



## **SEPTEMBER 2010 UPDATE**

### **Uniting our Community to close the disparity and achievement gaps**

#### **Unification initiatives and happenings:**

##### **SCHOOLS**

- The Alliance received a second grant from United Way to continue the work of the Initiative for Lasting Change. With this funding we will focus on 4 and 5 year olds in the Kinderprep program at Westwood and Washburn Elementary to enhance the program by combining wrap-around service and transition to Kindergarten programming.
- Minnesota Reading Corp members assisted with an extended summer school pilot program for five weeks this summer. We will take what we have learned from this pilot and implement the program in our school year ALC programs at Westwood and Washburn. This will provide additional resources to our students who need help in reading after school.

##### **COMMUNITY**

- Westwood Park had higher than expected enrollments (125) for the Summer Park Partnership program. The Summer Park Partnership programs ran at Smith and Westwood parks August 23- September 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch was provided for all children attending this program.