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African American Organization Makes Dreams Real



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Saeeda Wright, left, coordinator of post-secondary options at Black United Fund, talks to Emmanuel Williams, the organization's community-justice and equity coordinator.

By Rob Cullivan
 CNews Editor

Kenyahta Sikes, co-owner of SuiteSpot, an event space in Chinatown, says Black United Fund, 2828 N.E. Alberta St., is a valuable resource for her and other African American business owners in Portland.

The Concordia-based organization helped her host

40 other Black businesswomen for a workshop titled “Boss Talks: Entrepreneurship for the Black Woman.” Attendees learned about how to use digital marketing and social media as well as access capital, she said.

“I wondered how many other Black business women were struggling with the same things,” she said.

A challenge for many Black

business women is finding the resources and funding they need to make their companies succeed. “Nine times out of 10, that’s the greatest struggle,” she said.

Sikes’ company can host photo shoots, music videos, house parties with live music, baby showers, exercise classes, birthday parties, small banquets, launch parties and

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Free NECN Workshop: Get Your News Out

Learn the basics of press releases writing, social media campaigns and more

Do you dream of motivating the public to support your nonprofit or grassroots project? Are you inspired but looking for support and information about how to get the word out?

Join NECN’s Lisa Loving for a live workshop on how to publicize your events, activities and projects, noon-2 p.m Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, on Zoom and in person at

NECN’s offices in the King Neighborhood Facility, 4815 NE 7th Ave., Portland, 97211.

At the end of this workshop, you will have a general overview of: creating relationships with media gatekeepers; building up a social media following that acts

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Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN), founded in 1974, is an independent nonprofit organization. NECN is one of seven neighborhood coalitions in Portland, which are primarily funded by the City's Office of Neighborhood Involvement. NECN identifies and takes on hyper-local issues to increase neighborhood livability and civic engagement. NECN's service area includes 12 neighborhoods in inner North/Northeast Portland: Alameda, Boise, Concordia, Eliot, Humboldt, Irvington, Lloyd, King, Sabin, Sullivan's Gulch, Vernon, and Woodlawn. Any person that resides or works in North/Northeast Portland can get directly involved!



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Jimmy Wilson in front of the mural of he and his grandson.

Neighborhood Associations Recruiting for New Members

Across NECN's coalition network, a dozen neighborhood associations offer unique opportunities to plug into Portland's civic life and help make our city better.

Many are looking for more members who have the time to attend regular meetings or even just show up at special events, such as clean-ups.

What's a neighborhood association? Why get involved? How does it work?

Neighborhood associations are regional organizational systems designed to bring together local residents – as well as those who work in or have an historic connection to – specific geographic locations within a city or town.

The idea is to bring together local residents to meet each other, find solutions to common issues and build better communities.

The traditional criticism of Portland's neighborhood



PHOTO COURTESY OF ELIOT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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associations are that they've become dominated by affluent people and developers – but the truth is that anyone can get involved, and it starts with attending your local neighborhood association meeting.

(Find a list on page 2 of *Hey Neighbor!*).

Find out how to get involved in your neighborhood association by contacting them directly or emailing info@necoalition.org.



NECN Fall/Winter Office Hours:

Monday-Friday noon-5pm or by appointment

NECN Community Grant Winners

It is with enormous pride and gratitude that NECN announces our 2022 Community Grant Winners!

We had many applicants, and those who were not awarded are nevertheless champions of community! We salute and thank them, and look forward to more networking and successful opportunities in the future!

The goal of the small grants program is to help emerging ideas, programs and projects get off the ground. The collateral benefit is more and stronger relationships between neighborhood groups, a better flow of resources and finding ways to plug in and activate bright ideas.

Here are this year's winners:

Historical Walking Tours, Vernon Neighborhood Association

Since 2020, two of Portland's most interesting people – historians Doug Decker and Anjala Ehlebe – have led walks around the Concordia neighborhood that focus on its natural and cultural history, through the VNA and the Portland Parks Foundation.

This grant builds on that, continuing the project which offers “one-of-a-kind walking tours of Vernon, Woodlawn, and other northeast neighborhoods within Portland.”

