

Community Planning and Economic Development Media Advisory

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Pillsbury United Communities Hosts Hiring and Training Fair Focused on Connecting Workers to Employment in Culinary and Hospitality Industries

WHAT: On Thursday, August 18, Pillsbury United Communities in partnership with the Harrison Neighborhood Association will be hosting a Hiring and Training Fair with more than 20 exhibitors from the culinary, hospitality, healthcare, and construction industries. The event will be at Harrison Recreation Center from 3-6pm.

Over 6,800 food preparation and culinary services jobs are currently open in the Minneapolis area, with a combined total of 7,998 vacancies in hospitality-related occupations. More than 540 employers are currently hiring, which means businesses are struggling to fill openings with qualified workers. Wages continue to rise with vacancy rates around 6% of all available hospitality jobs. The Pillsbury United Communities Hiring and Training Fair is expected to draw over 100 attendees, many of whom have completed training and certification courses at Pillsbury United Communities in these areas.

Attendees are encouraged to plan to attend the event for 1-2 hours to fully network with potential employers. Employment counselors suggest dressing professionally and bringing multiple copies of a resume; a government-issued ID; and a list of professional references.

The Pillsbury United Communities Hiring and Training Fair is funded in part by the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County.

WHEN: Thursday, August 18, 3pm-6pm

WHERE: Harrison Recreation Center
503 Irving Avenue North, Minneapolis 55405
(Bus Lines: 9 and 19; Free parking onsite)

MORE: Pillsbury United Communities offers free resume writing assistance every Wednesday in August from 3-5pm at Oak Park Center, 1701 Oak Park Ave North, Minneapolis. www.puc-mn.org/events

PHOTOS: A student culinary demonstration will take place during the Pillsbury United Communities Job Fair from 2-3pm.

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