



Project Prosper

Assisting recent immigrants through loans, savings and financial education

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A Conversation with Project Prosper Partner UMCM

PP: Can you give us a brief description of your organization and what you do?

UMCM: United Methodist Cooperative Ministries/Suncoast, Inc is a social services agency of the Gulf Central District of the United Methodist Church in Florida. Incorporated in 1975 as a not-for-profit 501(C)3 faith-based corporation, UMCM/Suncoast provides services to persons seeking to overcome obstacles in their lives. I work for the Families Learning Together (FLT) Literacy Outreach Program. We provide free English classes for adult immigrant and refugee ESOL (English for Speaker's of Other Languages) students. Focusing on teaching essential life-skills, FLT also offers computer classes, health literacy, parent and child learning together (PACT) activities, and citizenship/English language learning civics help.

PP: How did you find out about Project Prosper's Financial Literacy classes?

UMCM: Molly Auld is a former UMCM ESOL Tutor. She informed our organization of Project Prosper's Financial Literacy classes, and how our students could participate.

Financial Literacy is an essential life-skill for everyone. Understanding financial options and ways to manage your money in America is extremely important for our students.

PP: What about Project Prosper's classes do you think is valuable for your clients/students?

UMCM: Teaching about the many different options for managing money, such as saving; as well as learning about what credit is and the importance

of it, and how to not be a target of certain financial scams, are just a few of the topics that Project Prosper has covered in detail with our ESOL students. In order to adjust to life in the United States, financial literacy provides a conduit to skills that are conducive to a better, more stable life in our country. These skills empower our students!

PP: What would you tell other organizations about partnering with Project Prosper?

UMCM: I would tell them that Project Prosper is an exceptional organization to partner with to help meet the needs of the group one is serving. With the flexibility to concentrate on the topic of financial literacy subject matter that is relevant and interesting to those learning, not only excites, but empowers. After learning something relevant to one's life such as creating a budget, one's entire outlook and way of life can be altered for the better. Project Prosper is providing that necessary tool of financial independence by empowering one with information.



Recent Classes at UMCM



Did you know?

Project Prosper currently has **14 Community Partners** within the Pinellas and Tampa Bay area that provide support to immigrants from legal assistance to teaching English.

Find out more about each of our partners, go online: [Project Prosper Partners](http://ProjectProsperPartners)

Save The Date

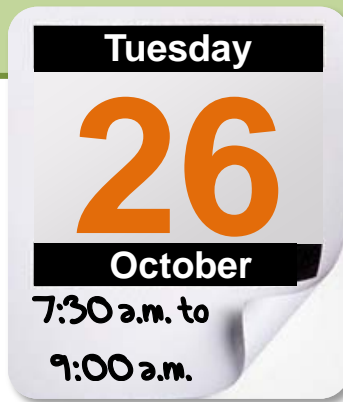
Come and Join members and friends of Project Prosper at the **1st Annual Breakfast for Loans and Literacy**

The event is an awareness fund raiser and includes a hearty breakfast while we share a great message of hope!

Feather Sound Country Club
2201 Feather Sound Drive
Clearwater, FL 33762

Cost: Free with donations accepted. To attend, please send the following: Your name, address, email, and phone number to info@projectprosper.org

Sponsorships are still available!



Feel free to forward to a friend



A Volunteer Talks about Project Prosper

Project Prosper asked one of its volunteers to share her experience helping immigrants become financially educated, and this is what Mymy Tenor had to say:

When I was invited to attend a Project Prosper meeting it was out of pure curiosity that I agreed to attend and evaluate what this group I had not heard of before was doing to assist immigrants. I longed to do work that has a great rate of emotional return, while at the same time, having an impact on the lives I would touch. Project Prosper has afforded me this.

I am still amazed at how very little our community is exposed to Project Prosper's great works ranging from: mentoring programs, financial literacy classes, and, especially, the new immigrant loan program designed to assist new immigrant families in establishing themselves here in the United States. Project Prosper does not stand alone in their quest, they have partnered with many organizations that have the same general goal, to surround and assist immigrants with much needed help to navigate thru the maze of their new world.

As a new immigrant in my own time, what I would have given to be surrounded by such mature advice; the turmoil and tough lessons it would have availed me. My past only depicts my path through this world as I understood it then, but as I forge into the future, I can choose with whom to join forces to defeat obstacles and assist newcomers with this process. The more Project Prosper volunteers there are out there, the greater the possibility to reach those in our communities who need help.

We Are Always in Need of Volunteers

There are two easy ways you can also help Project Prosper keep assisting recent immigrants with financial education and loans.

1. Go to www.projectprosper.org and click [DONATE NOW](#) to make your tax-deductible contribution to Project Pro\$per.

Or mail your contribution to:
Project Pro\$per, PO Box 8411, Madeira Beach, FL 33738
2. Email us at info@projectprosper.com to get involved in a number of unique activities from mentoring a borrower to teaching financial literacy classes. We are always in need of volunteers!



Project Prosper is proud to announce that we are the recipient of a \$1,000 **Ears to You Grant** from the Walt Disney World Resort, in recognition of David Schanzer's volunteerism with our organization in 2009.



We want to thank Walt Disney for this generous gift, as well as recognize the outstanding service that David has provided our organization as a dedicated and involved Board Member. David, thank you for your service and commitment to Project Prosper!

Community Service Woman of the Year



The St. Petersburg Area Chamber honored our very own Robin Warren as Community Service Woman of the Year. She was lauded back in March 2010 for her community service work as co-founder of Project Prosper and tireless work and effort as mentor and active board member.

Please join us in congratulating and thanking Robin on her well deserved honor.

Congratulations Robin!

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