

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Interested in Working for Social and Economic Justice in the South? Apply Now for the 2010-2011 Autry Fellowship!

Millions of Americans are isolated by circumstances often beyond their control. In every community, there are individuals who lack the skills, resources, or opportunities to attain a modest standard of living; instead, these individuals are trapped in a perpetual state of dependency and need. Millions of other Americans are precariously close to similar circumstances, with neither the assets nor the education to ensure stability in an ever-changing economy. Such Americans are especially vulnerable in the current economic crisis. The persistent but addressable conditions of poverty, isolation, and vulnerability are particularly acute in the American South. To address the situation of those in poverty, MDC, Inc., has worked for more than 40 years to connect people and places in the South to opportunities for success. Through research, demonstration projects, foundation guidance, and community organizing centered on assisting impoverished individuals and places to increase their assets and enhance their skills, MDC works to expand opportunity and advance equity for those left behind.

For the last ten years, MDC has offered a talented and ambitious young person the opportunity to work at MDC for one year as a full-time, paid staff member through the [Autry Fellowship](#). At this time, the Board of Directors of MDC is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2010-2011 Autry Fellowship.

The Autry Fellowship supports the mission of MDC, increasing economic opportunity for impoverished people and places, by developing a cadre of young leaders who have experience promoting economic development, increasing equity and excellence in education, and building inclusive civic cultures, and who are poised and ready to apply their new learning to benefit this region.

The Autry Fellowship celebrates the life and perpetuates the work of the late George B. Autry, founding president of MDC. For 32 years, he led MDC with a passion for improving opportunities for people and places struggling to keep pace with economic and social change.

The Fellow's time will center on learning MDC's strategies for change by participating in a variety of project teams; the Fellow will have the option of devoting a portion of time to a project-specific assignment that will blend the interests of the Fellow with the specific needs of MDC during that year.

Applicants must either be in their final year of undergraduate or graduate study at or have graduated within two years from any accredited four-year college or university. The 2010-2011 Fellowship will begin in the summer of 2010, with the exact starting date

to be negotiated by the Fellow and MDC staff. The application process is competitive; a selection panel of MDC board and staff members and Autry family members will review applications and interview candidates. Applications must be received by February 8, 2010. For an application, see MDC's web site, www.mdcinc.org.

~ FOR MORE INFORMATION ~

For more information, please visit http://mdcinc.org/docs/AutryFlier_12-17-09.pdf or contact Alyson Zandt, MDC's 2009-2010 Autry Fellow, at (919)968-4531 ext. 319 or azandt@mdcinc.org.

~ MORE ABOUT MDC ~

MDC's mission is to help organizations and communities close the gaps that separate people from opportunity. We are a nonprofit organization headquartered in Chapel Hill, N.C. Founded in 1967 to identify and help remove barriers to progress for the South, MDC has been publishing research and developing policies and programs focused on expanding opportunity, reducing poverty, and building inclusive civic cultures in the American South for the past 42 years.