Find out more and get in-

involved here. <http://vernonpdx.org/>

Peer Wellness Support Staff, Hand Up Project

Based at the Q Center on North Mississippi Avenue, Hand Up Project offers a weekly free grocery program and basic referrals for LGBTQI communities. With their Community Grant, HUP will train three support staff members in peer mentoring to upgrade and expand the impact of their services through partnership with the Connect Oregon Network. As a member of the Network, HUP's operations will expand with new ability to “prequalify and connect participants directly to a wide array of services from health, housing, recovery and food services.” More about them here. <https://www.handupproject.org/>

Repositioning and Reclaiming Our Land, Bethel AME Economic Development Corporation

Based in one of the oldest and most beloved congregations in Portland, Bethel AME EDC is taking first steps to redevelop their land into a mixed-use senior housing facility; top of the agenda is recruiting leaders to help start up a capital campaign. This grant pays for



PHOTO COURTESY VERNON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Historical Walking Tours in Concordia

communications efforts to get the ball rolling, supporting a key outreach phase of an affordable housing project.

More about them here. <http://bethelame1865.org/v2/bethel-cdc/>

Support for Beginning BIPOC Vendors at the Woodlawn Farmers Market

The weekly Saturday market in the Woodlawn neighborhood will use its Community Grant to give small businesses from BIPOC communities more support and space at the market. It builds on the success

of the Woodlawn Farmers Market 2021 Black Vendor Spotlight Program, which showcased 10 local Black artisans and makers over the course of 15 markets – five of which went on to vend at our 2021 Holiday Market. Funds will be used to remove barriers preventing BIPOC farmers and artisans through multilingual and proactive vendor outreach, booth infrastructure support, and vendor fee reduction. More on them here. <https://www.woodlawnfarmersmarket.org>

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NECN 2022 Annual Report

Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods: Grants, clean-ups, support for emerging nonprofits

I. WHO WE ARE

Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN) is a community-based 501c3 nonprofit that increases neighborhood livability through inclusive civic engagement and grassroots community building. NECN believes in creating healthy neighborhoods by engaging people to become directly involved in determining how their neighborhood evolves.

II. NECN's Neighborhood Coalitions:

- A. Alameda Neighborhood Association
- B. Boise Neighborhood Association
- C. Concordia Neighborhood

- Association
- D. Eliot Neighborhood Association
- E. Humboldt Neighborhood Association
- F. Irvington Community Association
- G. King Neighborhood Association
- H. Lloyd Community Association
- I. Sabin Community Association
- J. Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association
- K. Vernon Neighborhood Association
- L. Woodlawn Neighborhood Association

III. Capacity Building

A. Working in Service to a Better Tomorrow

- b. NECN leveraged modest institutional resources in partnership with grassroots community groups and neighborhood leaders to generate over \$1 million for houseless people, and environmental justice/green energy initiatives in N/NE Portland.
- c. For every dollar invested in NECN by the City of Portland, our Staff, Board, and Community, working in tandem, were able to triple the cash return on stated investment in just one year.
- d. NECN received a \$475,000 PCEF Solar grant to fund King

Elementary School's installation of solar panels on the roof of its community building, with surplus energy generated from the solar array being sold to eliminate/reduce the energy bills of low-income King School families.

- e. Fiscally Sponsored Project of NECN, Afro Village, generated over \$500,000 in grant funding from the Oregon Health Authority and Office of Community Technology to support intersectional community organizing initiatives in response to the City's houseless crisis.

IV. Community Catalyst and Launch Pad:

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MUTUAL AID DIRECTORY

Black Food Sovereignty Coalition

is a group of Black farmers creating new food distribution networks between farms and tables, and convening a growing dialogue about food and racial justice.

blackfoodnw.org/

Chehalis River Mutual Aid Network

is working with PDX-area groups as well as regional projects.

linktr.ee/cr_mutualaid

The Equi Institute

works on advocacy work around queer and trans health care, including a medical committee at the C3PO villages. Also offering resource advice for folks writing in for

healthcare.equi-institute.org/



Don't Shoot Portland

hosts food and clothing giveaways, resource fairs, art shows, historical archiving workshops for BIPOC communities -- too many things to mention. Coming soon: Black mental health services through dontshootpdx.org/safer-space-for-black-lives-matter/

