

# CENTERPIECE



A COMMUNITY OF SUCCESS

Summer 2011

## OUR FIRST ANNUAL ALUMNI AWARDS BREAKFAST

June 8<sup>th</sup> was a special day for the Center. The event was a unique one in that, though we have served northwest Milwaukee since 1958, we have never before attempted to locate former youth participants to find out how they're doing as adults, how they benefitted from its programs, and what successes they've achieved as a result.

"For the past 53 years, we've been too busy doing our job helping the more than 100,000 prior residents of Westlawn and its surrounding neighborhoods. We now have begun the search and we're very excited to see the response of the dozens of alumni who are coming forth to tell their stories," said James Bartos, executive director.

The breakfast, attended by more than 250 people, was held at Hilton Milwaukee City Center. The emcee and honorary chair was former governor Marty Schreiber. Sponsors for the event were: Marcus Hotels & Resorts, M&I Bank, Robert W. Baird, Martin J. Schreiber & Associates, UW-Milwaukee Peck School

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Three outstanding alumni were selected to receive awards:



**Hoyt H. Harper II,**  
**Senior Vice**  
**President, Brand**  
**Management –**  
**Sheraton Hotels**  
**& Resorts**

A 25-year veteran in the travel and hospitality industry, Hoyt was named one of the most powerful African Americans in Corporate America by Black Enterprise Magazine in 2005, and made their list of Top Executives in Marketing and Advertising in 2011. He is based in Starwood Hotels & Resorts' corporate headquarters

in White Plains, NY, where he is responsible for the overall compliance, integrity and strategic direction for Sheraton Hotels & Resorts, Starwood's largest and most global brand.

A graduate of Carthage College, Hoyt received Carthage's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2005 and was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2006. He is married and has four sons. Growing up only a block away from Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, Harper practically lived on the playground – playing on basketball and softball teams when it wasn't winter, and going ice skating when it was. Harper's love of sports grew, and he went on to play baseball and football in high school and college.



**Vincent P. Lyles,**  
**President, M&I**  
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## Our Mission

Established in 1958, Silver Spring Neighborhood Center is a private, nonprofit organization committed to strengthening and enriching the Westlawn and neighboring community. We provide comprehensive and collaborative programs and services. These are identified by community residents and responsive to evolving community needs.

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income residents in markets served by M&I Bank. As president, Lyles oversees these investments throughout the bank's markets, and also manages the New Markets Tax Credits Program.

Vincent is very active in the community, serving on several boards. He earned a bachelor's degree and a JD from the UW – Madison. He and his wife, Bethany, have two daughters and reside in Wauwatosa.

Vincent attended the Center throughout middle school. "I remember the love and support shown by the staff there. While I didn't live in Westlawn, no one said you couldn't be a part of this. Just the opposite; they encouraged me. It was a gathering place for young and old to meet one another, to nurture each other and expand our horizons. I am glad they were there then and even happier they are here to stay."



**Gi Gi Y. Boone-Shuttlesworth,**  
**Police Officer,**  
**Milwaukee**  
**Police**  
**Department -**  
**District Four**

Boone-Shuttlesworth was a third generation resident of Westlawn. Her grandparents moved there when her grandfather returned from WWII - when Westlawn was military housing. Though she and her four siblings and her parents lived in the small Westlawn apartment, she remembers her childhood fondly.

One of her favorite memories was turning five, when she was finally old enough to attend the Center. At 12, she became a youth leader, and remained in the position until she was 20. It was then she knew she wanted to serve and protect the community she loved by becoming a police officer. Her giving back spirit didn't stop there. She is also a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves, with 31 years of service. And she continues to volunteer at Silver Spring in various educational programs. A 1978 graduate of Custer High School, Gi Gi is married and has three children, who also attended the Center.

Each awardee received art created at our Browning School CLC. Dr. Alfred Bader, an internationally acclaimed Milwaukee art dealer, served as the contest's judge. The winning artists are: Avione Howard, a senior at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, title: "Sun Rise;" Tendria Pickett, a senior at Custer High School, title: "Let it Rain;" and Kennedy Parker, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Siefert School, title: "Home."

Attendees were treated to a performance by the Browning School CLC African drummers. Another highlight was the premiere showing of our new video, titled, "A Community of Success," produced, pro bono, by Kirk McCamish, a recent graduate of UWM's Peck School of the Arts. We can't thank you enough, Kirk, and we appreciated how hard you worked with us to make it a great statement about Silver Spring.

# UWM-SILVER SPRING COMMUNITY NURSING CENTER

## Nursing Students Learn and Serve

Did you know our onsite community nursing center is a clinical education site for undergraduate and graduate nursing students?

"The student clinicals are so critical, so eye-opening to nursing students," explains Bev Zabler, UW-Milwaukee College of Nursing Institute for Urban Health Partnerships Special Projects Director. "They see, first hand, the many obstacles the uninsured and under-insured face on a daily basis – especially those with chronic diseases. Because they develop relationships with clients, they see the bitter truth about health disparities in our country."

