



**City Connect Detroit**  
Building new links to community solutions



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## **CITY CONNECT DETROIT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT CAMPAIGN PROVIDES 867 SUMMER JOBS**

*Detroit, MI, June 10, 2011*— City Connect Detroit’s community campaign to provide Detroit-area youth with employment opportunities has resulted in \$1.3 million in contributions committed to date and placed 867 teenagers and young adults in summer jobs. The Grow Detroit’s Young Talent program received generous support this year from several corporate and philanthropic partners, including DTE Energy Foundation and The Skillman Foundation.

“We are very pleased with the success of this year’s campaign. The critical skills developed in these jobs will help build a talented future workforce for the city and state,” said Dierk L. Hall, City Connect Detroit interim president & CEO. “However, due to the overwhelming interest in our program, there currently are no more jobs available. We are seeking additional funding to enable us to provide even more youth with enriching work experiences this summer.”

Currently, all of the funded positions for young people in the Grow Detroit’s Young Talent program have been filled. City Connect Detroit and its partners are not accepting any applications for positions at this time. Companies interested in providing jobs for the program can make a financial contribution or offer employment opportunities for young people by clicking the “donate” button on the City Connect Detroit website at [www.cityconnectdetroit.org](http://www.cityconnectdetroit.org), or e-mailing Tanjia Wilkerson at [tanjia@cityconnectdetroit.org](mailto:tanjia@cityconnectdetroit.org).

Teens and young adults ages 14 to 24 who are seeking summer employment should visit [www.growdetroityoungtalent.org](http://www.growdetroityoungtalent.org) to learn about available opportunities through the City of Detroit and to access a valuable resource guide for young job-seekers. Information on any future job openings through Grow Detroit’s Young Talent program will be posted on the Web site.

Last year’s launch of the “Grow Detroit’s Young Talent” program raised more than \$1 million to provide work experiences for 600 teens and young adults. City Connect Detroit manages and facilitates the Detroit Youth Employment Consortium, a private-public partnership created by The Skillman Foundation to expand summer and year-round employment opportunities for young people ages 14 to 24.

### **About City Connect Detroit**

Celebrating 10 years as an “Architect of Change” in metropolitan Detroit communities, City Connect Detroit ([www.cityconnectdetroit.org](http://www.cityconnectdetroit.org)) is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that facilitates public and private sector solutions to community problems and raises funding to support these solutions. Since its inception, City Connect Detroit has secured more than \$114 million for Detroit-area initiatives supporting a wide array of community development projects.

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