Equitable Giving Circle

is a Black led organization about economic change from the roots up. "Feeding BIPOC families with food from BIPOC farms."

equitablegivingcircle.org/

Free Hot Soup/Beautiful Portland

is a growing network of volunteers cooking and delivering meals to unhoused and vulnerable people within the Portland metro area. beautifulportland.org/volunteerCalendar

Growing Gardens

This nonprofit runs a hub of



community organizers scattered around the metro area helping folks install and maintain food gardens at their homes, whether in containers on patios or rows in the dirt -- from seeds to fertilizer and installation help. They also run OSU Extension-certified gardening education programs for school kids as well as for incarcerated people in youth and adult prisons. growinggardens.org

Milk Crate Kitchen

provides cooked, ready to heat-and-eat family meals at no cost to anyone in need. A BIPOC organized and culinary professional-led nonprofit, MCK is based out of a commissary kitchen in Sullivan's Gulch. They cook weekly from scratch and deliver to the greater Portland area including individuals and households across the NE Portland



neighborhoods since May 2020. 100% community-supported --volunteer-run and donations-based. linktr.ee/milkcratekitchen

PDX Mutual Aid

is a hub of grassroots projects most

specifically sharing food.

linktr.ee/pdxmutualaid

Portland Free Fridge

A network of refrigerators and pantries scattered throughout Portland, stocked with groceries, prepared meals, and basic household supplies. Mainly organized through Instagram.

instagram.com/pdxfreefridge

Snack Bloc

This group started out sharing food in protest spaces, including snacks, water, and basic supplies; now they also collect and deliver aid to indigenous groups, climate fire survivors, and others throughout the region.

instagram.com/snackblocpdx/

Symbiosis Hub & Resource Exchange

This is a local chapter of a larger organization agitating for social change but also running an exchange with groceries, hot meals and more on Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon to 6 p.m. at the Social Justice Action Center.

sjacpdx.org/

Do you know of more mutual aid groups or projects in the PDX area or specifically North and Northeast Portland? Email them to lisa@necoalition.org. Thanks!

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Urban Preparedness Family Project

This program will provide emergency preparedness training to benefit youth, their families and our community. Modeled on national FEMA trainings.

Food for Families in Northeast Portland

Growing Gardens, through the Food for Families in Northeast Portland project, will provide weekly Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares to BIPOC and low-income families in the community – packed with fresh produce at no cost – while they are waiting to receive their own garden to produce their own fresh fruits and vegetables through GROW. More about GROW here. <https://www.growportland.org>

Freedom and Justice for Humanity

Local organizer Binu Joseph started with plans to organize a basic community education program about the overlooked crisis among men and boys who are trafficked; now FJH is branching out to provide their first support groups to men and boys. Working with churches, nonprofit organizations, and neighborhood associations in the NECN area, FJH offers educational workshops in support of underrepresented communities to educate and stand together against human trafficking. More here. <https://freedomandjusticeforhumanity.com>

Afro Village: Taking Root To Grow, Afro Village Pdx

Afro Village PDX focuses on addressing the needs of our most vulnerable population, unhoused individuals, with a focus on racial disparities and inequalities. While searching for land to build a village (modeled after spaces like Right 2 Dream Too, Kenton Women's Village, and other Portland villages) for unhoused Black Portlanders, the project is hosting demonstration projects to envision the future site while gaining community input for design.

With this grant, the team will connect to NECN residents and stakeholders by hosting demonstrations of their work, getting community input on village design, and to interface with the housed population in the area. Get involved <https://www.afrovillagepdx.org>

All Power To The People!



Woodland Market (Photo/Facebook)

Black Panther Legacy Traveling Panels, Vanport Mosaic

Starting with the oral histories and walking tours of the Black Panthers in Portland by founding organizer Kent Ford, Vanport Mosaic is creating a traveling exhibit using panels on display at special events to educate people around the region about the Legacy of this important civil rights organization. More here. <https://www.vanportmosaic.org>

Another Level Support Groups for Sex Workers

Provides support groups for sex workers and survivors of sex trafficking, lead by people with lived experience. This year they brought back their sex worker support group – the first time they were able to meet together since the pandemic.