One of the most important ways the nursing students help is to find lower co-pays and medication assistance plans through the drug manufacturers. "Too often, we see clients who are forced to choose between paying for food or pills. If you can't afford your prescriptions, and you don't know that there are lower-cost options, you stop taking your medication. Our nursing students literally save lives by catching these situations, and they get the clients the help they need," Zabler explains.

"I'm proud to say our clients have better outcomes. We have a system in place here that

works: nurse case management, access to food to manage a healthy diet, and instruction in health self-management," said Zabler.

This year, 160 residents were served by 36 students over a 38 week period, with UWM undergraduate nursing students staffing walk-in health information and referral requests, and graduate students handling medication concerns. They all participated in health screenings and health promotion classes for our youth and adults, focused on nutrition and making healthy choices.

With the school year coming to a close, we'd like to thank all of the student nurses, and wish them a successful future!



*As part of a series of after school classes at Browning CLC, UWM nursing student Stephanie Ball explains where food comes from. In the Center's greenhouse, she shows students how compost and soil form the perfect environment for growing sunflower sprouts. The kids not only experienced the whole organic growing process from beginning to end, they got to taste the finished product! With a goal of teaching the youth healthier eating habits and the science of food, UWM nursing students showed them how to grow a variety of fruits and vegetables, and learn where they fit on the food pyramid.*

**Our Work Pays Off! We continue to have the city's best record for teens – with only three pregnancies out of 800 teen participants and only one felony conviction during the past nine years.**

*Thank you, United Way, for your trust in us and generous funding.*





## Browning School CLC Update

### Summer Programming at Browning

Due to budget cuts in MPS, funding for summer programs has been cut. Selected Community Learning Centers have been asked to operate both academic summer school and summer recreation at their sites. Browning Elementary is one of these.



To address these concerns and step up to the challenge, we've begun aggressively recruiting certified teachers and highly skilled youth workers to staff our summer program. We will be offering creative academic enrichment as well as the MPS summer math and literacy curriculum. Our recreation program will continue to offer dance, music, athletics, and arts.

### Science at Browning

Meeting the needs of students who lack exposure to a comprehensive

science curriculum, the Browning School CLC has established several partnerships to address science education:

- Our partnership with Growing Power on Fridays is expanding to the seasonal outdoor garden, new vegetation in our greenhouse, and a developing project with UWM School of Nursing. The UWM School of Nursing visits our 4th and 5th grade classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to offer nutritional and environmental workshops as well as general health information and career exploration.
- Browning CLC was selected by MPS Recreation and the Hunger Task Force as a pilot school for nutritional education curriculum by Aaron Feest, a registered dietician. The course explores the relationship between agriculture, food production and our health, and is offered on Thursdays to our 4th and 5th graders.

- Once a month, we're visited by Dr. Keith McElroy, better known as the "The Science Guy," who conducts hands-on science demonstrations for grades 1-3. So far, the children learned about electricity by making their own light bulb, and have also investigated sound and color.

### Turn on the Talent

Our African dance and drumming team competed in the MPS Recreation Department's city-wide talent competition, "Turn on the Talent." Nine dancers and two drummers went up against nine other CLCs before a crowd of approximately 500 at Audubon School. A busload of parents and family members accompanied the group to cheer them on.



## COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS (CLCs)



### Thurston Woods Campus CLC Update

1st – 4th grade students are enjoying a new tennis program presented by the Milwaukee Tennis & Education Foundation.

The CLC will be running a free summer day camp from June 20th until July 29th. Camp will include weekly field trips, recreational programs, academic enrichment activities, and a free meal program.

Thurston Woods Campus CLC received an outstanding review from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) after a site visit conducted in March. They were impressed with the quality math and reading programs offered to all students. It was stated that Thurston Woods was one of the best sites ever visited by DPI.

### Custer High School CLC Update

As the newest CLC, our daily average attendance has risen to 45. The word is getting out that it's a cool place to hang out after school.

13 students earned their driving permits and expect to earn their licenses soon through MPS' drivers ed program.

On May 12th, we held a Parent Activity Night, at which parents learned how to create email accounts and use Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, and Excel. They also learned about how Facebook and Twitter can help them assist their children with their homework. The highlight of the night was an outdoor activity course similar to the Amazing Race TV show. In pairs, the group was challenged by a sack race, tire step, egg toss, balancing books on their heads, carrying an egg on a spoon, and a three-legged race. Plus, they had to complete 50 math problems and a celebrity trivia quiz. Everyone loves our Family Nights!



*Giovanni Poquette and John'na Hills cross the finish line to win the "Amazing Race."*

## Welcome New Board Members

### Melinda Caughill

Melinda is a partner at Third Person, Inc. Advertising & Web Design. She has extensive experience in direct marketing, trade shows, search engine optimization, and social media. With her experience in business and her passion to help others, Melinda also teaches aspiring entrepreneurs how to launch their own ventures through UWM's Small Business Development Center. She is married with one son.

