to the river and access to healthy food through community garden projects.

Greater Fulton's Future

Fulton's Quality of Life Plan is in draft. Goals of the plan include rerouting traffic to create a pedestrian friendly environment; exploring a charter school in the neighborhood; creating a housing strategy to acquire, revitalize and sell dilapidated housing; revitalization of the commercial district; identifying ways to honor Fulton's rich history; and enhancing the uses of Gillies Creek park. In addition, the City of Richmond's Parks and Recreation Department and EnRichmond Foundation has submitted an application for a LISC/NFL grant to develop a football field at Gillies Creek park.



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