

Community Vibrancy Meeting Notes January 15, 2015

- **Information Hub (OurUpstateSC.info)** – With the help of volunteer, Dan Garvin, we will begin checking the accuracy of the Information Hub Resource links. We also want to review the resource links to ensure we have all resources listed. We are looking for a couple of task force members to assist in the process of adding additional resources to ensure we have the most robust resource listing possible for the Community Vibrancy section. This will likely consist of a meeting with Dan to review the site and then helping provide our intern with direction on where to find additional resources. You will not be expected to research specific resources. Please contact me via email (ttate@tenatthetop.org) if you are interested in helping.
- **Community Vibrancy Project with USC Upstate** – The students in Abe Goldberg’s class will begin a project in which they will find a Community Vibrancy success story. They will then interview the community to find out how they achieved their success and their best practices. The information collected will then be used to supplement our Community Vibrancy guides, in addition to adding FAQs, best practices, and contacts for more information to the guides. The students will be presenting their projects on Thursday, April 30th at 8:00AM at a Spartanburg location to be determined. Please add this event to your calendar!
- **Review of Five Community Vibrancy Draft Templates** – Thank you to the members of the five groups that produced excellent draft guides for us to review. The five guides (Branding/Signage, Events, Public Art, Local Action Committee, & Marketing) are attached. Please review the guides and send your feedback on edit suggestions, additions, or deletions to me via email (ttate@tenatthetop.org).
- **Elevate Upstate Community Vibrancy Video** – The Hughes Investments Elevate Upstate Community Vibrancy Grants are provided annually to communities in Upstate South Carolina to help enhance local community and economic vibrancy. [Click here](#) to view the video highlighting the 2013 recipients.
- **International Month** – Check out www.upstateinternational.org for events happening the entire month of March!

Next Steps:

- Please provide your feedback on the five draft guides so we can ensure they are most useful to everyone. The guides will be added on to after the USC Upstate students’ projects. After the guides are complete, we will determine the best way for them to be presented for use.
- Mark April 30th on your calendar to see the USC Upstate students give the Community Vibrancy project presentations! They will each interview a community that has a Community Vibrancy success story and present how the community accomplished their goal.