

Sen. Kearney to keynote Greater Cincinnati Microenterprise Initiative

The Greater Cincinnati Microenterprise Initiative (GCMi) is a non-profit organization that promotes individual self-sufficiency and community economic development by supporting entrepreneurship among low- and moderate-income individuals. GCMi works in collaboration with the Community Action Agency and the United Way of Greater Cincinnati. As a micro-lending and small business support organization, GCMi provides entrepreneurial training classes to help clients develop business plans, receive one-on-one technical assistance and business coaching, and secure small loans. GCMi also provides on-going assistance and mentoring once a business is established.

On Friday, July 11, GCMi will commemorate 10 years of service to the community. The celebration will take place at Music Hall in downtown Cincinnati. Drinks and light hors d'oeuvres will be available from 6 - 6:30 p.m. during the reception. Dinner and program will follow at 6:30 p.m. Ohio Sen. Eric H. Kearney will deliver the keynote address.

Over the past decade, GCMi has helped individuals turn their small business dreams into reality. GCMi's 50th Entrepreneurial Training Class will graduate this month - bringing the total number of GCMi graduates to over 500 individuals.

GCMi provides a unique and greatly needed service. It is the only small business support organization and micro-lender in the community that specifically focuses on serving individuals with low- to moderate-incomes. In addition, GCMi is the only micro-lender in the area providing business loans ranging from \$500.00-\$35,000.00. Over the past 10 years, GCMi has helped clients secure over \$1 million in loans.

To attend the celebration, sponsor the event, or to obtain more information, please visit GCMi's website at www.gcmi.org or call 513-569-4816 x 2428. Seats are \$65/person or \$650/table of 10. Numerous sponsorship opportunities are available. Proceeds will benefit GCMi. All donations are tax-deductible.