

# THE SOURCE

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## What is The SOURCE?

The SOURCE is a not-for-profit employee support organization designed to help employees keep their jobs, receive training to enhance their employment, and help employees move into better positions within or across companies. The SOURCE works with employees from:

- American Autocoat
- American Seating Co.
- Butterball Farms, Inc.
- Cascade Engineering
- Cascade Fresh Cleaning Co.
- Covenant Village of the Great Lakes
- Decc Co.
- Grand Rapids Foam Technologies
- Pridgeon & Clay
- Proos Manufacturing Inc.
- Richwood Industries
- Spectrum Health, Environmental Services and Nutrition Services
- Spectrum Industries
- Vi-Chem Corp.
- WMCAT
- Wolverine Coil Spring

Please call us at 616.452.5295 for more information or feel free to stop by the office at any time. Our office is open 7:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, but special arrangements may be made for after hour appointments to best meet your needs.

## Smart911 is now available to Kent County residents!

A new service called Smart911, became available to Kent County residents this past month. Residents are now able to create an online safety profile for their household that will allow 911 dispatchers to obtain critical information during an emergency. Emergency responders (law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services) will be more prepared to respond with information like photos, medical history, house layout, pets, cell phone numbers and more. Smart911 is available in more than 1,500 communities across the country. Kent County resident can sign up for free at [www.Smart911.com](http://www.Smart911.com) or with a caseworker at The SOURCE. For help signing up, call 616.452.5295.

## Upcoming WorkKeys Changes

Do you have your National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)? There are changes coming to the WorkKeys, both administering and for the participants taking the tests which may affect your NCRC. There are a few written tests that are being eliminated, while the names of the electronic tests are being changed to reflect the questions and areas of focus. More information is forthcoming and is not scheduled to take effect until October. The SOURCE has been monitoring the possible changes and can provide employees and companies with information as it becomes available. If you are interested to learn more about these changes or how they will affect your certification, reach out to The SOURCE Career Navigator or Office Manager at 616.452.5295

## Farmer's Markets return to Kent County

As of May 1st, more Farmer's Markets become available in the area. There are different options in Kent County to choose from and each has something unique to offer. Some of the main markets in the area are:

- Fulton St Market: 1145 Fulton St. E, Tuesday, Wednesday, Fridays and Saturdays 8am—3pm.
- Plainfield Township Farmer's Market: 4411 Plainfield Ave NE, Tuesdays and Thursdays 2-7pm
- Southeast Area Farmer's Market: 900 Fuller Ave SE, Saturdays from 11am-3pm.

There is no better time to get locally grown fruits and vegetables! For assistance finding the most convenient market call 616.452.5295.

## Free Community Events

### Women Veterans Expo 2017

**When:** Wednesday, May 3, at 3-7pm

**Where:** GRCC, M-Tec Building, 622 Godfrey Ave SW, Grand Rapids, 49503

**What:** Expo attendees will receive a free lunch and giveaways, in addition to the resources and information presented. All women veterans and their families are welcome.

### Free Comic Book Day

**When:** Saturday, May 6 at 10am-10pm

**Where:** Vault of Midnight, 95A Monroe Center St NW, Grand Rapids 49503

**What:** Once a year, on the first Saturday in May, Vault of Midnight join forces with local comic shops worldwide to offer free comic books to the masses. Doors open at 10am and early risers will be treated to complimentary Madcap coffee while supplies last. There will also be the Sidewalk Festival and a Cosplay Contest, so come out for the fun!

### Dentistry from the Heart

**When:** Friday, May 12 at 8am-4pm

**Where:** Contemporary Family Dental, 2005 Breton Rd SE, Grand Rapids, 49546

**What:** Patients can choose a cleaning, a filling or an extraction. No appointments are necessary, as it will be first-come, first-serve. The event is open to the public, and is designed to provide dental relief to the people in need in our community.

### Kent County Resource Fair

**When:** Thursday, May 18 at 11am-2pm

**Where:** Paul I. Phillips Boys & Girls Club, 726 Madison Ave SE Grand Rapids, 49503.

**What:** Come and learn about the resources available in our community. Dozens of local organizations will be on-site to discuss a wide range of low cost and free services.

## Thank you to a Spark candidate!

A big thank you to Jonaca Hudson, Spark candidate for her participation with in the Aspen Institute 2-Gen Practice Institute in Tulsa, OK. Jonaca was one of six parents throughout the country to participate in a three day conference, sharing her experience. She was joined by Joyce Rohrer, staff member at The SOURCE and another local nonprofit, WMCAT. The SOURCE appreciates Jonaca's time and commitment!



### Board of Directors

The SOURCE's Governing Board of Directors is comprised of leaders from our partner companies.

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