



**NEIGHBORHOOD
INSTITUTE**



Center For Neighborhoods

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Participant Pledge

The Neighborhood Institute is generously funded by a grant from the Metro United Way Vital Neighborhoods Initiative and the University of Louisville's Signature Partnership Initiative. All participants are admitted free of charge, as the sponsor's funds cover approximately \$1000 per participant. Their support of the Neighborhood Institute provides you with opportunities to become engaged in continuous learning that will support improvement of your neighborhood.

The sponsors believe that neighborhood leaders are worth their investment. In exchange for your participation in the Neighborhood Institute, it is expected that you give back to the community. Your experience in the class will provide you with the resources, connections, and knowledge needed to be effective agents of positive change and to initiate neighborhood improvement.

The following "Goals and Outcomes" page outlines the goals of the Neighborhood Institute, followed by examples of ideal outcomes and success stories. Please note that throughout the semester and after graduation, Center For Neighborhoods staff will be working with you to track your progress and document the actions you are taking in your neighborhood. We want to keep up with all your wonderful projects! Please use the "outcomes" list to inspire your own project ideas! Everyone in the class will be asked to create or work on their own project during the class.

I understand that the Metro United Way and the University of Louisville's Signature Partnership Initiative are financially investing in my personal growth and development as a neighborhood leader.

I enter into this pledge with the Center For Neighborhoods on this _____ day of _____, 2008.

I pledge to:

- Uphold my personal goals for growth and education as a neighborhood leader
- To contribute to some aspect of positive neighborhood improvement
- To put the skills, resources, contacts, and information I receive in the Neighborhood Institute to good use
- To share my knowledge and help to empower others living in my neighborhood that are working toward improvement
- To keep Center For Neighborhoods up-to-date on what I'm doing (projects, events, programs, association business, organizing, work on issues, etc...)

Signature

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