The funding from NECN provides office materials, coffee, their bi-lingual website, flyers, brochures, and other items for the group to maintain the support needed every Wednesday as a long-term project in the N/NE community. More here. <https://anotherlevelportland.com>

Lloyd Prepares: Building Equity And Community Resilience Through Emergency Preparedness, Lloyd EcoDistrict.

With their grant, the EcoDistrict is hosting skill-building workshops to introduce people to the basics of emergency preparedness, teach lifesaving skills, and help launch a network of local community members empowered to serve as emergency preparedness leaders and advocates. More here. <https://www.ecolloyd.org>

NOT AWARDED BUT WONDERFUL AND WORTHY OF YOUR SUPPORT!

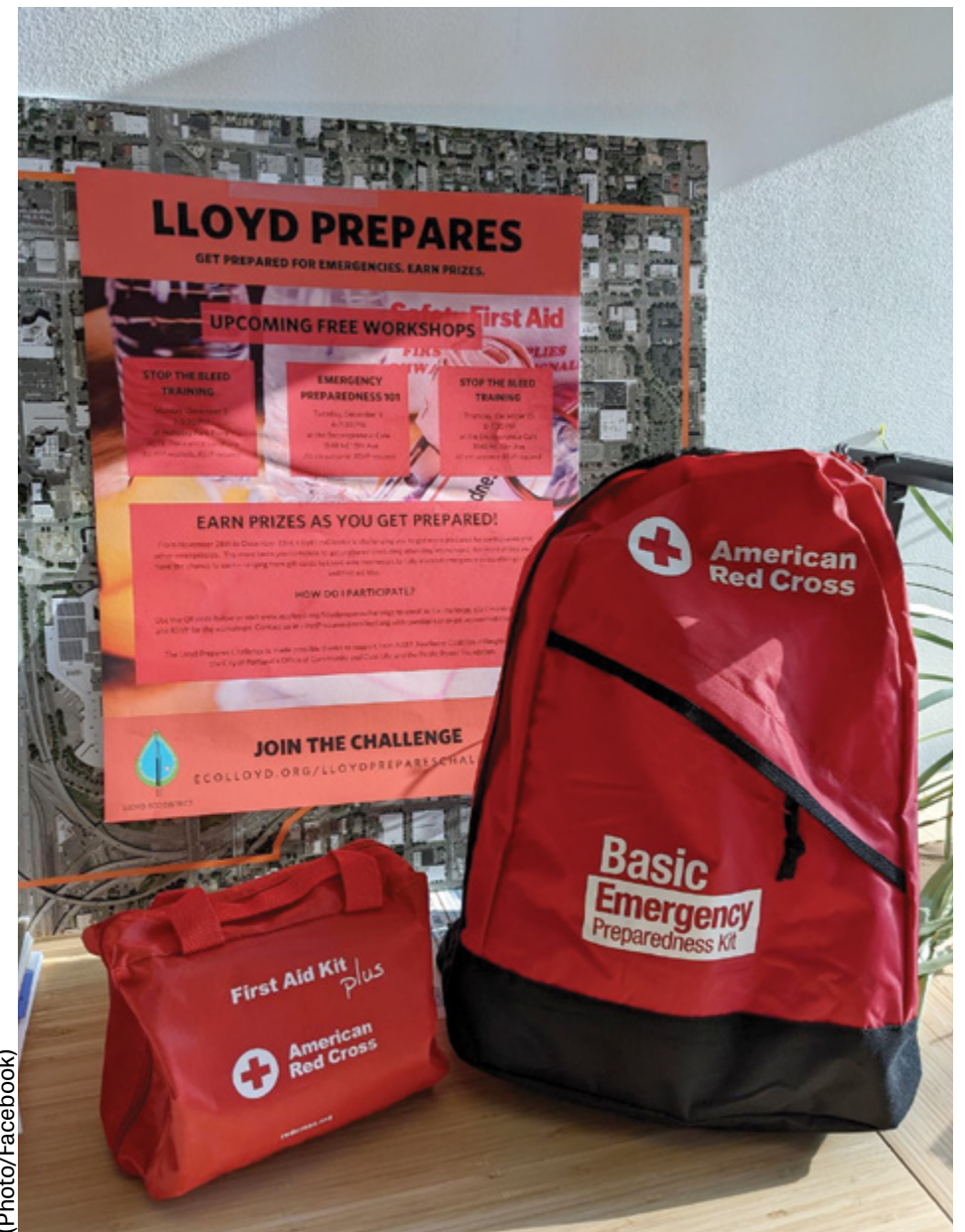
- Albina Scavenger Hunt, Bradley Angle House <https://bradleyangle.org/stay-connected/majorevents/scavengerhunt/>

