“One cannot overlook the social and fellowship benefits of CDS. These interpersonal and interfamily relationships readily evolve from CDS participation and represent a special kind of collegiality.”

Harold Baker  
Professor Emeritus  
University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
Canada
“Through my career, the one constant has been the CDS, and the incredible network of individuals, both academics and practitioners that have inspired, supported, encouraged and taught me not only the ‘art’ of community development, but also the essential importance of it.”

Kristin L. Kauth
Community Development / Outreach Professional
Academic, Corporate and Non-Profit Settings
Kaukauna, Wisconsin
USA
“… I take pride in the fact that my early adventures with CDS resulted in the Society’s decision to hold its 1996 Conference in Melbourne, Australia.

“It is truly the mark of a bold and creative organisation that it was prepared to answer the challenge of living up to its claim to be an international ‘force for good’.”

Vernon Knight AM
Adjunct Professor & Executive Director
Mallee Family Care Inc.
Mildura, Victoria
Australia
“Our family has been involved in the International Community Development Society since its founding…. it is encouraging to see new members from an array of fields—non-profit and for-profit organizations, government, civic, social and educational groups.”

“The Roots and Wings Campaign will sustain the Society and the community development profession for many years into the future.”

Doris P. Littrell, Ph.D.
Retired Director
MU Direct: Continuing and Distance Education
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri
USA
“What [has been] the value of CDS during my long association with the organization? The list is considerable:

• Networking!
• New Knowledge!
• Family Ties!
• Watching and Helping … watching the next generation of community developers grow, not only in their own jobs, but as leaders of CDS…. helping this to happen by providing support to the Endowment fund of CDS -- in the past, NOW, and in the future!”

Dr. Ronald Powers
Professor Emeritus
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri
USA
“CDS is the only professional organization I know that embraces, promotes, and celebrates the philosophy, theories, and practices of an interdisciplinary approach to community and economic development. This approach is essential for success in pulling together the fragmented social, economic, and governmental environments most of us deal with these days. . . .

All of us – researcher, teacher, and practitioner -- can work together thru CDS. That is the wonderful gift this organization brings to us, and it is always a good time to give back so the interdisciplinary philosophy and practice will continue for succeeding generations.”

Jane Leonard
Senior Manager
Bush Foundation