

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.
- Clark Retirement Community
- Decc Co.
- Grand Rapids Foam Technologies
- Head Start for Kent County
- Holland Home
- Imperial CRS, Inc.
- Porter Hills Retirement Communities & Services
- Pridgeon & Clay
- Proos Manufacturing and Proos Fabrication
- Richwood Industries
- 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 8am to 5pm Monday through Thursday and 8am to 4:30pm on Friday, but special arrangements may be made for after hour appointments to best meet your needs.



Congratulations!

We are pleased to announce that both Holland Home and WMCAT (West Michigan Center for Arts & Technology) are nominees for an EPIC Award this year. The award ceremony celebrates the businesses in our community that are making a difference by being Entrepreneurial, Progressive, Innovative and Collaborative. There are seven categories that recognize not only businesses but the individuals who are strengthening the community as well. Out of the seven categories, Holland Home is nominated for the Excellence in Business award, sponsored by: Fifth Third Bank, and WMCAT is nominated for the Non-Profit of the Year award. Please help us congratulate Holland Home, WMCAT and the other 2015 finalists!

CEO Board Update

On May 12th the CEO Board and Mindy welcomed three visitors to our quarterly meeting. Scott Ellsworth, Business Leaders United Director, Vincent Stanley, Director of Philosophy for Patagonia and Elissa Hillary, Local First Executive Director. The group engaged in important dialogue regarding the nation's skill gap and how important business is to sustainable communities. BLU provides a structured platform that allow business leaders to communicate with national policy makers, the press and the public in regards to plans they have developed that could serve as models for a more inclusive national skills policy.

Transportation Solutions

An employee came in to The SOURCE to request help with transportation. He was struggling with attendance points because of being late and didn't know what to do. The caseworker did an assessment and determined he was a good candidate for the bike program The SOURCE offers. The caseworker explained the program to the employee and he was very surprised and happy that he could have a bike. The SOURCE was able to provide a bike completely free. The employee is still employed and his attendance has improved. Thanks to our partner, The Spoke Folks, for keeping our bikes well maintained!

Spanish Classes

The SOURCE will be offering Spanish for Neighbors I this summer. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings over the course of 4 weeks. The class is open to the employees of our member companies and to the community. There is a \$45 fee for the class, which covers the cost of the book that will be used (\$35 if student has already purchased the book). Payment is due at registration, and can be dropped off in person or mailed to the address below. If mailing, please include the name of the student and a phone number.

Classes begin: Tuesday, July 21—Thursday, August 13 from 11:00 AM -12:30 PM.

For more information, please call us at 616.452.5295.

Mail to: The SOURCE • Attn: Spanish Classes • 1409 Buchanan SW • Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Free Summer Meals

The Grand Rapids Public Schools Nutrition Services Department will be sponsoring the USDA funded Summer Meals programs this summer in locations throughout the city. Meals are available Monday through Friday, beginning June 15th. All children, 18 years of age or younger may participate at no charge! A nutritious lunch will be available at the following sites and dates:

- Alger: 6/15-7/30 M-Th 8:00-8:30 & 11:30-12:30
- Buchanan: 6/15-7/30 M-Th 8:00-8:30 & 11:30-12:30
- Burton: 6/15-7/30 M-Th 8:00-8:30 & 11:30-12:30
- Cesar Chavez: 6/15-7/30 M-Th 8:00-8:30 & 11:30-12:30
- Dickinson: 6/15-7/30 M-Th 8:00-8:30 & 11:30-12:30
- Sibley: 6/15-7/30 M-Th 8:00-8:30 & 11:30-12:30

For a complete list or additional information, please call the GRPS Nutrition Services Department at 616.819.2828.

Achievements

We would like to congratulate one of our staff on her recent achievement. Jackie Villegas, Administrative Assistant, received her Associate's in Arts from Grand Rapids Community College last month in May! Jackie has been with the SOURCE for over 2 years and we are thrilled to see her reach a milestone. Jackie says, "I've been fortunate to have such wonderful support from my family and friends as I pursued my associate's from GRCC. I am excited to embark on this new journey as I continue with my studies towards a Bachelor's degree. This has provided me with the extra drive and motivation needed to move forward!" Help us congratulate Jackie on this success, and we hope this is just the start of many more successes.

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