



Let's Get Together Collaboration Is Everything!

Jacob's Ladder™ Community Development Corporation began in 2004 as a small assembly of well-intentioned individuals with a heart to heal the landscape in the inner-city of Memphis, TN. We have developed into a high-functioning community development corporation, re-purposing our community with 25 complete housing renovations, 40+ demolitions of severely damaged structures, and 100 vacant lots cleaned and maintained. As a faith-based organization focused on the wholistic revitalization of the Belt Line community of Memphis, we have found that ***collaboration is everything*** in relationship-building for a better future in this low-income, under-served neighborhood that has experienced significant disinvestment. In fact, it is the only effective strategy - to leverage our resources with multiple partners with the same vision for our community. Since our incorporation as a 501(c)(3) charity in 2004, 50 different groups have joined us to improve our service area, including the University of Memphis, Memphis Police Department, the Shelby County Land Bank, churches and local businesses. Our blight and crime re-mediation efforts are designed to create community connections, as we clean the canvas together. Our Youth Center features an after-school program offering tutoring, literacy and cooking classes. Many neighbors consider this space a safe sanctuary for their children, especially during crime up-ticks where street violence prevents outdoor play. In 2018, we will expand our children's program, plant key community assets, and continue re-purposing the land. Our current lead project, entitled "Boston Street: A Learning Corridor for Children" (see website video) envisions the transformation of Boston St. from a children's nightmare into a safe and clean pathway to school.