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### **Sustainability: Beyond Housing**

**Growing Home and Logan Square Kitchen are in the business of being green**

Sustainability can come in many forms. Two recent CCLF customers, Logan Square Kitchen and Growing Home, are innovative Chicago organizations that are rethinking how to combine sustainability and community development.

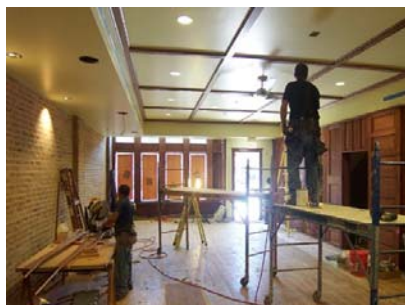


**Growing Home, Inc.** provides job training for homeless and low-income individuals facing barriers to employment by using organic, local agriculture. Program participants work at Growing Home's farms and food stands, learning job readiness, farming, marketing and sales skills. All proceeds from the sale of produce are then used for the improvement of the programming and farms.

Growing Home's **Wood Street Urban Farm** is Chicago's first

permanent, year-round urban farm, located in the Englewood community. The farm is helping to revitalize Englewood by creating jobs, providing healthy produce and helping to encourage economic growth, particularly in the area of food vendors.

**Logan Square Kitchen** is a new sustainable kitchen incubator and 75-seat local event space that is soon to open in the Logan Square neighborhood in Chicago. Kitchen incubators are rental commercial kitchen spaces that are dedicated to early-stage catering and restaurant businesses.



The innovative business model will provide social and public health benefits by promoting local business and participating in a local food economy that is building steam in the Logan Square neighborhood, with the help of the

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### **Sustainability Workshop 2009**

CCLF's 4th annual **Building for Sustainability Workshop** will be held on October 19-20 at the Chicago Center for Green Technology. This 2-day event covers topics concerning the creation of environmentally friendly, affordable housing and facilities.

To register, call 312-252-0440 x208 or visit [cclfchicago.org/assistance](http://cclfchicago.org/assistance).

(Photo: Tony V. Martin)

Logan Square Farmer's Market, forthcoming Dill Pickle Food Cooperative and other businesses that feature local and sustainable products.



Zina Murray, owner and developer of the Logan Square Kitchen project, is also pursuing a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification. The project is integrating materials reuse, energy-efficient appliances and lighting, recycling, and air quality measures.

(Photos courtesy of Zina Murray and Jesse Davis)

## Holmes Participates in Moscow Summit

### Nonprofit Leaders Share Experiences, Ideas



Photo courtesy of the White House Press Corps

CCLF Executive Director Calvin L. Holmes recently participated in the **Civil Society Summit (CSS)** in Moscow, Russia, which coincided with President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitri Medvedev's summit. The CSS was organized by **Eurasia Foundation, New Eurasia Foundation** and **Center for Strategic & International Studies**.

The CSS was held to engage nongovernmental experts and organizations to develop recommendations for increased collaboration between US and Russian organizations. These recommendations were then formally presented to both President Obama and representatives of the President of the Russian Federation at the conclusion of the summit.

Holmes was honored to present the results of the Community Development and Youth Empowerment and Education group participants, where he shared a dais with President Obama.

Holmes reflects, "Russia is a fascinating country with a complex history and people. I came to appreciate that our Russian community development counterparts have less support from the public and private sectors yet display great courage and tenacity in their quest to improve living conditions for low-wealth Russians."

## Opportunities

The **Community Economic Development Law Project** has many upcoming workshops for nonprofit organizations, including "501(c)(3) Tax Exemption: Creating a Charity." Find the full schedule at [www.cedlp.org](http://www.cedlp.org).

The **Kresge Foundation** has announced a new relief loan fund for human service agencies in response to the economic crisis. For more information, visit [www.kresge.org](http://www.kresge.org).

Registration is now open for the **Housing Action Illinois 2009 Convention** on October 22-23. Find more information at [www.housingactionil.org](http://www.housingactionil.org).

**North American Students of Cooperation (NASCO)** will hold their 2009 Cooperative Education and Training Institute entitled *In Our Backyards: Defending the Environmental Commons* on November 6-8 in Ann Arbor, MI. Find out more at [www.nasco.coop](http://www.nasco.coop).

The **City of Chicago CAPS Program** will be holding free High Rise and Condo Safety Seminars during September. For more information, contact William Townsell at 312-745-5900.

## Grantees Honored by MacArthur Foundation

### CCLF Receives MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions



The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation recognized the recipients of the MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions, including CCLF, at an event at their Chicago offices on June 10-11.

Grantees from around the globe were able to share presentations about their work, as well as participate in workshops on topics concerning organizational development. Former MacArthur Foundation President Jonathan Fanton presented each organization with its award at the ceremony.

CCLF is very excited to be a 2009 recipient of the MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions, which honors innovative organizations with grants of up to \$650,000. CCLF will use the \$500,000 award to strengthen our balance sheet and enhance growth, particularly in the area of sustainable building promotion.

The first project supported by this grant is a new website that will serve as an online center of information for sustainable building and will be launched this fall. The project is being staffed by CCLF's summer intern, Jesse Davis. *Jesse's position is also supported through the Citigroup Summer Intern Program.*

(Pictured above from left to right are: Directors John Tuohy, Susan Kaplan, Glenn Mazade, Founding Director Sara Jo Light, Executive Director Calvin Holmes, and Directors Charles Daas, Kathy Tholin, and Rafael Leon. Photo courtesy of MacArthur Foundation.)

## CCLF Noteworthy

### Credit Memos

**Sixteen Hundred Investment Group** received a \$50,000 predevelopment loan for 60 units of affordable senior housing in Roseland.

**King Legacy, LLC** received an \$85,000 predevelopment loan for a mixed-use building containing 45 residential and 6 commercial units in Lawndale. *Thanks to Jeffrey Gray and Kate Price of Wildman Harrold Allen & Dixon LLP for serving as CCLF's counsel for this transaction.*

**Murray Development One, LLC** received a \$250,000 construction/mini-permanent loan for the rehab of Logan Square Kitchen, a kitchen incubator facility and event space. *Thanks to Christopher Ellis and Geeta Kharkar Stacks of Mayer Brown LLP for serving as CCLF's counsel for this transaction.*

**Neighborscapes NFP** received a \$128,000 equipment and working capital loan for the operation of summer youth employment program in southern Cook County. *Thanks to Susan Wyse of Winston & Strawn LLP for serving as CCLF's counsel for this transaction.*

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**Oakwood Shores Senior Apartments LP** received a \$500,000 predevelopment loan for a 73-unit new-construction, affordable independent senior living facility in North Kenwood-Oakland. *Thanks to Robert Dixon and William Hadler of Vedder Price P.C. for serving as CCLF's counsel for this transaction.*



**Growing Home, Inc.** (pictured left) received a \$250,000 loan for the development of a year-round urban farm and job training program in Englewood. *Thanks to Natalia Sokolova, Garry Jaunal and Mercedes McFarland of Kirkland & Ellis LLP for serving as CCLF's counsel on this transaction.*

### Thank You to Funders and Investors

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### Welcome Nga Nguyen



CCLF is excited to welcome our new Program Assistant, Nga Nguyen, to our staff. Nga comes to CCLF courtesy of Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC), a year-long domestic service program. Nga is CCLF's 8th volunteer from LVC.

Nga is originally from Hanoi, Vietnam, and recently graduated with a BA in Accounting and Business Administration from Wartburg College in Waverly, IA. Nga will work with the Finance and Administration Team this year at CCLF.



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