

Summer 2010

# DETROIT SOCIAL INNOVATION PROJECT



# *About Detroit*

- ① Detroit has been the center of the American automobile industry since the early 1900s.
- ① With the ongoing recession, the auto industry has collapsed
- ① The city is struggling to recover from the loss of its major industry

# *About DSIP*

- ① A wide range of internship opportunities in varied fields
- ① Working with innovative nonprofits to look at social problems with a new perspective
- ① Internships geared toward Grinnell students' abilities and interests.

# *Detroit Local Initiatives Support Corporation*

- ⦿ Dedicated to helping community residents transform distressed neighborhoods into healthy and sustainable communities
- ⦿ Mobilizes corporate, government and philanthropic support to provide local community development organizations with: loans, grants and equity investments; policy support; and technical and management assistance
- ⦿ Data Intern *and* Research and Writing Intern

# LTU Microenterprise

- The Mission of the Center for Nonprofit Management is to prepare individuals to improve communities, strengthen organizations and advance society through innovative and practical management education.
- Offer weekly class sessions on starting and managing small businesses
- Project Assistant, specifically for weekly classes

# *Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS)*

- Provides a wide range of health and human services, employment services, youth programs, educational and cultural programs and civic engagement, advocacy, and social entrepreneurship services.
- Intern with case management and clerical duties

# *Transportation Riders United*

- Mission is to improve and promote transit in greater Detroit in order to restore urban vitality, ensure transportation equity and improve quality of life.
- Grassroots Transit Organizer *or* Media/New Media Intern *or* Market New Rapid Transit Investments

# *Skillman Foundation Good Neighborhoods Initiative*

- ⦿ The goal of the Good Neighborhoods program is to ensure that children experience safe, healthy and high-quality environments where they can thrive.
- ⦿ Currently transitioning from working with Skillman Foundation to a neighborhood self-governance policy
- ⦿ Assistant to the community liaison

# *Detroit Studio*

- Providing students with an enriched educational experience through community-based architectural, urban design and community development projects
- Hoping to develop a new town in Detroit based on urban regeneration, urban agriculture, and sustainable urbanism
- Intern will develop innovative proposals for revitalizing vacant properties (both buildings and lands) in underserved residential areas in Detroit

# *Joy-Southfield Community Development Corporation, Inc.*

- Goal of neighborhood revitalization through family life-skill support and community economic development.
- The Joy-Southfield Health & Education Center provides primary health care services and preventative health education programs to low-income and uninsured families and individuals.
- Intern working with one or more programs:
  - Free primary and preventive health care for the uninsured
  - Access to affordable housing, home repair, and home ownership literacy
  - Youth mentoring
  - Economic development

# *United Way 2-1-1*

- ◎ 2-1-1 is a multi-lingual, comprehensive information and referral service; database contains more than 20,000 programs and services
- ◎ Intern will assist to improve upon current model of program evaluation, in efforts to determine the economic and social value of the impact of our initiatives within 2-1-1.
- ◎ Position will be paramount to 2-1-1's ability to be innovative in their approach to evaluating and reporting impact as no other 2-1-1 in the country does, and will be useful in our fundraising and continuous improvements efforts.

# *Arab American Museum*

- First museum in the world devoted to Arab American history and culture.
- “By bringing the voices and faces of Arab Americans to mainstream audiences, we continue our commitment to dispel misconceptions about Arab Americans and other minorities.”
- Educational Intern *or* Curatorial Intern

# *Earthworks Urban Farm/ Capuchin Soup Kitchen*

- ⦿ Program of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen that seeks to restore our connection to the environment and community
- ⦿ Growing Healthy Kids and Youth Farm Stand programs
- ⦿ Intern will assist with youth programming by helping to plan and facilitate summer season programming including gardening, cooking, nutrition education, garden art, crafts, giving tours, harvesting, and selling produce.

# *Vandalia Gardens Urban Farmers*

- Vandalia Gardens “brought the farm to the city,” and Vandalia Gardens Urban Farmers LLC has grown into a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)
- Provides city residents with an opportunity to participate in the hands-on experience of growing fresh produce along with a chance to reconnect with the land
- Marketing and Farming intern

# *Southwest Solutions*

- ① Southwest believes that reintegrating the mentally ill and homeless into the community also requires providing decent, affordable housing and support services, and actively participating in neighborhood revitalization and economic development.
- ① Student intern will develop and practice skills in communications, public relations, social networking, and fundraising strategies.
- ① **Willing to offer position to a team of students depending on interest**