



News from Virginia LISC

Helping Neighbors Build Strong Communities

Celebrating Community Leaders Event



Virginia LISC honored Ms. Jo White with the Guardian Angels, Lt. Lewis Mills with the Richmond City Police, Principal Beverly Britt of John Marshall High School, Bon Secours Richmond Health System and The Honorable Councilwoman Ellen Robertson on Oct. 25, 2014 for their ability to turn vision into reality. **(Cont. on p.3)**



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Woodforest Bank Invests in Richmond



Woodforest National Bank recently committed \$250,000 in funding to support Virginia LISC community lending activities in Richmond.

Virginia LISC is proud to announce our newest

LAC member, Cindy Mims, who is the Community Development Officer for Woodforest National Bank.

Mims has worked in the community development field for more than 25 years and has also served on many nonprofit boards, including: Highland Park Restoration and Preservation Program; Richmond Economic Development Corporation; Neighborhood Housing Services of Richmond; Virginia Supportive Housing; and Housing Opportunities Made Equal.

"I am excited to be on LISC's board because LISC is able to help small for-profit and nonprofit developers who have trouble getting help from mainstream methods," said Mims.

#STONE2RVA

The Greater Fulton community invites you to join us in a celebration--#Stone2RVA, a participatory public art event to welcome Stone Brewing to Richmond!

Saturday, October 18

12-2 p.m.

On the corner of Williamsburg Avenue and Nicholson Street in historic Fulton/Rocketts

Across from the Gillies Creek Disc Golf course

Stone Brewing has chosen this site for their first East Coast facility. Gather with friends and community to roll out the welcome mat for our newest neighbors!

Southside Housing Rehabilitation

Thanks to a \$250,000 grant from Altria, Virginia LISC has partnered with Project:HOMES and Southside Community Development and Housing Corporation to rehabilitate homes along the Jefferson Davis corridor.

Virginia LISC is giving some of the Altria grant to Project:HOMES to do exterior homeowner repair on 15 homes.

Southside Community Development and Housing Corporation is rehabilitating three homes to be sold to homeowners with the Altria funds, leveraged by LISC.

All in all 18 homes will be rehabilitated for homeowners.

"We are very excited to partner with Altria in this community," said John Bolton, Loan Officer for Virginia LISC. "It's great to see a rising interest in the Jefferson Davis corridor."

Introducing This Year's Ukrop's Scholars

Two local nonprofit employees received the VHDA/ LISC-funded Ukrop's Scholarships to participate in Richmond leadership programs. The Ukrop's Scholarships were created by the Virginia Housing Development Authority and LISC in 2010 as a way to support both Leadership Metro Richmond and the Emerging Nonprofit Leaders Program.

Nina Williams, Director of Children and Family Services at Better Housing Coalition received the Ukrop's Scholarship, which will pay the fees of the ENPL Program, where she was accepted as a participant for the coming year.



ENPL is an eight-month training program for the next generation of nonprofit leaders. "I am humbled to have the opportunity to receive invaluable leadership skills and networking opportunities," she said.

Cheryl Groce-Wright, Executive Director of the Neighborhood Resource Center in Greater Fulton, received the Ukrop's Scholarship to pay for the participation costs of the Leadership Metro Richmond Program to which she was accepted.



Leadership Metro Richmond is a Chamber-based program designed to connect a diverse group of emerging leaders for thoughtful examination of the challenges within the community and gather multiple perspectives on these challenges.

The scholarships were named after Jim Ukrop, an influential and much-loved leader of the Richmond community.

Celebrating Community Leaders Event Continued

More than 200 guests attended the event held at Maymont's Nature Center. Tom Silvestri, Publisher of The Richmond Times-Dispatch, served as emcee and Cloud9 band provided jazz music for the evening. LISC Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Michael Levine gave a speech on the importance of LISC's work.



From L to R: The Honorable Betsy Carr, Virginia House of Delegates; The Honorable Councilwoman Ellen Robertson, Richmond City Council; Ms. Evette Roots, Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce; The Honorable Councilman Chris Hilbert, Richmond City Council; and The Honorable Councilwoman Dr. Cynthia Newbille, Richmond City Council.

" I appreciate this award because it reminds me of what I have strived to do for the last 20 years and what I will continue to do every day in my job," said Lt. Lewis Mills of the Richmond City Police.

Special thanks goes out to all of our sponsors—Virginia Housing Development Authority, Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Padilla/CRT, Wells Fargo Bank, BB&T, Richmond Association of Realtors, Dominion Resources, Fulton Bank, Nationwide Insurance and Williams Mullen—without whom the opportunity to recognize local leaders would not have happened.



Above, L to R: Ms. Susan Dewey, Executive Director of Virginia Housing Development Authority; Art Bowan, Managing Director of Rental Housing at Virginia Housing Development Authority; Bob Adams, Housing & Development Advisors.



From L to R: Lt. Lewis Mills, Richmond City Police; Mr. Tom Silvestri, Publisher of the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

"LISC was founded on the idea that to truly achieve lasting change, you need to partner with people who have chosen to stay, to build up their neighborhoods, to tackle some really tough problems – and see things through," said Levine.

Each of the honorees also spoke about their partnerships with LISC and the work they are passionate about in Richmond neighborhoods.

Below, L to R: Mr. Wayne Crocker, Director of the Petersburg Library; Mr. Edward Winks, President of Edward H. Winks-James D. Snowa Architects.



Virginia LISC is now a registered Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC) 2014 charity!

Round 4 SEED Underway



Thirty five entrepreneurs applied to Round 4 of the SEED program, more than any other year. Finalists will present their business ideas before the SEED panel on Monday, October 27. Finalists are judged on their business plans and impact on the neighborhood. Final decisions are expected in mid-November.

Virginia LISC Updates

- **Garland Gray Grant**--Virginia LISC received a two-year, \$70,000 grant from the Garland and Agnes Taylor Gray Foundation to support our Petersburg neighborhood revitalization work and the launch of a Financial Opportunity Center (FOC) in Petersburg. LISC is exploring potential partners for the Petersburg Financial Opportunity Center.
- **THRIVE Collaborative**—The United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg and Virginia LISC are partnering on the THRIVE Collaborative, a learning network to provide training, ensure effective collaboration and sharing of data to promote family financial stability. LISC's FOC model is one best practice that this regional collaborative will support. The first THRIVE Steering Committee meeting was held on Sept. 12.

Local Advisory Committee

Chair: Michael Mulvihill, Executive Vice President, Padilla/ CRT
Vice Chair: Susan F. Dewey, Executive Director, Virginia Housing Development Authority
P. Rodney Blevins, Vice President, Dominion Virginia Power
Regina Chaney, Housing Education Specialist, H.O.M.E., Inc.
Lucie Ferguson, Administrative Director, Bon Secours Richmond Health System
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Adrienne Goolsby, CEO, Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority
Laura Lafayette, Chief Executive Officer, Richmond Association of Realtors
Corey Lane, Account Supervisor, The Martin Agency
Cindy Mims, Community Development Officer, Woodforest National Bank
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