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AUTRY FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

TO THE APPLICANT: The information requested herein will assist the selection committee in choosing one person to serve as a Fellow for one year to work at MDC in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The Fellow's time will center on learning MDC's operational approaches and strategies by participating on 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. The Fellowship will provide an annual salary of \$28,000, reimbursement of expenses incurred through MDC business, medical benefits, life insurance, two weeks paid vacation, paid holidays, and paid sick and personal leave.

Applicants must either be in their final year of undergraduate or graduate study at or have graduated within one to two years from any four-year college or university. Candidates must also exhibit a commitment to the goals of MDC either through prior work or study in the areas of public policy, education, economic and workforce development, poverty alleviation, sociology, political science, community development, leadership development, Southern studies, social research, or a similar field.

The application process is competitive, with review of candidates and applications by a selection panel. Applications must be received by **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010**. Applications by facsimile or e-mail are accepted, but applicants should call to confirm receipt. Top candidates will be notified within three weeks of that date, and the fellow will be chosen immediately following the interviews in March. The Fellowship's one-year employment period will begin in the summer of 2010, with the start date to be negotiated.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM: First, print a copy for reference; then delete the lines (included on the form to indicate the expected length of the response) and use the blank spaces to complete pages 1-3 of the form, typing in 12-point font and preserving spacing and labels. Applicants may also re-create this application on a word processor using standard 12-point font and preserving spacing and labels as they appear here, although underlining may be omitted. *Applicants are welcome to submit a resume with the application*, but answers to all questions should not exceed the space allotted or words indicated on this form.

For more information, contact Alyson Zandt, 2009-2010 Autry Fellow, by phone at 919-968-4531 ext. 319 or by e-mail at azandt@mdcinc.org.



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Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____
 (First, Middle, Last)

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: Daytime _____ Evening _____

E-mail Address: _____

High School Attended (or Equivalent): _____ Yr. Graduated _____

Location of High School (City and State) _____

Colleges/Universities Attended	Major(s)	Degree(s) earned	Year Graduated

1. What were your primary extracurricular activities in the past 4 years? Indicate any leadership positions or honors.

2. Employment history:

3. When could you begin the Fellowship? Can you commit to the position for a full year?

4. Discuss your plans for the future and how the Autry Fellowship will help you to achieve these goals.

5. What aspects of MDC's mission and programs do you find most compelling? (See MDC website for current programs and background <www.mdcinc.org>)

6. As a future leader, describe the major social and economic issues facing the South today.

7. What else do you think is important for us to know about you?

8. MDC takes a variety of approaches to expanding opportunity and advancing equity for those left behind in the South. Our research and demonstration projects focus on *economic and workforce development, education, strategic philanthropy, and the expansion of community capacity*. Describe any experience that you have had with these issues. We are particularly interested in learning about any experiences that have had a significant influence on your understanding of how social change happens. Your answer should be 250-500 words.