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Work Experience

Neighborhood Planner- Layton Boulevard West Neighbors Inc. Milwaukee, WI

- **Objectives**
 - Collector, analyzer, and graphic designer of data and input from all neighborhood stakeholders and available resources that developed a Quality of Life Plan for Layton Boulevard West (LBW) neighborhoods
 - Planner and facilitator of focus groups, individual interviews, work groups, neighborhood meetings, visioning sessions, visual preference surveys, charities, and other forums to secure continuous stakeholders' input
 - Work with stakeholders and partners to develop projects that build a healthy neighborhood and move them to implementation by creating action plans and securing funding
- **Deliverables**
 - Layton Boulevard West Quality of Life Plan, Zilber Neighborhood Initiative
 - Program Manager of Healthy Living, Youth Education and Leadership Strategies
 - Establishment of LBW School Garden Alliance, Community Mobile Bike Hub
 - Manage 75 volunteers in community projects
 - Over \$75,000 investment in grant management for community projects in one year
 - Manage, track and report yearly budget of Zilber Neighborhood Initiative

Community Support Specialist-Riverworks Development Corporation, Milwaukee, WI

- **Objectives**
 - Promote rehabilitation programs and housing resources to resident on targeted neighborhood including Targeted Investment Neighborhood Program
 - Assist and manage design on projects concepts that improve the infrastructure and environment of the neighborhood
 - Collaborative efforts with other organizations to promote neighborhood sustainable development projects in Harambee Great Neighborhoods and City of Milwaukee
- **Deliverables**
 - Increase the amount of approved applications for TIN Program in the Harambee Great Neighborhoods of last 1 ½ years by 175% in the last 10 months. A leverage of \$400,000 of home improvement investment, 300 new contacts for the organization database
 - 2 vacant lots transformed into new community gardens.100 new Harambee Neighborhood Signs installed
 - Establishment Third Street Model Block Initiative: A blighted neighborhood block with high rate of vacant lots transformed into new area for nine Habitat for Humanity new construction homes

Energy Advocate, Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation, Madison/Milwaukee, WI

- **Objectives**
 - Supervise the process of pilot program Together We Save: assistance program
 - Develop marketing strategies to promote Focus on Energy pilot project Together We Save in the Layton Boulevard West Neighborhoods
 - Advocacy to homeowners regarding energy efficient strategies and manage home improvements projects with each participant household
- **Deliverables**
 - Supervision of 30 energy efficient home improvements projects over 1 year

- Secure \$250,000 grant contracts dollar investment in home improvement
- Due to the success of the pilot program the creation of Milwaukee Energy Efficiency (ME2) was approved

Project Assistant-Community Design Solutions, Milwaukee, WI

- **Objectives**
 - Organize and facilitate workshops as part of design process with Milwaukee local communities
 - Designer Intern at Department of City Development at City of Milwaukee for Facade Grant and Milwaukee Main Street Program
 - Develop design guidelines for municipalities, Business Improvement Districts (BID)
- **Deliverables**
 - Developed building and streetscape designs for Milwaukee areas based on neighborhood needs and city standards (Bronzeville Historic District, Silver City Main Street, Riverworks)
 - Collaborate in design guidelines booklets on Milwaukee County base on community input and architectural characteristics of the area (Bronzeville Historic District, Riverworks)

Architectural Intern- Miller Architectural Group, Milwaukee, WI

- **Objectives**
 - Field Measuring and Site analysis
 - Production of Construction documents and Marketing Plans for projects
 - Participation in Historic Preservation Design Projects in City of Milwaukee
- **Deliverables**
 - Completed experience requirements for Intern Development Program (IDP) in the categories of Pre-Design, Design and Project Management
 - King Commons Drive Phase II & III Low Income Housing Tax Credit Projects over 6 million dollars invested in the community

Education

M. Arch., University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, 2008

- Sustainable architecture and urban planning studies and practice
- Solar House Design, Solar Decathlon 2009
- Latino Architecture Exhibition at City Hall, 2007

Architectural Studies B.S., University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, 2005

- Teaching Assistant, Summer 2005, Summer 2004
- Findorff Construction Minority Award, 2004
- AIA Southern Wisconsin Chapter Award, 2003

Relevant Skills/Volunteer Work

- Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design, Accredited Professional 2009
- Water management, Energy Efficient, Urban Gardening and Sustainable Development Expertise
- Computer Software (Microsoft Office Word, Excel, Power Point, Adobe Illustrator, In Design, Photoshop, Web Design)
- Strong leadership skills and liaisons
- Bilingual (Spanish, English)

Volunteer Work

- 1700 hours of Community Leadership with Public Allies AmeriCorps Milwaukee
- Council for the Spanish Speaker Board Member- Facilities Committee Member
- Artist Working in Education Board Member (A.W.E.) Board Member, Program Committee Member