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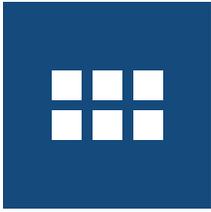
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Community Development Collaborative
of Greater Columbus

2012 Annual Update



The threefold mission of the Collaborative is to:

- Strengthen the capacity of Community Development Corporations (CDCs) to serve as leaders in neighborhood revitalization initiatives that meet community needs in a way that measurably improves residents' quality of life;
- Stimulate system, development and change resulting in strong, durable CDCs capable of accomplishing specific demonstrable and significant objectives in the areas of affordable housing, economic development, community safety and other aspects of community building; and
- Promote the community development industry as an effective vehicle for transforming Columbus' distressed neighborhoods into vibrant, sustainable communities.



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A LETTER TO OUR PARTNERS:

The Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus (Collaborative) is honored to present the 2012 Annual Update to the community. In this publication you will find information on some of the many initiatives led by our partner Community Development Corporations (CDCs): Community Development for All People, Franklinton Development Association, Greater Linden Development Corporation and Homes on the Hill Community Development Corporation.

The Collaborative continues to actively pursue its mission which is to develop affordable housing opportunities and support neighborhood revitalization initiatives. The Collaborative does this by providing operating grants, training, and technical assistance to CDCs serving Columbus and Franklin County.

It has been enormously gratifying to participate directly in CDC partner coordinated efforts and witness the benefits realized in our communities. And it is our honor to spotlight a sampling of our 2012 accomplishments.

- The Collaborative hosted just over 300 participants at the 2012 Community Development Neighborhood Summit as part of the City's 2012 Bicentennial Celebration. The focus of the event was to celebrate and highlight the many partnerships and projects that are driving the Central Ohio community forward.
- A key aspect of the Summit included research conducted and presented by The Ohio State University Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity to assess the trends in community conditions throughout Franklin County. In partnership with Chase, The Columbus Foundation and The Affordable Housing Trust for

Columbus and Franklin County, the Collaborative commissioned this study to focus on data analysis and mapping to highlight various trends and facts about local neighborhoods which will help inform a discussion regarding Columbus and Franklin County's community development capacity and strategy moving forward.

- The Collaborative facilitated a series of community engagement conversations on the research work. The final report of the research will continue to be especially helpful to CDCs and other nonprofits that are completing grant applications, developing strategic plans, or are generally seeking a better understanding of the issues and trends within their communities.
- The Collaborative also hosted a Homeownership Roundtable. Officials from the City of Columbus and Franklin County gave an overview on what types of financial assistance and affordable housing products were available to qualified home buyers.
- Additionally, the Collaborative hosted the Share Our Vision bus tour. The purpose of the tour was to showcase the work and commitment of our partner CDCs to their respective neighborhoods and detail the future vision of each area.

As outstanding as this past year has been, the Collaborative will no doubt go further in providing support to its CDC partners and support their efforts to respond to ever evolving housing needs of the community.



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COLLABORATIVE 2012 CDC ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

The Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus pools resources from public and private sources and channels those funds to eligible community development corporations (CDCs). The mission of the Collaborative is to strengthen the capacity of its CDCs, to provide operating funds and to increase the development of affordable housing.

The information in the next few pages of this report showcases the work and commitment of each CDC to their respective neighborhoods, detailing the future vision for each area. Each of the CDCs work to improve the quality of life in their neighborhood.

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Homes On The Hill CDC (HOTH): *Vision and Opportunity Together*

HOTH is a unique CDC that not only develops affordable housing, but also provides a full range of housing counseling services in English and Spanish to advance homeownership in the Hilltop area. Services include pre-purchase counseling, home buyer workshops and foreclosure counseling. Affordable housing development and counseling services provided by HOTH are essential resources to access and leverage the opportunities and partnerships that will advance HOTH's vision to improve their neighborhood.

2012 Housing Initiative Highlights

- Utilizing Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding from the County, HOTH completed the rehabilitation of several vacant properties on scattered sites on the West side of Columbus
- HOTH continues to work to identify three additional properties for their Green HOME Scattered Site initiative
- HOTH managed 30 units related to their Hilltop Homes project
- HOTH continues to actively seek creative funding sources for the continuation of senior rental and single family properties



NSP Funded Home

Franklinton Development Association (FDA): *Creative Community*

FDA continues to pursue opportunities that spur revitalization and improve housing options in the Franklinton neighborhood. To most effectively meet the unique challenges and opportunities in this diverse community, FDA looks at the neighborhood as two major sections, East and West Franklinton (divided by State Route 315), with strategic approaches for each. West of State Route 315, FDA has focused on the production of scattered-site new and rehabbed homes. In East Franklinton, FDA has networked with community stakeholders to jointly advance and develop new residential and commercial uses for vacant land and structures to increase revitalization efforts.

FDA continues to pursue the redevelopment of a mixed-use building on West Broad. The building is key for the expansion of strategic investments in West Franklinton. In addition, it is proximate to Martin Avenue and Hawkes Avenue, which are already home to several developments completed by FDA.

2012 Housing Initiative Highlights

- The City of Columbus partnered with FDA to acquire a 55,000 square foot warehouse that provides numerous possibilities to serve the needs of community stakeholders
- FDA also continued its strategic land acquisitions by purchasing and rehabbing a property at the corner of McDowell and West Town Street which is now the new home and office space of FDA
- Work continues toward the construction of 2 units as part of West Park Homes



Creative Warehouse

Greater Linden Development Corporation (GLDC):

It Takes a Village

Greater Linden Development Corporation uses the saying, “It takes a village” as a guiding force for community engagement for its Linden Village initiative. Increased investment is targeted for the initiative for the next several years, which includes a two-phase development plan lead by GLDC to develop at least seven single-family homes. GLDC strategically targeted the streets adjacent to the newly-renovated Linden McKinley STEM Academy (LMSA) to complement the recent \$30 million school renovation investment and to create opportunities for students to observe and engage in the development process of the homes.



Linden Village Property

2012 Housing Initiative Highlights

- As part of their Linden Village project, GLDC continued to rehab 3 houses and began predevelopment activities on 2 additional units
- Continued planning for the Linden Community Clean-Up Campaign scheduled for 2013

Community Development for All People (CD4AP):

Health and Wellness

On the South Side, CD4AP works to improve the economic, social and spiritual quality of life for residents. Programs and resources offered by CD4AP have expanded beyond housing to incorporate an emphasis on health and wellness initiatives. These initiatives include a pharmacy, community gardens, a fresh food market and other programs that provide healthy food, exercise programs, health education seminars, cooking and nutrition classes, and preventive health care.



Fresh Food Market

2012 Housing Initiative Highlights

- Healthy Neighborhoods Healthy Families Realty Collaborative (HNHF), a subsidiary of CD4AP, had two homes in predevelopment, five homes nearing completion, 1 property sold and 6 in contract at year's end
- Southside Renaissance, a partnership between CD4AP and local businessmen, completed 18 home repair projects
- Began construction on 10 Neighborhood Stabilization Program sites as part of Southern Gateway Homes
- Continued Rental Property Management and Development on 12 rental units and the rehabbing of 3 more

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