



# MONONA TERRACE COMMUNITY AND CONVENTION CENTER

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## MONONA TERRACE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS Terrace Town 2015-16 Mentors



"..I would say one of the most important aspects has been the professionals... they've been just fabulous and really gone over and above the call of duty to present the green, sustainable information that I felt like I was so limited in terms of knowledge."

-- Teacher participating in Terrace Town

**Program description:** Terrace Town introduces community planning and architecture to Dane County elementary students. It aims to teach how communities are planned, what makes a quality community, and how people participate in the improvement of their built environment.

This fall, classrooms will be challenged to design and construct a 'box city' of a sustainable community. **We're recruiting mentors to share their experience and knowledge with students in the classroom January through April.**

The program will culminate on April 21, 2016 when Dane County classes will construct their Box Cities at Monona Terrace. On April 23, the public is invited to tour Terrace Town and participate in hands-on family activities related to architecture and community design.

### **Mentor service entails:**

- Attend training to learn presentation techniques and activities for an elementary classroom. The same session will be offered twice on Monday, November, 9 or Tuesday, December 1, 5:00-6:30pm.
- Attend a kick-off workshop with teachers to begin discussion on working together. Monday, January 11, 4:30-7:30pm.
- Commit to a minimum of four 45-minute visits to a classroom and facilitate design and construction activities. Activity themes include: green buildings, zoning and land use, transportation options, architectural features, among others.
- Acquire resources, including city maps, zoning charts, and photographs of buildings for classroom use.
- Assist in construction and attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 21 ("School Build Day").
- Speakers must arrange their own transportation to the schools for visits.

### **What makes a great mentor?**

A great mentor has the right mix of enthusiasm and a willingness to learn delivery styles appropriate for an elementary classroom. Mentors must be able to schedule their visits during school time (typically within the hours of 9-2:30) in advance and keep commitments.

### **For more information, please contact:**

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