

# "If One Fails the Community Fails"

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### MISSION

To provide support to positive efforts that are conducted with and on behalf of the African American Community of Greater Madison, Wisconsin;

To establish mutually beneficial relationships between African American organizations of Greater Madison, Wisconsin; and

To establish ongoing dialogue concerning common issues of the African American Community of Greater Madison, Wisconsin.

### Prior to the Civil Rights Act of 1964



The Civil Rights Act of 1964 is regarded as a landmark of civil rights legislation in the United States. Enacted fifty years ago this month, it outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. It endeavored to end unequal application

of voter registration requirements and racial segregation in schools, at the workplace and by all facilities that served the general public.

As we celebrate this groundbreaking legislation, please give pause to the people of our community who forged a path of survival prior to the passing of the 1964 Act.

Our parents, and those who lived around us without the assistance or respect of their government, developed and actuated a functional, sustainable Community of which we have all benefited.

Fifty years ago, our Community was composed of people who lived close to one another with common characteristics (attitudes, interests, and goals), possessed a shared sense of fellowship as a result of sharing, and were united by interdependent organizations.

Our parents and those in our Community did more with less than any generation since them.

What did our parents know and mandate that we don't?

Maybe the following;

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- Belief in God was not an option but an obligation.
- After your relationship with God, family was your next priority.
- Education was the cornerstone to success and everyone must learn to read.
- You must work harder than everyone else.
- Your race did (and does) matter.
- Save Your Money.
- Dream big and include others in your dream.
- Ownership is important.
- Support those businesses who support you.
- No one is going to take care of us but us.
- Treat others the way you want to be treated.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was an amazing achievement.

But the strides made by our Parents and members of our Community, who for the most part did not have the benefit of a College education, were accomplishments beyond any reference or parallel.

## CUNA Mutual Group Awards \$1.2 Million Grant Aimed at Improving Student Achievement



CUNA Mutual Group announced 26 June 2014, that it is committing \$1.2 million to the Madison Metropolitan School District's (MMSD) efforts to improve student success. The largest grant in the CUNA Mutual Foundation's history will help fund [Forward Wisconsin](#), a new

program that strengthens the relationships between the school district and UW-Madison's School of Education by supporting new educators, improving the diversity of MMSD's workforce and providing continued professional learning for educators. The grant will fund the entire new educator mentoring portion of Forward Madison, which will begin this fall.

"Educators deserve the utmost support and collaboration that our communities can bring to bear," said Robert Trunzo, President/CEO of CUNA Mutual Group. "It's our hope that Forward Madison will represent something meaningful and sustained in the area of educational betterment. Not only is this program about educator preparation, it's about a cause - something enduring that joins us together in a common focus: our children and our future."

Forward Madison includes three strands: comprehensive support for educators in the first five years, efforts to improve the diversity of the District's workforce and providing continued professional

growth for district employees. New educator support will begin this fall.

"Together, we are committed to closing the opportunity gaps that produce different results for our students. To do that, we must have the very best educators with the very best support at every school," Superintendent Jennifer Cheatham said. "Thanks to our partnership with UW-Madison and the generous support of CUNA Mutual, we will begin our new educator induction program this fall. Thank you to CUNA Mutual for making this one-of-a kind program a reality in our district."



The School of Education's faculty leads for this project are Gloria Ladson-Billings, UW-Madison's Kellner Family Professor of Urban Education; and John Diamond, the University's Hoefs-Bascom Associate Professor of Education.

"On our campus, we talk about the Wisconsin Idea - directing our abilities to help effect positive change for our community, our state and our world," School of Education Dean, Julie Underwood said. "We, and our partners with the Madison Schools, know that effective educators are one of the most important factors in student learning and ensuring that every child has access to a free, high-quality education. The Forward Madison collaborative is another example of the Wisconsin Idea at work, and it's wonderful to see CUNA Mutual Group making such a significant commitment to supporting these ongoing efforts to provide a first-rate education for every child."



## Opportunities Beyond Obstacles

*7-8 October 2014 - UW-Madison Pyle Center*



The Symposium, Opportunities Beyond Obstacles, is dedicated to the education of students whose social or economic circumstances hinder their ability to learn at school.

Sponsored by the Consortium for the Educational Development of Economically Disadvantaged Students (CEDEDS), the purpose of this conference is to provide meaningful, best-practice information about effective methods and considerations regarding the education of disadvantaged students.

An added feature of this year's conference is (in addition to the involvement of those who will be in attendance physically) "Opportunities Beyond Obstacles" will endeavor to involve participants around the Country and World via interactive, real-time connectivity. Presentations at the Pyle Center will be live streamed to viewers at the same time as the event is taking place.

### Call for Presentations

Currently, CEDEDS is seeking presentations of new, noteworthy projects, research and practices addressing the educational needs of children in poverty to be shared at the 6-8 October Symposium. If you are interested in presenting at this event, please [click here](#).

## Walk It Out 2014

*26 July - Health & Fitness Event*



Presented by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Kappa Psi Omega Chapter, the Annual Walk It Out Health and Fitness Event will occur Saturday, 26 July 2014.

Registration is at 9:00 a.m. at the Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa Street, Madison, WI 53704

This free, family-friendly event begins at 9:45 a.m. with a 2-mile walk from the Goodman Community Center, led by Honorary Walk Chair, Lisa Peyton Caire, Founder of the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness.

After the Walk health and wellness sessions, such as, Zumba, Spinning, Yoga and a healthy cooking demonstration (providing delicious samples) by Chef Rod Ladson of 100 Black Men of Madison and Johnny's Italian Steakhouse will be staged. Chair massages and reflexology sessions will also be available. Register at [WIO2014.eventbrite.com](http://WIO2014.eventbrite.com). Waivers for all fitness sessions are required to participate.

