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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **“Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’-By World” Graduation Ceremony December 16**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The public is invited to attend the graduation ceremony for participants of the “Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’-By World” Initiative on Friday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blue Moon Room at the Holiday Inn, 450 Main St.

Thirty participants completed the 18-week program, bringing the total number of graduates over the past three years to 174. The ceremony will include music by the Main Street Jazz Band and appetizers and refreshments will be served.

The “Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’-By World” curriculum is designed to teach low-income families how to create a path for making a stable, secure life for their family. The process utilizes a step-by-step, life-planning workbook for people in poverty that brings together three primary influences: Dr. Ruby Payne’s work on the hidden rules of class, research on knowledge transfer, and the knowledge of participants living in poverty.

The initiative is sponsored by a consortium of local organizations including: the City of Dubuque’s Housing and Community Development Department, DubuqueWorks, the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, and Jim Ott.

For more information on this event or “Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’-By World,” contact Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator Carroll Clark at 563-589-4230 or [cclark@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:cclark@cityofdubuque.org).

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