

Community Inclusion Panel Year-end Summary Report for Cincinnatus Newsletter

Over the course of the program year just ended, the Community Inclusion Panel completed the study of Stable Integrated Communities (SIC) and began the task of communicating the findings to the public. Presentations to many groups, including the Vibrant Neighborhoods Committee of City Council, have generated a great deal of interest in the findings, which highlighted a trend of increasing SIC's and generated pride in an area for which the city and region are not generally recognized. On April 25, the fair housing organization, HOME, recognized the SIC report as a great contribution by Cincinnatus' with its Founders Award. The study's findings and the buzz they've created have the potential to positively influence public policy and real estate industry practice. That will be our focus in the upcoming program year.

Tremendous progress was made on the Greater Cincinnati Commitment (GCC) over the year. Fourteen respected civic organizations are now co-sponsors of the Commitment which aims to create a climate of greater inclusion and equity. We formed a partnership with the Birmingham (Alabama) Pledge Foundation, an organization that is completing ten years of similar effort with laudable results. Over the 2008-9 program year we plan to transition leadership of the effort to the newly formed GCC Alliance as it moves to make the Commitment an important part of the public discourse in our community.

The final key goal area – increasing the number of active Panel members – is progressing well with the interest of several new Cincinnatus members from the class of 2008. We invite all Cincinnatus members who have an interest to attend a Panel meeting to learn more about how we are working to make Cincinnati an even better place to live and work. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 11:30 at the Health Foundation