[Click here to view flyer.](#)

## 100 Black Men of Madison Annual Golf Outing

*28 July 2014 - The Legend at Bergamont - Oregon, WI*

The 100 Black Men of Madison cordially invite everyone to join them for a wonderful day of golf on Monday, 28 July 2014, at The Legend at Bergamont in Oregon, Wisconsin.

Gather your friends, family and coworkers and join the 100 for a fun day of golf to



support the 100 Black Men of Madison (the 100) as they strive to provide mentorship to our youth in Madison and Dane County!

The Golf Outing format is a four-person best ball scramble. Prizes and awards will be given for the low gross teams, longest drive, closest to the pin, Putting Contest, Hole-in-one opportunities include a new automobile and/or motorcycle, and more. Individuals and teams are welcome!

This golf outing is one of the 100's signature events! This fundraising event helps support all of the 100 Black Men of Madison's endeavors, such as their Youth Mentoring Programs, Backpacks for Success event, scholarship campaigns, and more!

For event information and registration, please [click here](#).

[Click here](#) for sponsorship opportunities.

## 100 Black Men of Madison Backpacks for Success Appreciation Banquet

*12 August 2014 -CUNA Mutual Conference Center*



The 6th Annual Backpacks for Success Banquet is scheduled for 12 August 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at the CUNA Mutual Conference Center, 5810 Mineral Point Road, Madison, WI 53705. The 2014 Keynote Speaker is Curley M. Dossman, Jr., Chairman of the Board, 100 Black Men of America, Inc. (pictured left).

The Banquet raises awareness and funds to support the Backpacks for Success Picnic, which will take place on 16 August 2014, at Demetral Park on Madison's east side.

Over the past 18 years, 100 Black Men of Madison, Inc. (the "100") has provided over 25,000 backpacks filled with school supplies (at no charge) to area disadvantaged students. This event has become strongly affiliated with the "100" and is a key component of their brand in the community. They need your support to continue this tradition, which has become increasingly relevant in today's economic environment.

For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

[Sponsorship opportunities](#) also are available.

## Wisconsin Attorney General Election

*Primary Election - 12 August 2014*

The primary election for the post of



Jon Richards  
State Representative



Ismael Ozanne  
Dane County D.A.



Susan Happ  
Jefferson County D.A.

Wisconsin  
Attorney  
General  
will  
take place  
on 12

August 2014. Wisconsin has an open primary system, in which registered voters do not have to be members of a party to vote in that party's primary.

The general election will take place on 4 November 2014.

For more information, visit [http://ballotpedia.org/Wisconsin\\_attorney\\_general\\_election\\_2014](http://ballotpedia.org/Wisconsin_attorney_general_election_2014).

## 100 Black Men of Madison Prostate Cancer Awareness Walk

*13 September 2014 - Downtown Madison, WI*



The 100 Black Men of Madison will hold its 2nd Annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Walk 13 September 2014, in downtown Madison, WI. Last year's walk was the first of its kind in Wisconsin. The objective of this event is to raise awareness about a disease that is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among men in the United States and affects African-American men more than any other nationality.

Encouraged by the vision of Curley Dossman, Jr., Board Chairman of 100 Black Men of America, Inc., this event endeavors to encourage men to be screened to "Help Save the Life of Someone You Know."

Watch the 100 Black Men of Madison [website](#) for future details about this year's Prostate Cancer Awareness Walk.

## Dane County Supplier Diversity Symposium

*16 September 2014 - Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI*

The Dane County Supplier Diversity Symposium is a business networking event designed to enhance awareness and increase procurement and business opportunities/utilization with diverse businesses to the various Dane County procurement decision makers. In addition to the aforementioned Dane County personnel, prime contractors to Dane County also will be available for engagement sessions.



Business Matchmaker appointments will be scheduled for those diverse businesses who register and submit their information by 12:00 Noon 11 September 2014. Additional information and the rules of engagement will be provided to

participants at the Symposium.

[Click here to register.](#)

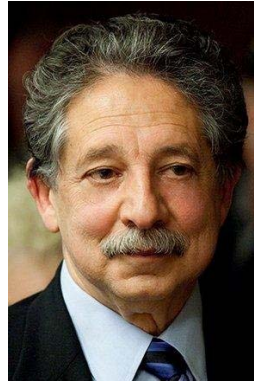
## Wanda Fullmore Youth Employment Initiative



Twenty one (21) high school aged young people are currently working in 16 City of Madison Departments as paid interns. This new initiative entitled the "City of Madison Wanda Fullmore Youth Employment Initiative" honors the remarkable Wanda Fullmore, who recently retired after working for 39 years in the Mayor's Office.

Mayor Soglin said, "One of the challenges in our community is a gap in income in households throughout Dane County. What we're going to do is close that gap, and one way to do it is through the creation of jobs that lead to careers. We know it works. It's going to be an opportunity for every young person in Madison and Dane County."

The Mayor continued, "We choose to honor Wanda by naming the City's internship program in her honor in recognition of the years, those four decades with the City of Madison. Wanda came to us as a 17 year-old and retired just a week ago. And during that period of time, we saw her grow from someone with dedication, commitment, energy, a personality unmatched - but no experience. But we saw an opportunity there for someone to learn on the job, and we all know what the result was. She was offered a job from competitors of ours every week of the year."



The Internship program has 33 other partners including Dane County nonprofits and 33 businesses such as CUNA Mutual Group, Metcalfe's Market, Saris Cycling Group, BMO Harris Bank and UW Hospital and Clinics. The Boys & Girls Club of Dane County is also involved.