AFP Of Greater Detroit To Recognize Steve Dunbar As Distinguished Volunteer At National Philanthropy Day Dinner


Every year, the AFP recognizes “Distinguished Volunteers,” those people who advocate, lead, and mentor in their community and whose passion inspires philanthropic action in southeast Michigan. Dunbar volunteers his time at the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Detroit, an Educational Experience focused on children first through third grade, and adults seeking a GED.

Peers and students call Dunbar the epitome of dedication. “He truly cares about his students,” said Diane Renaud, Executive Director/CEO of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center. “He works one-on-one with adults using a personalized learning plan. He volunteers four days a week to make sure that anyone who wants help can get it, especially when it comes to helping students pass the math component of the GED exam.”

Renaud calls Dunbar “knowledgeable,” “respectful,” “caring,” “patient” and most of all “faithful.” She said he is committed to the students and to the mission of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center.

Dunbar will be recognized by the AFP Greater Detroit Chapter at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center.

Every November, NPD is observed by 200-plus AFP Chapters across the country to recognize the philanthropy and volunteerism of those people active in local nonprofits. The event is presented by Crain’s Detroit Business.

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The St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center
Founded in 1844, the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center most recently served Southeastern Michigan as a residential/foster care agency for children. However, in 2006, the Center closed its residential campus due to elimination of funding. It was determined that rather than close the doors of the organization, to return to its roots – providing assistance to the residents of the community through educational program.

St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center moved to Detroit to continue nearly 170 years of service to the community through basic skill-building and academic enhancement for at-risk children and adults. These programs are designed to help build self-sufficiency skills for academic and employment success, personal achievement and dignity. In March 2011, The Education Experience was launched, with expanded hours and programs, to better serve the community. For more information, visit http://www.svsfcen.org/