

Delphia Simmons, MSBA, Founder Thrive Detroit Collision Werks Board Secretary



Delphia has spent her career helping others access resources through public and private programs, including government and charitable foundations.

She is the founder of Thrive Detroit, L3C, and publisher of Thrive Detroit Street Newspaper. Thrive's mission is to develop and facilitate micro-enterprise ownership for low-income, un-housed or vulnerably housed residents of Detroit to participate in entrepreneurship. Their goal is to create or generate 12 separate micro-enterprises of which they have already launched two successfully.

She is on the administrative staff of Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS) serving as Director of Evaluation and Quality Assurance and also serves as chair of the Kiva Detroit advisory team. She also teaches classes on entrepreneurialism and business plan development of D:hive Detroit.

Delphia enjoys reading and travel; and is a big proponent of both entrepreneurship and micro-enterprise as vehicles to economic empowerment of households, communities, and cities.

As an active leader in Detroit's Social Innovation movement, Delphia helps connect us to valuable resources in Detroit and Southeast Michigan.