

# Monthly Update

December 17, 2008

# INCREASE

Community Development Corporation *CDC*

Dear Reader ,

It's the end of the year and we at INCREASE CDC are excited about starting another successful year. We thank you for your continued support and wish you the best during the Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

## INCREASE CDC Introduces New Business Network

INCREASE CDC is now accepting membership applications for the new INCREASE Community Business Network (INCREASE CBN). The network was created to connect entrepreneurs and business professionals with valuable resources and tools for success. There will be roundtable discussions on topics of interest, seminars, and quarterly luncheons offered throughout the year. Members also receive 20% off any paid service provided by INCREASE CDC which includes course fees, advertising, and more, as well as discounts with area businesses through the Business-to-Business Discount Program.

Membership applications are available online and can be submitted by fax, email or U.S. mail. For a discount on 2009 membership, attach the coupon below with your application. Call us at 614.476.1758 with any questions.

## Cancer Can't Stop Christmas INCREASE CDC Alumni Hosts Celebration

It can be challenging for a family battling with cancer to celebrate Christmas. INCREASE CDC alumni and President/CEO of Christians Overcoming Cancer, Mary Jenkins, is making sure there will be a Christmas for the children of these families. With the support of the community and area businesses, Christians Overcoming Cancer will host the "Cancer Can't Stop Christmas" Children's Celebration.

"The event's purpose is to restore hope," says Jenkins. It is designed for families with children ages 17 and under who are in active treatment, has a parent or sibling who is in active treatment, or has had a parent pass away this year while in active treatment. A catered dinner will be served and children will receive presents from their "Cancer Can't Stop Christmas!" Wish List.

The event will take place at 5:00pm on December 26, 2008 at the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel located at 50 S. Front St in downtown Columbus. Invitations to this event are by referral only. If you know a family with children in this situation, email your referral to [thecoc7@yahoo.com](mailto:thecoc7@yahoo.com).

## About INCREASE CDC

INCREASE CDC is a faith-based, not-for-profit organization with the mission to increase economic self-sufficiency through personal financial education, asset development, and micro-enterprise development. Visit us online at [www.increasecdc.org](http://www.increasecdc.org).

### Do you know a successful entrepreneur?

Nominate them or yourself for the 2009 Micro-Entrepreneur Awards. Visit us online at [www.increasecdc.org](http://www.increasecdc.org) for details or to obtain a nomination form.

### Upcoming Events

Jan 3, 2009 - Orientation for the Developing Your Business Plan course at Columbus Christian Center, 2300 Cassady Avenue, Columbus, OH 43219 at 12:00 noon.

Jan 7, 2009 - INCREASE Community Business Network (INCREASE CBN) Welcome Meeting for new members at The Ohio Health Building, 3433 Agler Road, Columbus, OH 43219. Meeting begins at 5:45 pm.

Jan 12, 2009 - Developing Your Business Plan course begins at Franklin University Westerville Campus, 4140 Executive Parkway, Westerville, OH 43081. Tuition is ONLY \$150 for this 12 week course. Call or register online. Spaces are limited so register TODAY.

Jan 15, 2009 - Personal Financial Education class begins at The Columbus Main Library, 3rd Floor Board Room, 96 S. Grant Ave, Columbus, OH 43215. Cost is FREE but spaces are limited. Call TODAY to register.

## Protect Your Family!

*What would they do without you?*



- Whole Life
- Term Life
- Cancer Policies
- Child Policies

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## Become a Member!

Join the INCREASE Community Business Network for networking opportunities, quarterly roundtables and more! Click here for more information.