

# United Growth Mission

*To serve as a citizen-based coalition that unites people and organizations around the promotion of positive land use in Kent County and West Michigan.*



*Making the Urban-Rural Connection for 10 Years!*



Parking: Metered street parking is available. In addition, there are four lots/ramps adjacent to the building or within a short walking distance. A City of Grand Rapids public lot is located off Market Ave.



**P.O. Box 6936  
Grand Rapids, MI 49516**

**For more information, please visit  
[www.unitedgrowth.org](http://www.unitedgrowth.org) or call  
(616) 970-5278.**

## United Growth for Kent County 10th Anniversary Luncheon

**Wednesday  
March 18, 2009  
11:30–1:30 p.m.**

**Bistro Bella Vita  
Downtown Grand Rapids**

**Guest Speaker:  
Birgit Klohs  
The Right Place, Inc.**

**Special Recognition of members,  
partners and funders.**

**Registration form enclosed.**

*Come Celebrate!  
10 Years!*

United Growth for Kent County was one of the first local organizations to form a coalition of urban and rural residents to address urban sprawl.

Today, urban sprawl has slowed; however, United Growth continues to provide education and support for people and communities that want to use our precious land resources wisely.

United Growth believes Michigan's economic recovery is linked with our ability to:

- Create vibrant neighborhoods.
- Protect prime and unique farmland.
- Preserve our water and other natural resources.
- Embrace alternative energy and do our best to conserve energy.

We hope you will join us at this event that will celebrate our past and energize us to continue our important work.

*"This land was not given to us by our parents, it was lent to us by our children."*

- Abraham Lincoln



## *10th Anniversary Celebration*

### *Agenda*

#### **Welcome**

Paul Haan, Board President

#### **Lunch**

The menu features locally grown produce.

#### **Recognition of Members and Partners**

Carol Townsend, Kent/MSU Extension

#### **Guest Speaker:**

Birgit Klohs

The Right Place, Inc

*"Economic Development and Green Jobs"*

#### **United Growth for Kent County, Inc.**

#### **Annual Meeting**

Herb Ranta, Treasurer

Election of new board members.

#### **Closing and Adjournment**

Dr. Mike Williams, Board Vice President

## Registration Form

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**11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.**

**Bistro Bella Vita**

**44 Grandville Ave SW Grand Rapids MI 49503**

\$35 for members (Must be a member by March 1, 2009.)

\$40 for non-members

Please make checks payable to United Growth for Kent County, Inc.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Cancellations must be made by March 9 to receive a refund.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to become a new member or renew my membership. I have added my membership dues in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to my check.

I have already paid my 2009 membership dues.

I'm not able to pay membership at this time. I am registering at the \$40 non-member rate.

A check for \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.



A street map of the Bistro Bella Vita area is located on the back. For more information, visit [www.unitedgrowth.org](http://www.unitedgrowth.org) or call (616) 970-5278.