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December 2023 NEWSLETTER



Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Bodhi Day, or another tradition at this time of year, the team at Greater Dubuque wishes you and yours a happy and safe holiday season.

We look forward to continuing to work with you in the new year to deliver on the promise that **YOU** can be great here.

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Interested in learning more about support for your new or existing business?

Contact Daniel McDonald, Director of Existing Business, at 563-557-9049 or danielm@greaterdubuque.org.

Business Expansions

Vanguard Set to Add 30,000 Square Feet and 10 New Jobs

Existing business expansion continues with Vanguard Enterprises poised to spend \$1,500,000 on a 30,000 square foot addition to their facility in the Dubuque Industrial Center West. As part of the project and growth, the company also intends to create ten new jobs.

[Read More >](#)

Business Services

Tri-State Economic Development Practitioners Collaborate on Growth

Following a two-year hiatus resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, Greater Dubuque Development returned earlier this year to convening area non-profit economic development professionals. Dubbed the "Tri-State Economic Development Practitioners", the group crosses state lines with representation into Wisconsin with Grant and Lafayette Counties, Illinois with Jo Daviess County, and Iowa with Clayton, Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson, and Jones Counties.

[Learn More >](#)



Interested in learning more about the Tri-State Economic Development Practitioners group?

Contact Jason White, Vice President of Business Services, at 563-557-9049 or jasonw@greaterdubuque.org.



Rendering of proposed classroom at new child care center.
Provided by Straka Johnson Architects.

Strategic Initiatives

State Funds Initiate Creation Child Care Solutions Fund

Greater Dubuque Development Corporation, Dubuque Initiatives and Child Care Resource & Referral of Northeast Iowa have secured a grant from the State of Iowa to administer a comprehensive wage enhancement program to recruit more child care professionals throughout Dubuque County.

[Learn More >](#)



Interested in learning more about the Dubuque County Child Care Solutions Fund?

Contact Nicolas Hockenberry, Director of Workforce Programming, at 563-557-9049 or nicolash@greaterdubuque.org.

Workforce Solutions

YOUR CAREER can be great here.



Rick Dickinson, President & CEO of Greater Dubuque Development, wraps up the December 1, 2023 Workforce Solutions Breakfast with call to action to become a Business Champion of Child Care.

[Event Recap](#)

Thank you to the 180+ who attended our Workforce Solutions Breakfast on Friday, December 1, 2023 at the Diamond Jo Casino in the Port of Dubuque. The presentation, delivered by several members of the Greater Dubuque Development team, provided updates on our workforce solutions programs, a sneak peak into the results of our NEXT GEN Perceptions Survey results, and news on advancements in soft infrastructure development in the Greater Dubuque region.

[Click for a full recap of the Workforce Solutions Breakfast presentation](#)



Mandi Dolson, Director of Workforce Recruitment & Retention welcomes students to the College Movie Night.

Event Recap

Area College Students Explore the Community with Off-Campus Adventures

Our 2023-2024 **YOU can be great here** Community of Colleges series brought area college students to the Historic Millwork District in September and to Phoenix Theatres in November.

[Learn More >](#)



Interested in learning more about the **YOU can be great here** Community of Colleges series?

Contact Mandi Dolson, Director of Workforce Recruitment & Retention, at 563-557-9049 or mandid@greaterdubuque.org.

Event Recap

Future Leadership Team Convenes for Quarterly Meeting

On Wednesday, December 6, 2023, the Greater Dubuque Development Future Leadership Team met for a regularly scheduled meeting. This 30-person advisory team, made up of up-and-coming leaders representing area employers, meets quarterly to discuss relevant economic development topics and how Greater Dubuque Development and the community can be most effective in addressing challenges and opportunities.

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Interested in learning more about our Future Leadership Team?

Contact Nic Hockenberry, Director of Workforce Programming, at 563-557-9049 or nicolash@greaterdubuque.org.

AccessDubuqueJobs.com Update

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Community Information

YOUR LIFE can be great here.



Community News

Apply Now to Local Business Competition

The Dubuque County Business Competition, organized by The Innovation Lab and powered by Dupaco Credit Union, is set to bring together startups, existing businesses, funders, and mentors under one roof, providing a unique opportunity to kickstart or scale local entrepreneurship endeavors.

[Learn More and Apply Online >](#)



Community News

Donations Sought for Winter Youth Clothing Drive

The City of Dubuque's AmeriCorps program is now collecting new or gently used youth winter clothing items through January 12, 2024 to distribute as part of an MLK Day of Service. Donation drop-off points include the Kennedy Mall, Hillcrest Family Services, and the Multicultural Family Center.

[Learn More >](#)

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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KING, JR.
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



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[Community News](#)

Annual Breakfast Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday

On Monday, January 15, 2024, Faces & Voices will host Dubuque's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration featuring keynote speaker Ruth Haley Barton. The breakfast is scheduled for 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. at the Grand River Center in the Port of Dubuque.

[Learn More and Get Tickets Online](#)
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Featured Video

Newcomers: Theresia & Julian

Newcomers to the Greater Dubuque region, Theresia & Julian talk about their experience in the Distinctively Dubuque program and what they love about the area. As Julian says, "Dubuque's where it's at!" We couldn't agree more.

Upcoming Events

YOUR NETWORK can be great here.

Friday, February 2, 2024

YOU can be great here [Community of Colleges Hockey Night](#)

5:00 p.m. Doors Open, 7:00 p.m. Game Time | 1800 Admiral Sheehy Dr., Dubuque, IA

Currently enrolled area college students are invited to experience a Dubuque Fighting Saints hockey for FREE, thanks to the Workforce Solutions Programs at Greater Dubuque Development. The evening will include free pizza, games, and opportunities to connect with local employers. Students can RSVP and reserve tickets through their Student Engagement offices starting in early January.

[Learn More](#) >

Wednesdays, January 31 - February 28, 2024

Distinctively Dubuque

5:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Various Locations Throughout Dubuque

[Distinctively Dubuque](#) is a five-night course hosted by high-energy presenters with in-depth knowledge of the Greater Dubuque region designed for individuals who are new to the area within the last five years. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, Greater Dubuque Development hosts this program FREE of charge. The next session kicks off January 31, 2024 with additional sessions in March, August, and October of the new year. To register, contact Mandi Dolson, Director of Workforce Recruitment & Retention for Greater Dubuque Development at 563-557-9049 or mandid@greaterdubuque.org.

[Learn More >](#)

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

AccessDubuqueJobs.com Spring Career Fair

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Hotel Julien | 200 Main Street, Dubuque, IA

Save the date for the [AccessDubuqueJobs.com](#) Spring Career Fair, scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at the Hotel Julien in downtown Dubuque. Employer registration will open at noon on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 and will be limited to Greater Dubuque Development Workforce Solutions Investors. In addition to being open to the public, our Spring Career Fair is traditionally focused on engaging students from our local institutions of higher learning.

[Learn More >](#)

YOU Can Be Great Here Campaign

Our sights are set on 5 goals through 2027.

Grow our regional workforce to over 64,000 jobs.

Support median household income to reach \$76,000.

Encourage and facilitate \$1 billion of new construction.

Reduce regional poverty by 5%.

Reach a population of 105,000 in the Greater Dubuque region.

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