



CFA
COMMUNITIES FIRST ASSOCIATION

Communities First Association

April 1, 2015

CFA Semi-Annual Gathering

The CFA Semi-Annual Gathering is twenty-one days away. Please join us Wednesday April 22nd & Thursday April 23rd as we will host our Semi-Annual Spring Gathering at the Marriott Hotel in Downtown Richmond, Virginia.

Special Guest Speaker:

CFA's very own John McKnight

For more information click below:

[CFA Semi-Annual Gathering](#)



Our Affiliates

Monika Goes to Guatemala

CFA Affiliate Monika Grasley of Life Line Community Development Center recently returned from a trip to Guatemala to train a Christian Reformed Church group in the practice of Asset Based Community Development.

For more about Monika's experience click below:

[Read More](#)



West Michigan CCDA

Reesheda and Gary Team Teaches

Reesheda Washington, CFA Executive Director, and Gary Roberts, CFA Board Member, team taught an intensive on Church Based Community Development at this years West Michigan CCDA conference.



This intensive was designed to introduce interested community development practitioners to the practice of Asset Based Community Development.

To learn more about Communities First Association please visit:

[Communities First Association](#)

CCDA's Leadership Cohort

Cohort #6



We are proud to announce that our Executive Director, Mrs. Reesheda Washington, has been accepted to participate in CCDA's Cohort #6. The CCDA Leadership Cohort is designed to bring together christian community development leaders who are demonstrating leadership in their local communities and beyond. Each Cohort consists of 20 diverse leaders who journey together for two years developing deep friendships shaped by mentor-to-peer and peer-to-peer relationships- much like the original founders of CCDA.

For more information about the cohort please visit:

[Cohort #6](#)

Professional Development

Core Competency: Gender Equity

Stanford Social Innovation Review: Grass Roots Power

"Creating opportunities for women to take control of their own livelihoods not only leads to improved living standards for themselves and their families, but also yields social and economic benefits for their entire communities."



To continue reading this article click the link below:

[Grassroots Power](#)

The Oasis

An Inspirational Word



"We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community... Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own." ~Cesar Chavez

Mission: Community Renewal

Working in true Community

Mission Year, CFA, and World Renew have come together to develop a cohort of six young adults ages 21-29 to participate in a cohort for two years in Chicago's Lawndale Community. Participants will be serving, learning, and implementing the principles of asset-based community development.



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