bradleyangle.org/stay-connected/majorevents/scavengerhunt/

- BikeLoud, The Street Trust <https://bikeportland.org/2021/10/06/its-official-bike-loud-and-the-street-trust-are-partners-339414>

Mentorship and Wraparound Services, Eliot Neighborhood Get involved! <https://eliotneighborhood.org>

- Include Diversity In The Mardi Gras Parade, Mystic Krewe Of Nimbus <https://portlandmardigras.com/mysti-krewe-of-nimbus/>
- Lady Sings The Blues: The 15th Annual Billie Holiday Tribute Night, Siren Nation <https://sirennation.org/event/15th-annual-billie-holiday-tribute-night/>
- Milk Crate Kitchen <https://www.milkcratekitchen.com>
- Office Retreat Pdx
- Popup Afrotopia: Celebrating The Past And Future Of Lower Albina, Portland Playhouse, <https://albinavision.org/events/afrotopia-pop-up-save-the-date/>
- Sabin Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors, Sabin NET <http://heyneighborpdx.com/sabin-neighbors-helping-neighbors/>



(Photo/Facebook)

- Can We Just Talk? A Black Mental And Self-Care, Sankofa Center For Healing <https://www.facebook.com/sankofacfh/>
- College Summer Programs For High School Students, Minds Matter Of Portland <https://www.mindsmatterportland.org>
- Death Care Panel, Rainbow Removal LLC <https://www.rainbowremoval.com>
- Elliot Starter Grant To Fund

- heyneighborpdx.com/sabin-neighbors-helping-neighbors/
- Sidewalk Voices, Futel <https://www.koin.com/news/special-reports/still-needed-free-phone-service-sees-continued-use-amid-pandemic/>
- Spotlight On Diversity, Alameda Neighborhood Association <https://www.alamedaportland.com>
- Who Is York? Reflections Mirror Image Books, OB Hill

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A. Sharing Space

a. NECN provided community meeting space, mailboxes, technology, internet access, and general administrative support for dozens of community organizations including: Portland Harbor Community Coalition; African Women's Coalition; Portland Tenants United; GROW Portland; Good

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in the Hood; and several of our neighborhood associations.

B. Fiscal Sponsorship

a. NECN provided accounting and insurance support to 16 fiscally sponsored projects, and mutual learning commons to support successful outcomes and the development of institutional knowledge and resources.

- Afro Village: The AfroVillage is a movement rooted in the vision of Portland activist Laquida Landford. The movement focuses on addressing the needs of unhoused individuals, with a focus on racial disparities and inequalities.
- Shelter Now: Shelter Now believes that all people have the right to community, beginning with a safe place to sleep, where they can establish a footing to face the demands of daily life.
- Boise Eliot Native Grove: We're stewarding an unused plot of land as a Native Plant & Pollinator Grove for the beautification and education of this inner city neighborhood, and as a community resource for students and neighbors to enjoy.
- Clean Camp PDX: Clean Camp PDX is a neighborhood-based project providing regular garbage collection service

for homeless camps.

