

GOODWILL, SERVING THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY hosted an outstanding monthly meeting for the **P.O.W.E.R. COLLABORATIVE NETWORK (PCN)**, December 10, 2007. The **PCN** members received an added bonus with the meeting located inside the **TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, USA's** Vintage Vehicle Museum.

The **PCN** wishes to thank **LAVONTÉ JACKSON** for coordinating such a fine meeting of presenters and site location. A special appreciation goes to **JANET MCCARTHY-WILSON**, President and CEO and **BEN ESPITIA**, Director of Workforce Development of Goodwill for their long-standing participation with **PCN**.

DEAN JONES, PCN Director, shared the positive aspects of members communicating their respective resources via the internet. Effective this month, job seekers, job developers and employers can access the e-database free of charge to upload their respective job related interests. Job fair flyers, training notices and the like will still have to be emailed to the **PCN** office for uploading, but all other information is automated. The web address is www.bizpartnership.biz

JANET MCCARTHY-WILSON, President and CEO of **Goodwill Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County** provided the official welcoming remarks and overview of the Goodwill operation. It was very informative regarding the variety of training programs from healthcare to retail and more that Goodwill offers. They are working closely with area businesses to understand what type of jobs they have, and then tailor ing job training to meet the requirements of those positions so that people can work for and beyond Goodwill. **MS. MCCARTHY-WILSON** can be reached by email at, jmccarthy@goodwillsolac.org

KIMBERLY MCKENZIE, Director, Compton CareerLink WorkSource California Center is a Los Angeles County managed training and job placement department for the City of Compton , which is providing high quality workforce development services. **MS. MCKENZIE** provided an excellent PowerPoint presentation that outlined how CareerLink is assisting with a competitive, empowered workforce and a growing economy for the Gateway region, by effectively linking employers and job seekers. For example, a new business complex, located a the 91 Artesia Freeway and Alameda Boulevard, called the Gateway Towne Center, is now opened and highlighted companies include Home Depot, Staples, Best Buy, Wells Fargo, Target, 24-Hour Fitness, Shoe Pavilion and many other major employers. **MS. MCKENZIE** can be reached by email at, kmckenzie@comptoncity.org

JEROME WASHINGTON, CEO, and **ZINA WASHINGTON**, Director of **HELP ME HELP YOU** provided a brief overview of how they are working to empower the homeless and low income population by encouraging self-sufficiency with economic development programs. These programs support and improve education, career opportunities, affordable housing and financial independence for low and moderate income individuals. They are providing food distribution, financial education, housing services, technology training and career development services info@helpmehelpu.org

BEN ESPITIA, Goodwill's Director of Workforce Development provided an appreciation certificate to the Toyota Motor Sales for their community contributions. The certificate was accepted by Susan Sanborn , the Vintage Vehicle Museum Curator. **MR. ESPITIA** can be reached by email at, bespitia@goodwillsolac.org

LAVONTÉ JACKSON, Goodwill's Job Development Specialist, shared some wonderful table favors and door prizes. In addition, **MR. TYRONE HORN**, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department brought the famous Teddy Bear Sheriff Toys as door prizes to the **PCN** members. **MS. JACKSON** can be reached by email at, LJackson@goodwillsolac.org

The next **PCN** meeting is **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2008, 10 AM – Noon**, and our hosts are **BROAD SPECTRUM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** and the **PACIFIC GATEWAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK**. The meeting will take place at **Long Beach Job Corps**, 1903 Santa Fe Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90810.

PCN Meeting Attendees for DECEMBER 2007

Bernard Edwards, Let's Take a Look Enterprises, Inc.

Ben Espitia, Goodwill Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County

Charles Jackson, Operation Start

Chaunteé Coleman, Los Angeles Community Development Commission

Clarence Espinosa, Los Angeles World Airports

Coledias Wilson, Easter Seals

Cynthia Patrm, City of Long Beach

Darryl Fisher, West Los Angeles Employment Development Department

Dean Jones, Southland Partnership Corporation – P.O.W.E.R. Collaborative Network

Deidra Vandiegriff, New Directions, Inc.

Devona Gardner, US Pretrial Services

Donnicus Cook, Broad Spectrum Community Development Corporation

Duffy Leahy, Volunteers of America

Elnora Ragland, Broad Spectrum Community Development Corporation

Harriet Robinson-Blue, City of Compton Housing Authority

Joanie Knight, TAY Academy

Jamie Gutierrez, Los Angeles World Airports

Janet McCarthy-Wilson, Goodwill Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County

Jerome Washington, Help Me Help You

Joseph Rouzan, City of Los Angeles Community Development Department

Joy Tshako, Social Security Administration

Ken Tyler, LA County Department of Public Social Services

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Kimberly McKenzie, City of Compton CareerLink WorkSource

Larry Denman, Weingart Center

LaVonté Jackson, Goodwill Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County

Loretta Jackson, Broad Spectrum Community Development Corporation

Marsha Cole, Workplace Hollywood

Maryd Miller, City of Los Angeles, Youth Opportunity Movement

Matthew Davison, New Directions, Inc.

Reginald Allen, City of Compton CareerLink WorkSource

Richard Guiss, Goodwill Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County

Robert Hamm, Los Angeles United School District – Maintenance & Operations

Rose Cote, Los Angeles World Airports

Salvador Barajas, Goodwill Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County

Tamika Taylor, City of Los Angeles, Commission for Children, Youth and Their Families

Tom Wade, Argosy University/Consultants Prof Resources

Tyrone Horn, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Wally Aguilar, State of CA Employment Training Panel

William Marks, Los Angeles County Department of Public Services

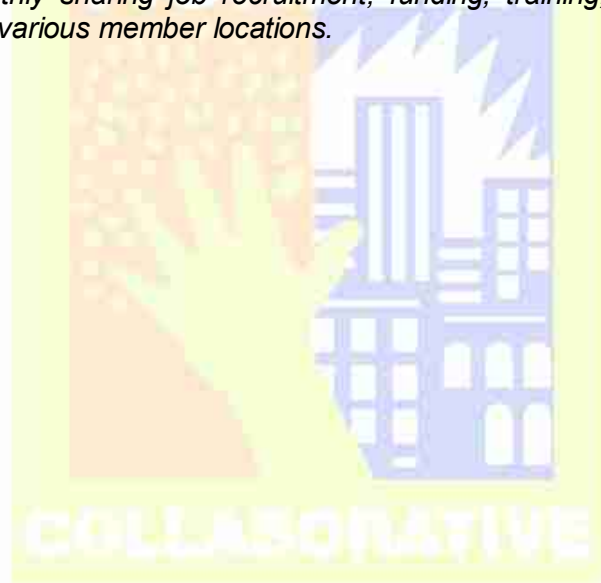
Zina Washington, Help Me Help You

P.O.W.E.R. Collaborative Network (**PCN**)

Meeting Summary

December 10, 2007

PCN started in January 2001, focused on job coordination for community residents in order to assist in public & private sector work placement. The **PCN** members are community builders serving to identify, nurture, & mobilize local assets by enhanced networking to rejuvenate economies, strengthen business investments, & ultimately build up civil society. The **PCN** meets monthly sharing job recruitment, funding, training, workforce projects, & other related topics at various member locations.



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