

## **CELEBRATE UPTOWN PITTSBURGH!**

Saturday, April 22, 2006, 1-4 P.M.

### **A Proposal from the Community and University Honors Seminar Duquesne University**

#### **A. Abstract**

The Community and University Honors Seminar proposes to work with partners in the community to organize and carry out an event that involves citizens of the community and Duquesne University to instill pride, showcase the community, educate about opportunities and resources, and motivate change. Another objective is to provide a forum for the community to network with organizations which directly affect them. We hope to achieve these goals through the planning and implementation of an event called CELEBRATE UPTOWN PITTSBURGH! on Saturday, April 22, 2006, from 1-4 P.M. in the Uptown community of Pittsburgh.

The needs of the Uptown community are safety, improved education, better housing, and employment opportunities. The area also needs physical beautification which could in turn attract businesses. The residents also need better access to healthcare, and a decrease in drug and alcohol use. In addition the residents of Uptown need to take an active role in their community, and gain a sense of pride in it. Our event is aimed at addressing these needs, by bringing together a variety of organizations that directly address the needs of the residents. We are also creating an overall sense of pride through games, activities, and cultural highlights of the community.

CELEBRATE UPTOWN PITTSBURGH! will showcase and support the community's efforts to build a "Clean, Safe and Green" Uptown, with healthy "Neighbors and Economy." The festival will be held in conjunction with Duquesne University's annual Spring Clean-up Day, and it will involve members of the community. The event will showcase efforts to clean the community, increase recycling, build partnerships with the Pittsburgh Police for a safer neighborhood, and educate the community on problems of drug and alcohol abuse and sexually transmitted diseases. The festival will provide healthcare screenings, donation of school supplies for children, and provision of information on employment opportunities, rezoning, and housing resources. This occasion will also offer a venue for Uptown artists and musicians to create an inviting atmosphere. It will not only be an informational event for the community, but it will also serve as a great social event and will be a lot of fun.