- Freedom for Justice and Humanity: We bring together communities to educate and prevent human trafficking. Our focus is specifically on men and boys because they are often unseen and underserved in communities.
- b. NECN has shepherded some of Oregon's most relevant and influential nonprofits from their founding as affiliated FSPs of NECN, to fully-fledged, independent 501c3s. This year we are excited to report that two more alumni of NECN's FSPs program have emerged as sustainable, wholly independent nonprofits serving well-documented, critical needs in the community: (1) Roots and Beats, a culturally responsive bilingual youth music education nonprofit focusing on immigrant, refugee and ethnic diaspora experience and (2) We Shine, which designs, builds, and operates neighborhood-based micro-villages that provide safe transitional shelter and services.

C. Community Grants

- a. Despite the roadblocks and obstacles created by the Covid 19 pandemic, with support from the City of Portland's Office of Civic Life, we relaunched NECN's Community Grants Program in 2021. We also expanded the grant program's service delivery model to include wraparound support for applicants (workshops, 1:1 coaching, access to technology, etc.), yielding funding for 11 impactful community projects.
- Peer Wellness Support Staff, Hand Up Project: Based at the Q Center on North Mississippi Avenue, Hand Up Project offers a weekly free grocery program and referrals for LGBTQI communities. HUP will train three support staff members in peer mentoring to upgrade and expand the impact of their services through partnership with the Connect Oregon Network.
- Repositioning and Reclaiming Our Land, Bethel AME Economic Development Corporation:

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D. Community Organizing and Advocacy

- Neighborhood “cleanups” are de rigeur for City of Portland-recognized district coalitions, like NECN. We partnered with emerging clean up projects like Clean Start PDX, AdoptOneBlock, and SOLVE to address the growing need for refuse removal in our district. Among many large-scale cleanup activities we supported last year, our work to uplift the revitalization and enhancement of Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary

“Next Level Peer Support Group: This year they brought back their sex worker support group – the first time they were able to meet together since the pandemic.”



receive their own garden to produce their own fresh fruits and vegetables through GROW.

- All Power To The People! Black Panther Legacy Traveling Panels, Vanport Mosaic: Starting with the oral histories and walking tours of the Black Panthers in Portland by founding organizer Kent Ford, Vanport Mosaic is creating a traveling exhibit using panels on display at special events to educate people around the region about the Legacy of this important civil rights organization.
- School, NECN's home base of almost 50 years, was particularly meaningful.
- In addition to planned, large-scale neighborhood cleanups, NECN supported rapid responses to neighborhood safety and livability challenges, helping community members navigate city services/resources.
- NECN's online Mutual Aid Directory has been consistently active, offering dozens of ways for community members to engage with numerous

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meeting space. She adds that she plans on taking advantage of any business assistance she can find through BUF-OR.

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That’s exactly the kind of words Emmanuel Williams, the foundation’s community justice and equity coordinator, wants to hear. Black United Fund is designed to help folks like Sikes turn their dreams into reality, he said, to help African American entrepreneurs stake their place in the nation’s business landscape.

“A lot of the problems we deal with are economic,” he said. “We’re engaging in acts to drive economics in our favor.”

Legacy of uplift

Founded in 1983, Black United Fund of Oregon works to increase post-secondary opportunities for young people, support BIPOC as well as female-led nonprofits through its leadership program as well as by providing them grants, and aims to foster “a broader understanding of ethnic and culturally diverse groups,” its mission statement

reads.

Located in a one-story building, the nonprofit foundation plans to literally enlarge its presence in Concordia over the next few years, aiming to erect a multi-story structure by 2024 that will replace its current building and that will host not just BUF-OR but multiple other nonprofits as well.

The new building will be called the Building United Futures Complex. Anchored by Black United Fund, it will be a consortium of organizations, programs and businesses centered on “equipping, empowering, encouraging and engaging Black and other BIPOC communities to enhance their educational advancement, economic mobility and social liberation,” reads a statement from Adre, the real-estate development company overseeing the project.

Dr. LM Alaiyo Foster, BUF-OR president and CEO, says the new building will be designed to be welcoming to all people, with open spaces and lots of windows, and may even feature showers where houseless folks can get off the streets for a moment and take care of their hygiene.

“It will be a neighborhood hub and unapologetically Black,” she says.



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to access dental care due to financial challenges. As someone who’s worn braces herself, she said it’s important for people to feel welcome and supported as they get their teeth fixed.

