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Reflecting on our 15th Anniversary Celebration

By Sarah Munro

This past April over 300 UNP partners, staff, friends and supporters spent a joyous evening celebrating 15 years of work together. We took over the beautiful Tower at Rice Eccles Stadium, and with a view of the city in front of us, reflected on the ripple effects created by years of work 'bringing University and west side resources together for reciprocal learning, action, and benefit. . . a community coming together.' And it was indeed an incredible community in that room that evening!

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Hartland youth share the ripple effect through dance

UNP has a unique way of creating connections among people who rarely get to work, think, eat, celebrate together—west side youth, academic deans, resident parent leaders, faculty, university administrators,

local young people, non-profit and government leaders—people from so many different backgrounds and positions and life journeys. It was thrilling to see everyone in that space at the same time, sharing experiences and hopes for the future. We sang to the song "Ripple Effects," written for UNP's 15th by our own Coach Juan, danced with U of U College of Fine Arts faculty and Hartland youth dance team, watched short films documenting some of UNP's partnership work, were awed by powerful spoken word performances by local high school students, and heard university, school, and resident partners reflect on the value of the shared work. The pride and energy people clearly felt in that space of a community coming together is what will drive UNP forward for the next 15 years!



Guests created a ripple effect raising candles to music

By Bruce Neumann This summer and fall, several exciting upgrades have happened at the Hartland Building. The parking lot was repaired and upgraded to provide reliable parking for up to 10 years. In September the UNP staff did a cleanup at the rear of the building, removing overgrowth to let more light inside. We've had our pine trees treated for disease over the past few years. While some aren't responding and may require removal, we're hopeful most will recover. UNP and partners are gathering ideas and planning a landscape makeover. The front steps and railings were replaced and the landing was made wheelchair accessible. Finally, a local artist named Miguel, worked with youth center children to paint the front pillars. You can see photos from the columns throughout this newsletter. The front of Hartland looks amazing!

UNP won a Sustainable
Campus Initiative Fund (SCIF)
grant to add a refillable water
bottle station and upgrade to
LED lights. UNP is committed to
reducing our environmental
impact by saving plastic from
going into landfills and reducing
power plant emissions. Look for
these upgrades in the next few
months.

Spreading the model: Rose Park welcomes a new community center

By Danny Davenport with introduction by Jewel Morgan

Salt Lake's west side will be seeing a new community center this fall. The Good Samaritan's Rose Park Neighborhood Center is positioned between several apartment communities just west of the I-15 freeway at 754 N 800 W.

Neighborhood Centers, LLC is an affiliate of The Good Samaritan Foundation which is founded on the principal that every person is important and valuable to society. While developing the vision for the new center, the Good Samaritan Foundation connected with UNP several times, exchanging ideas with UNP Director, Sarah Munro throughout the process.

The Rose Park Neighborhood Center will provide a number of valuable resources to the community with Danny Davenport, a former student from Hartland at its helm.

Prior to joining the neighborhood center he was also the Center Coordinator for the Sunnyvale Neighborhood Center.

In anticipation of the center's grand opening Danny shared the following with us:

Good Samaritan Foundation's (GSF) mission is to empower individuals to obtain the means, education, and training leading to employment, independence, and selfreliance. We do this through Neighborhood Centers which are strategically located. Currently we are operating the South Salt Lake Career Services center and on Nov. 17th, we will host a grand opening of our Rose Park Neighborhood Center located at 754 North 800 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116.

Our services focus on those who face the greatest barriers to education and employment, primarily refugees and immigrants. Of course, anyone who walks through our doors will not be turned away regardless of their background. Our model and services will look similar to Hartland's: identifying community priorities and then aligning current programs, and others resources to meet those priorities. As one of our founders, Jim Woodward put it,



Still under construction, the Center promises bright useful spaces





Landscaping underway outside of the Rose Park Neighborhood Center

"Our services are born out of need, we ask what the community needs to be successful and then we go to work." Once open, we will begin by providing ESL and citizenship classes, career services, walk-in services, with many more in the works! We are hoping to provide programming for youth as well as a community gathering space. We are organizing a Neighborhood Advisory Committee made up of

members of the community which will represent the voice of the community. It is intended to be the driving force behind future services provided not only at Rose Park Neighborhood Center, but throughout all future Centers as we grow. We hope to see you there!

