

Membership Matters

Quarterly News from The 501 Alliance

December 2007

We've Moved Offices

We moved into new offices at the end of November and we previously notified all of our members but we wanted to provide the information again in case someone missed it. Our new address is provided below:

**The 501 Alliance
26955 Northwestern Highway
Suite 200
Southfield, MI 48033**

Please update your records and address any correspondence to our new address. Contribution reports should still be sent to our lockbox in Illinois if a payment is due. If not, they can be sent directly to us.

Our telephone and fax numbers remained the same and are as follows:

**Toll-free: 800-968-9675
Fax: 248-353-1567**

Due to the upcoming holiday season, we sometimes see delays in the delivery of unemployment claims to our office. So, the due dates that we provide for returning separation information may be shorter than normal. Also, our office will be closed on Tuesday, December 25 and Tuesday, January 1 for the holidays.

Mark Your Calendar for the Next Annual Meeting

All member agencies are invited to attend the annual meeting of The 501 Alliance to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 8, 2008. The meeting will be held at the University Club of Michigan State University in Lansing. A complimentary lunch will also be provided immediately following the meeting. Directions to the venue will be included in the annual report that will be mailed in late April.

Topics of discussion and events include financial and claim reports for 2007, results from the annual audit and the election of board members and officers. In addition, the Harry and Shirley Klein Legal Scholarship winner will be announced and introduced to the membership. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the Board of Directors and to network with your peers from across the state.

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New Members Join The 501 Alliance

We had another successful year recruiting new members to join The 501 Alliance. An additional eleven nonprofit agencies will be joining our group in January of 2008. This will bring our total membership to more than 400 nonprofits across the state.

We would also like to thank those members who took advantage of our Member Referral program and helped us to recruit new members. As a reminder, this program provides your agency with a \$50 charitable donation for every prospective member you refer who completes and submits an application. An additional \$150 charitable donation is provided to your agency for every prospective member who also qualifies and is approved for membership. That's up to \$200 your agency can receive for each prospective member referred to The 501 Alliance.

The applicant simply needs to include your name and telephone number on the application and we'll send you a check. In addition, there's no limit to the number of prospective members you can refer. For example, refer just five prospective members and your agency will receive at least \$250 and up to \$1,000.

You can also contact us at any time to inquire about the status of any nonprofit you've referred. For a brochure or for more information, please contact Mike at 800-968-9675. You can also visit our web site at www.501alliance.org for complete details.

We Can Offer a Helping Hand

Has your agency experienced turnover in management? Do you know how to properly document verbal and written warnings? Do your supervisors and managers need a refresher course on the unemployment process? We can help you through our free workshop that will help your organization better control your unemployment costs.

The workshop lasts about an hour depending on the number of questions and the size of the group. We also come to your facility, so your organization doesn't incur any travel or other costs normally associated with training. The topics reviewed include the unemployment compensation process, separation issues and concerns, verbal and written warnings and employment guidelines from the state.

If you would like to schedule a workshop, all of your supervisors and managers should attend. These individuals are your organization's first-line defense in controlling your unemployment costs. We believe it's important to show the relationship between disciplinary actions and your agency's bottom line. Contact Mike at 800-968-9675 to schedule a workshop at your organization.