



MAY 2010 UPDATE

Uniting our Community to close the disparity and achievement gaps

Unification initiatives and happenings:

AGENCIES

- Bloomington United for Youth (BUY) will host its annual BUY Volunteer Recognition Event to honor youth, youth organizations and community groups that make a positive difference for Bloomington residents. Visit the BUY website for more information www.bloomingtonyouth.org.

FAITH COMMUNITY

- Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church joins Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in supporting the Summer Park Partnership Program. Because of the generous contributions from the faith community, children attending this program will be provided free lunches.

SCHOOLS

- Bloomington Public Schools 2nd Annual District-wide Food Drive will be held May 3-7. Schools, student councils and Parent Teacher Associations will collect non-perishable food items to be donated to VEAP. Last year the District raised over 3,000 pounds of food and more than \$1,000 in cash donations.
- Bloomington Public Health, Hennepin County, TIES, the University of MN and the Bloomington and Richfield School District's are collaborating to write an I3 Federal Stimulus grant to support the work of the initiative.