



Friends Landscaping Our World

Auction Donation

Get with the **F.L.O.W.!** Friends Landscaping Our World (F.L.O.W.) brought to you by the Western Michigan Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors (WCR), in conjunction with the Inner City Christian Foundation (ICCF).

Last fall, a small grass-roots team led by Michelle Gordon (realtor for Keller Williams Realty) along with the help of landscape architect Jason Haywood (Signature Landscaping), completed a successful pilot program of landscaping 3 homes in the city of Grand Rapids for lower-income new homeowners. Upon completion, Gordon solicited team support from the WCR and the ICCF in the 2008 F.L.O.W. project of landscaping up to as many as 30 homes within the city of Grand Rapids.

This program is aimed at first-time homebuyers who otherwise would not have the resources to do this kind of renovation. Landscaping adds value and curb appeal to any home, and raises the value of the whole neighborhood. In addition, it provides an opportunity for those who volunteer their time, talents and supplies, to make a difference in the community.

Entries will be submitted from home buyers that meet the following criteria: The home must be owner occupied; the homeowner must be in good standing with their mortgage payments; homeowners must meet MSHDA guidelines for income, and the home must have been purchased and closed between October 15, 2007, and April 15, 2008. WCR will also be landscaping the only woman-built home for Habitat for Humanity as part of this project. The 2008 project is now active and will be completed this fall with a final judging of the gardens, tour, and garden party on September 27, 2008. The garden party is also a fundraising event for WCR with both silent and live auctions.

Here's how you can, "Get with the **F.L.O.W.**"

We are looking for auction items for the garden party, no matter the size. These items can be gift certificates, retail merchandise or services.

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