

*Message from WGBC President, Mildred Hunt Robbins on the occasion of
Breakfast on the Boulevard, the WGBC Annual 11th Annual Event – November 19, 2015.*

The WGBC Shared Economy

As an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff, the shared economy works for the WGBC. Gifts to our organization include:

- An office at New Center Community Services with a phone line and computer;
- Access to meeting rooms at Boulevard Temple and Duffield Branch Library;
- Event venues at:



- Boulevard Temple (who also serve in this capacity in addition to hosting many WGBC meetings weekly);
- Communication Workers of America Local 4100;
- Duffield Library (our information distribution center);
- Laborers' Union Local 1191;
- Gamma Phi Delta Sorority National Headquarters; and,
- The WGBC non-profit organizations, businesses, and institutions that host our monthly meetings.

Sobriety House is a joint venturer in the WGBC-Sobo (coined by Kyle Sandefur, Esq.) employment initiative, and provides transport for WGBC projects, such as the local assets survey by LTU Detroit Studio, and for volunteers at community cleanups. Sobriety House also hosts the special December monthly meeting;

Boulevard Marketplace donates refreshments and supplies for meetings and special occasions, and solicits discounted menu items from Papa's Pizza for community cleanups and other WGBC functions;

Brazelton's Florist donates flowers annually for *Breakfast on the Boulevard*, and other special events;

ECS Partnership-McDonald's sponsored catering at our 2014 LOU press conference and provides refreshments for special events; and,

Many other members and friends who provide gifts and services provided that are too innumerable to list.

With appreciation, WGBC receives the generosity that is evidenced by silent-auction donations, and other in-kind gifts and services. We are particularly indebted to Lawrence Technological University for their many services to the WGBC, including their recent application to the National Endowment for the Arts for a grant on our behalf (Joongsub Kim, Ph.D.). It is our good fortune to have members and friends who are abundant in their sharing of their talents, creativity, human capital, monetary resources, professional expertise, and personal and professional networks to serve our community.

The willingness to share by the WGBC Advisory Board, members and friends, is the fuel that drives our engine in service to our Mission *...to advance employment, entrepreneurship, culture and environmental health...* in our community. The spark for the engine that generates our accomplishments is the cohesive triad of integrity, transparency, and commitment to equity, as we serve our West End Detroit neighborhoods: Northwestern Goldberg, LaSalle Gardens, & Virginia Park.

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