Please contact Danny
Davenport, Director with any
questions. Danny@gsfutah.org





Westside Health and Wellness at Hartland

By Teresa Molina

A number of health partnerships are thriving at the UNP-Hartland Partnership Center. These partnerships connect residents and grassroots community organizations with larger community health agencies, the University of Utah's College of Social Work and Department of Psychiatry. These efforts are each connected through a Health Partnerships' Steering Committee. Below are some highlights of each of these partnerships:

The Somali Community Self-Management Agency is a local, community based organization that works with refugees and community members to transition smoothly and find sustainable success. They partner with the Utah Food Bank to offer a monthly food pantry.

Utah Partners for Health (UPFH) mobile clinic provides primary care and vision services at no cost for people whose household income is less than 200% of the

Federal Poverty Level.

The Association for Utah Community Health aims to educate, guide, and empower people to live their healthiest lives possible. Through their Community Health Worker program, they connect with residents to offer quidance on healthcare access.

Latino Behavioral Health Services (LBHS) delivers health education at Hartland, and in area schools in Spanish using the National Association on Mental Illness (NAMI) signature education peer-to-peer and family-to-family programs.

The University of Utah's Department of Psychiatry places physicians from their Global Mental Health (GMH) track to offer uninsured community residents of immigrant, refugee, or asylum seeking backgrounds to find culturally responsive and compassionate mental health services.

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Focus on Partnerships

The Walk-In Center and Bridge Clinic represent a long standing partnership at Hartland. With practicum placements from the College of Social Work, students in their professional pursuits provide culturally responsive clinical mental health support and resources to residents. The Walk-In Center is the first stop for most residents, where they can find support with navigating urgent concerns such housing access, food assistance. employment resources, childcare, and language acquisition.

If you'd like to learn more about these partnerships or ways that your organization or department might collaborate, contact the **UNP Hartland Partnership** Center at 801-973-6055. Or you can send email to Teresa Molina at t.molina@partners.utah.edu or to Julianne Rabb at julianne.rabb@partners.utah.edu

Jarred Martinez



Jarred grew up in Kearns, but with family all over the southwest and Mexico he often says he's from Turtle Island, the name given to this continent by many first nations people. He entered the U as an electrical engineering student, but developed an interest in education. He learned about the ways schools work (and don't work) to create places that perpetuate narrow ideas of culture, language, race, etc. He began to think about his identity, history, culture, and ancestry in creative ways, examining experiences that had shaped him. He changed his course toward education, with an emphasis on youth and culture. This allowed him to take his life, experience as a Chicano, and love for hip hop, and tie them together with his studies and work. He earned a Bachelor of University Studies in Social Justice Education, then went to the Youth Development Master program at UIC. Back home, he's worked with Truth Cypher, Mestizo Arts & Activism and the FACE Movement. Jarred enjoys mountain biking, hiking, and backpacking. He loves time with his baby, attending concerts with his wife and friends, and listening and dancing to cumbias!

Community Corner Snapshots of wonderful west side businesses and restaurants

Maud's Cafe

There is a new coffee shop on the west side, but Maud's Café is providing something more than coffee. Maud's is a

Volunteers of America (VOA) program located adjacent to the Homeless Youth Resource Center at 422 W 900 S. Maud's serves as a 12-week job training opportunity. Named after one of the VOA co-founders, the café nods in tribute to her legacy through name, logo, and spirit. The baristas at Maud's Cafe are interns who gain valuable work experience, customer service skills, as



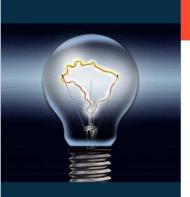
well as the other skills specific to work in a café. The interns come from several different VOA programs and earn an hourly wage while working at Maud's as they travel on their pathway to self-sufficiency. The coffee is great, they also offer sandwiches and other food including pastries from Eva's Bakery.



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Newsletter Contributions

Do you have ideas you would like to see in a future edition of UNP Partnership News? Is there a UNP Partnership that you would like to know more about? An area business that you'd like recognized? Submit your ideas to unp@partners.utah.edu

Haiku

Leaders of the west Blazing Education Paths Deepening and Growth

-Paul Kuttner

Building together, Building a community, Building our future

-Saolo Manumaleuga Utu

The heart-land of hope Rich tapestry of cultures Coming together

-Amanda Finlayson

Several staff members wrote a UNP haiku.

These are a few of them. Have one you'd

like to share? Let us know!

