



# Community Development Society (CDS) Overview Presentation

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New Member and Student Session

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## CDS Values

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We view community development as a profession that integrates knowledge from many disciplines with theory, research, teaching, and practice as important and interdependent functions that are vital in the public and private sectors. We believe the Society must be proactive by providing leadership to professionals and citizens across the spectrum of community development. In so doing, we believe the Society must be open and responsive to the needs of its members through provisions and services which enhance professional development. **CDS has been around for over 40 years!**



# CDS Principles of Good Practice

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- Promote active and representative participation toward enabling all community members to meaningfully influence the decisions that affect their lives.
- Engage community members in learning about and understanding community issues, and the economic, social, environmental, political, psychological, and other impacts associated with alternative courses of action.
- Incorporate the diverse interests and cultures of the community in the community development process; and disengage from support of any effort that is likely to adversely affect the disadvantaged members of a community.
- Work actively to enhance the leadership capacity of community members, leaders, and groups within the community.
- Be open to using the full range of action strategies to work toward the long-term sustainability and well being of the community.



## Who We Are

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- CDS has over 300 members representing a variety of fields: education, health care, social services, government, utilities, economic development practitioners, citizen groups, and more.
- Over eighty percent of members practice in the United States with the remaining members coming from nearly 32 different countries around the globe.
- More than 40 members of the CDS are non-US residents living in Australia, Canada, Ireland, Malaysia, South Africa, Taiwan, Costa Rica, Philippines, and the United Kingdom!



## What We Do

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The Community Development Society provides leadership to professionals and citizens across the spectrum of community development. Members have multiple opportunities to learn what's new in the profession, to exchange ideas, to obtain the most current research and reference information available and to share professional expertise.



# CDS Organizational Structure

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- Representation from a wide range of diverse interests in education, research, social services, and rural development
- 14 member Board of Directors meet at least twice a year
- Journal of Community Development Editor
- Community Development Practice Editor
- Business Manager and Staff (Columbus, OH)



# CDS Committees

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- Awards and Recognition Committee
- Communications and Publications Committee
- Finance Committee
- International Committee
- Marketing and Membership (M & M) Committee
- Nominations and Leadership Development Committee
- Program Planning Committee
- Site Selection Committee (Conference)



## CDS Resources

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- Professional Development and leadership opportunities
- Networking opportunities with broad range of partners
- Information on new initiatives and job opportunities
- Recognition for outstanding contributions and achievements
- Sharing research and best practices in community development



# CDS Publications

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- Community Development: The Journal of the Community Development Society (CDS) \*
- Community Development Research and Practice Series
- CDS Vanguard



# Community Development: Journal of the Community Development Society

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT is a peer-reviewed quarterly journal featuring articles on such diverse topics as rural and urban economic development, housing, entrepreneurship, theory, technology, social capital, leadership, and much more!



# CD Case Studies

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Case studies involve in-depth research and understanding on a given or chosen subject matter. A typical manuscript would include these components: introduction, literature review, methodology, study, analysis, conclusions and recommendations, and references.



# CDS Research and Practice Series

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Building on a 40 year history of publishing the journal, *Community Development: Journal of the Community Development Society*, the book series seeks to contribute to the growing and rapidly changing knowledge base as a resource for practitioners and researchers alike.



# CDS Vanguard

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The Vanguard is a quarterly member newsletter that profiles current activities, topical issues and ideas affecting Community Development Society members.



# CDS Annual Conference

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- Conference 2010 in New Orleans: CDS and International Association for Community Development (IACD) on The Role of Community in Economic and Disaster Recovery
- Featured speakers include USDA Rural Development (RD) Deputy Under Secretary, Victor Vasquez
- Networking Opportunities with partners and peers in community development from around the world
- Training sessions on a wide range of up to date topics regarding economic sustainability and disaster preparedness
- Leadership opportunities through CDS – get involved
- Time to have FUN!



# CDS Endowment

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The Community Development Society Endowment was established in 2002, in recognition of the need for the CDS to build a stronger financial base to carry out its mission in advancing the field of community development:



# CDS Endowment

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In 2009 the Endowment reached the crucial \$100,000 mark in contributions from members. If we can continue this trend, we will be in an excellent position to approach major funders to build upon this dedication of our members.



# CDS Endowment will Support

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- Scholarships for students and other members to attend the Annual International Conference
- Attracting the “best and brightest” plenary speakers to our conferences
- Strengthening education and practice in community development through student support and community development resource materials
- Fostering greater cultural diversity in the CDS and the profession
- Other financial support for activities to advance the mission of the CDS.



# Roots and Wings Campaign

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Our goal is to have 100 percent of our members give something for the CDS Endowment. For those attending the Annual International Conference, the Silent Auction is one way to help: donate an item that exemplifies your local community, find treasures from faraway places, and have fun all at the same time!



# CDS Membership Benefits

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- Networking with the most diverse group of community development professionals in the world
- Receive the *Journal of Community Development* publication that highlights many interesting articles, research and projects happening in the field
- Learn, share, and network with others at the CDS Annual International Conference
- Leadership opportunities with CDS activities and committees
- Member spotlights for CDS showcasing the diversity of professionals working in community development
- An interactive website for networking, learning, and sharing resources

Check us out at [www.commddev.org](http://www.commddev.org) to learn more!



# Enjoy CDS and the Conference!

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