Scholarship students

Among the foundation’s best-known programs is its Post-Secondary Options, coordinated by Saeeda Wright, which provides educational and financial assistance to young people. Wright has mentored Christine Bynum,

“As a future Black dentist, I know there are not that many Black dentists out there”



SMILING WOMAN PHOTO BY ISAIAH MCCLEAN

“You are trying to help them smile better, and they never forget their orthodontists.”

She credited Black United Fund for helping her to defray the considerable costs of her college education.

“The financial support means that I am able to continue my time at Spellman,” she said. “I am able to reduce the amount of loans that I may need to take out for school.”

For more information on Black United Fund, visit bufor.org.

For more information on SuiteSpot, visit pdxsuitespot.com.

a junior at Atlanta’s Spelman College, the nation’s oldest college for African American women. Bynum said she wants to inspire other African Americans because she is planning to become an orthodontist.

“As a future Black dentist, I know there are not that many Black dentists out there,” she said. “I want to be a role model to other students.”

Bynum is also studying Spanish and hopes to work with Spanish speakers as well as folks of any race who are unable

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when you need it to; writing press releases and getting them out to the media; creating electronic newsletters; basic graphic design tools and more.

A 30-minute refreshment break will be held at the halfway mark in the workshop so participants can socialize and share ideas informally.

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Participants will receive a workbook of links and resources for future study and support in their projects.

Loving says she hopes participants will learn a little bit about

the bigger picture of grassroots public relations but ultimately innovate their own approach.

“So many people all throughout our networks are building big beautiful ideas into concrete projects,” Loving says. “We’d like to help those folks get the word out on their events and services and build towards even bigger things in the future.”

Loving is the communications director at the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, and author of “Street Journalist: Report the News in Your Community.” She worked for 10 years as the news editor at The Skanner News in Portland and Seattle, and 30 years as a producer/reporter/director at KBOO Community Radio.

The workshop is free, but RSVP is required.

Email Lisa@necoalition.org for links and more information.

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grassroots activism projects.

- NECN supported grassroots groups in promoting their special events, including Portland Playhouse’s multi-platform festival of grieving, Joy Comes in the Mourning, and historical walking tours by the Vernon Neighborhood Association. Also supported were the city’s disaster resilience grant program and a workforce development initiative by the EPA.
- In October, NECN and partners hosted an update on ‘Cleaner Air Oregon’ at a big virtual meeting attended by residents, state environmental officials and managers of local industry under state sanctions.
- NECN supported Camp ELSO as they worked on a series of special events inviting youth to the policy planning table as part of the “Your Street, Your Voice” program.
- A recycling day at King Elementary School focusing on plastics became one of NECN’s most-attended events of the year. In partnership with Sabin neighborhood-based company James Recycling, we gathered 1,500 lbs of plastics that otherwise would not have been permitted to be included in curbside recycling.
- NECN’s fiscally sponsored project Repair PDX held multiple “repair cafes,” inviting local residents to come in and fix their broken household appliances, effectively keeping them out of landfills, and providing the public with access to low cost, renewed, household items.
- NECN supported Portland Indigenous Marketplace in successfully jump-starting their summer craft fair series, including a digital livestream component.

Good In The Hood 2022

The 29th Annual Good in the Hood Multicultural Festival brought back all the fun in real life, in late June at King School Park. Perfect sunny weather was the backdrop for music, food, fun and the annual parade. Health screenings, discounted bike helmets and the Sunday Farmer's Market brought back the joy of summer.

Photos courtesy GITH



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 GOOD IN THE HOOD SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

 MIA NEMKOVICH University of Colorado Boulder	 DANICA LEUNG Emory University	 KEZIAH HOLLANDS Prairie View A&M University	 JORDYNN MICHAEL University of Portland
 ARIEANNA MOREHEAD Portland Community College	 DEVANTE HAMILTON University of Portland	 MADYSON ROACH Howard University	 ELEANOR NEAL Oregon Health & Science University
 KAI INGRAM Sperman College	 FAITH ISIBOR Emory University	 SAGE MCKINNEY Portland State University	 MICHELLE LOVE Portland State University
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