



F.L.O.W. Mission Statements

- To provide a caring hand in urban communities of Grand Rapids, Michigan proper.
 - To provide assistance in transforming yards for new homeowners, with community support.
 - To be able to affect the quality of life for new homeowners and for the public by beautifying curb appeal.
 - To bring much happiness to all whom get to enjoy.
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PROJECT HISTORY

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), a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable foundation.

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.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

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.



ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries will be submitted through members of the WCR for home buyers that meet the following criteria:

- Home must be owner occupied;
- Homeowner must be in good standing with their mortgage payments;
- Homeowners must meet MSHDA guidelines for income, and
- Home must have been purchased and closed between October 15, 2007, and April 15, 2008.

The 2008 project is now active and will be completed this fall with a final judging of the gardens, tour, and a garden party in Grand Rapids on **September 27, 2008 at San Chez – A Tapas Bistro, 38 W. Fulton, 6pm-9pm.** The garden party is also a fundraising event for WCR with both silent and live auctions.



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Here's how you can, "**Get with the F.L.O.W.**" WCR and the ICCF need:

- Sponsors to help raise funds for the landscaping and provide garden kits for the homeowners to maintain their great looking new yards.
- They need landscapers who will donate time, design, plants, equipment, labor, plant material, and garden implements, and
- They need neighbors and community volunteers for labor, split-plants, and/or
- Donations sent to Mary Kent at Five Star Realty, 1545 - 68th St SE, Ste 201, Grand Rapids, MI 49508. Or you can complete on-line through PayPal at the project's blog site: friendslandscapingourworld.blogspot.com

Please note, some proceeds may be used for administrative purposes.

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