### Mark Miller

Mark is a partner in Fashion Angels Enterprises, which designs and manufactures toys and lifestyle products for tween girls. His partners at the fast-growing company are his wife Goldi and Goldi's sister, Myra. The Millers derived their strong sense and love of fashion and style from their 10 Goldi shops formerly located throughout the Midwest. Mark and Goldi have two sons.

### David Watson

David is director of workforce solutions at ManpowerGroup, Inc. He provides clients with outsourcing services related to human resources functions, primarily in the areas of large-scale recruiting and workforce-intensive initiatives that are outcome based. He is active in the community and takes pride in contributing to nonprofit organizations. David is married and has three children.

## Annual Achievement Awards Dinner

More than 250 guests, including program participants, volunteers, and agency partners attended our Annual Achievement Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 25th. This year's outstanding award recipients were:

Carl Werner Volunteer  
of the Year Award  
Recipient: Nina Gamblin

Bobbie Recardo Athlete  
of the Year Award  
Recipient: Nelson Thomas

Nancy A. Wright  
Achievement Award  
Recipient: Chung Yeng Xiong

Edith H. Markson Outstanding  
Student Achievement Award  
Recipient: Darius Barnes

Evelyn Grant Senior Award  
Recipient: David Conner

Wendy Humphreys Youth  
Community Service Award  
Recipient: Kevin Spight

Terry Siegler Adult Education Award  
Recipients: Glenn Moten,  
Michelle Satchwell, Shonda Brooks

Family of the Year  
Recipient: Sally Nickerson & Family

Joan Boehm Great Student Award  
Recipient: Avione Howard

After a Mama Mia's spaghetti dinner, Browning School CLC's African drummers and dancers performed for the crowd.

## ADULT EDUCATION

- MATC's Annual GED Graduation was held at the Milwaukee Theatre on June 2nd, with eight proud graduates from our Adult Education Center receiving their diplomas from Kathy Johnson, the Center's Adult Education coordinator. Half of the graduates plan to attend college. One was hired full-time by the City of Milwaukee; and two graduates will continue working at our local partner Growing Power.
- The 2011 Terry Siegler Adult Achievement Awards recipients received scholarships to help them in their future endeavors:

Glen Moten – Will pursue electronics or computers at MATC.

Shonda Brooks – Will study fashion retail marketing management at MATC.

Michelle Satchwell – Is interested in a sociology major after she completes the last of five tests required for her GED.



## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER



### Musical Fridays

50 of our littlest tots (infants through K4) participated in 10 weeks of music classes presented by Josh Tice from the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. The children sang songs and took part in movement and finger play. Each week, parents received information sheets so they could play the games with their children at home.

Research shows that music taught at an early age provides a foundation for math and reading readiness, and prepares children to achieve music milestones, i.e., pitch matching by seven years of age. Music also bonds people together in a sense of community – which is an important component of the Creative Curriculum used by the Early Childhood Education Center.

The Conservatory selected Silver Spring in 2011 as one of its educational partnerships, with programs co-funded by Conservatory donors and by ECEC's budget. Special thanks go to Kristie Minnickel at the Conservatory for making these lessons possible.



### Early Childhood Education Center Wish List

- Play kitchen (wooden sink, stove, refrigerator & cupboard)
- Play food, pots & pans, utensils
- Sand and water tables
- Easels
- Trikes, riding toys, wagons & helmets
- Culturally diverse dolls, books, posters, food sets, musical instruments
- Legos, puzzles (some with knobs), Bristle Blocks, blocks, beads w/strings
- Math Materials: calculators, clocks, visuals, counters, games
- Science Materials: magnets, magnifying glasses, food coloring, color paddles, binoculars
- Cooking Center: bowls, whisks, measuring spoons & cups, hand mixer, wooden spoons, spatulas
- Child size serving pitchers, bowls, spoons
- Art Materials: markers, crayons, scissors, glue sticks, paint, pencils, colored pencils, butcher paper, Play-Doh, pom poms, poster board, dobbers
- Infant/Toddler Toys: rattles, soft blocks, activity cubes, nesting/stacking cups, cars, trucks, pound toys, workshop w/ tools, push toys, pop beads
- Board games for all ages
- Gym mats
- Cots
- 30 booster seats for field trips
- Safety steps to access sinks
- Back support chairs
- Tables & chairs
- Classroom shelves

## TEAM SPORTS LEAGUES

### "High Five!" to the Spartans

In March, SSNC hosted the 9th Annual Judy K. Classic, a fund raising tournament for the AAU basketball program. The Spartans won first place at each grade level -5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and high school.

In April, the 5th and 8th grade teams competed in the Hall of Fame Classic in Chicago. The 5th grade team won the championship and the 8th graders made it to the final four. The 6th and 7th grade teams competed and won the North American Youth Sports Championship held in Milwaukee.

In May, the 5th, 6th, and 8th grade Spartans basketball teams won the championship at the Milwaukee Hardwood Classic. The 7th grade team placed second at the State AAU tournament.



*The 7th grade Spartans basketball team is jubilant after winning the North American Youth Sports Championship.*



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