

**You Are Invited!**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Elizabeth I. Benson Award**

*Honoring*

**Ken Dunn, Resource Center and City Farm**

*for resource conservation, local food production, and  
 jobs creation through innovative programs and initiatives*



**\$15 Suggested Donation**

No one will be turned away for lack of funds! All proceeds will go directly to the Resource Center and City Farm.

**Be a Sponsor!**

Support the Resource Center and City Farm and we'll include your name in our program!

Level	Tickets	Donation
Red Tomato	1	\$ 25.00
Swiss Chard	2	\$ 50.00
Lamb's Quarters	4	\$100.00
Rhubarb	6	\$250.00
Sunflower	8	\$500.00

**What Do I Need to Do?**

Donations may be made on-line or given at the door. To find out more, to purchase a ticket or to sponsor this event, visit [www.waucc.org](http://www.waucc.org) or call Kathy at: 773.935.0642.

**Wednesday, January 27, 2010**

Wellington Avenue United Church of Christ  
 615 W. Wellington Avenue (Lakeview)

**6:00 PM Reception**

Hors d'oeuvres and Wine  
 Frontera Grill & North Pond Café  
 Bodega Ramos Wine

**7:00 PM Program**

Master of Ceremonies  
 Mike Nowak, "The Mike Nowak Show"  
 as heard on WCPT

Music from The Bullfrogs Community Choir

Testimonies from Fans and Friends



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**Fun! Laughter! Music! Entertainment! Inspiration! Hope! ....and Action!**

What's all this about? Well....It's the **5th Annual Elizabeth I. Benson Awards**, and we're honoring Ken Dunn, founder of the Resource Center and City Farm! We hope you'll join us for an evening of inspiration and fun (and all those other words that prompted you to open this email). After all, where else can you go to see and interact with WCPT's Mike Nowak from WCPT's *"Mike Nowak Show"*, and not only hear, but sing along with The Bullfrogs Community Choir? And...there will be testimonials from fans and friends whose lives have been changed by Ken over the years, hors d'oeuvres provided by Frontera Grill and North Pond Café, and wine by Bodega Ramos.

So who is this "soon to be honored" Ken Dunn? Ken is a visionary who put his ideas into practice:

- In 1975 he founded the Resource Center, the south side-based nonprofit that now has 20 employees running recycling, composting, job training, and community gardening programs. The Resource center also initiated the bike rebuilding program that is now run by the Experimental Station on Chicago's south side.
- In 2000, Ken started City Farm, an organic garden cultivated on a vacant lot in the middle of the Cabrini-Green public housing development that employs neighborhood residents and sells vegetables to local restaurants and walk-in customers.

These projects demonstrate that it's not only possible, but preferable to create local economic systems that don't exploit people and resources, but instead work with our natural environment and, at the same time, provide opportunities for meaningful employment. In Ken's words: "We need to create an alternative on a scale that can't be dismissed, and that showcases the pleasure and beauty of life values—of being in the right place with plants, animals, and people."

Check out Wellington's website ([www.waucc.org](http://www.waucc.org)), where you not only can buy tickets, but also can become a sponsor for this event. **Do consider joining us** .... we promise to put a smile on your face, and shine a light into what good things each of us can do when we dream the possible and join forces for change!

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