

Jacob's Ladder™

Community Development Corporation

A Non-Profit Corporation



Our Mission:

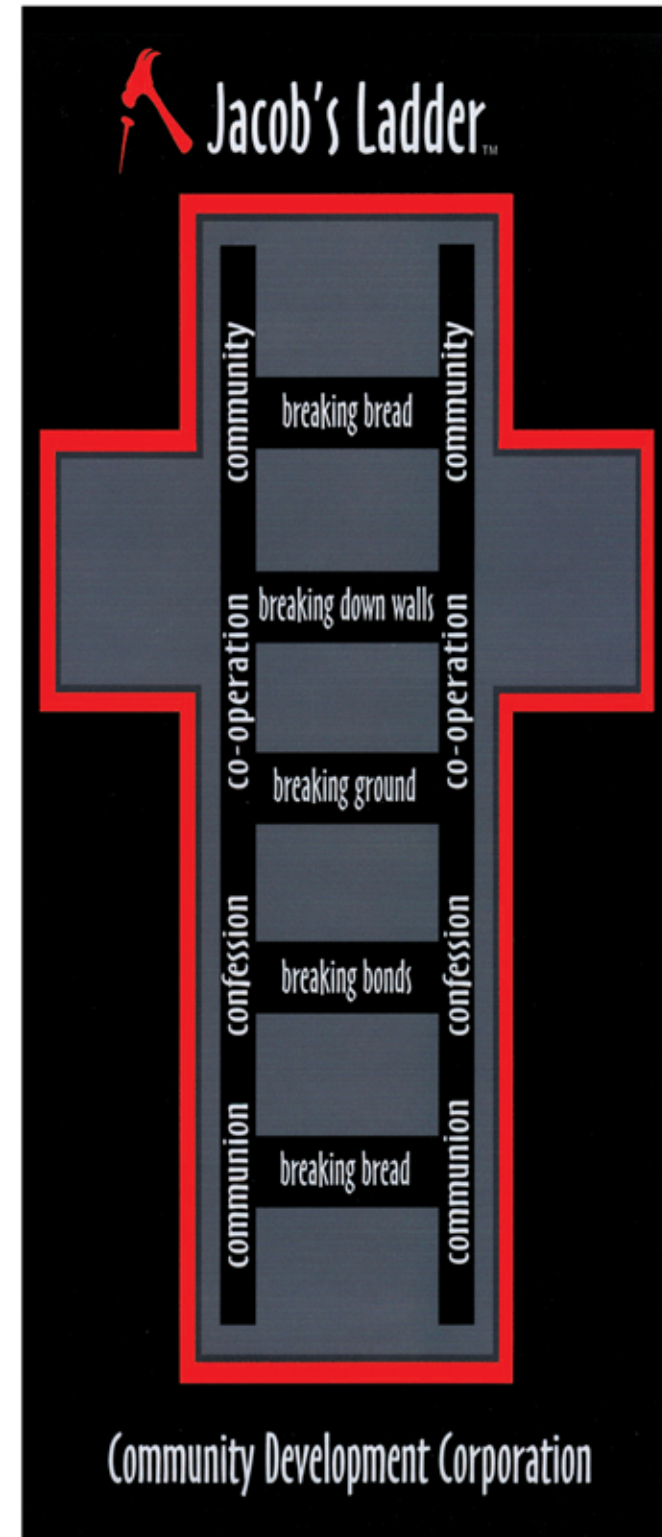
The revitalization of inner city neighborhoods through community partnerships.



Jacob's Ladder™ Community Development Corporation is committed to implement the vision of Christ for the world in the establishment of communities of neighbors. His command is "to love thy neighbor as thyself" and to share in communion with Himself and our neighbors as symbolized in His breaking of bread at the Last Supper. It is the goal of this organization to help people climb the ladder of success toward actively participating in the "establishment of communities of neighbors" by becoming responsible homeowners.



A participant in this program climbs the rungs of **Jacob's Ladder™** which has its footings in the commands of Christ and the breaking of bread in Holy Communion. Next, the breaking of bonds is attained through confession, that is, in facing the destructive personal habits and patterns of spending chaining one to a cycle of debt. Those sponsored in this program will receive credit counseling and home ownership education.



Through mutual co-operation between local churches, neighbors and other local interest groups, the rungs of breaking ground and breaking down walls, both literally and figuratively, are reached.



Working side-by-side, licensed contractors, volunteers from the community and the future homeowners will rehabilitate previously neglected or abandoned homes, which have been obtained far below market value. Thus, the new homeowner will have an affordable house note and equity at occupancy.

Moreover, neighborhood youth will find not only an opportunity to gain necessary job skills, as local churches coordinate a youth volunteer initiative, but they will receive important mentoring from adult volunteers.

Local churches will also co-ordinate providing food for the work crews, thus allowing for an important volunteer niche to be filled by those retired and elderly in the community who wish to participate.

Relationships between neighbors will be formed and take shape through participation in this program in much the same way as the newly refurbished home takes shape through their co-operative efforts. These relationships between neighbors will, of necessity, have to be ongoing in order to birth a community.

The symbol that the top rung of the ladder of success has been reached is when the new homeowners, their neighbors, local church members and



volunteers celebrate together in the breaking of bread at a fellowship dinner for all. The circle will now have found completion when all the rungs of **Jacob's Ladder™** have been ascended from the breaking of bread in communion to the breaking of bread in community.

This hammer and nail theology taught to us by Christ, the Master Carpenter and Architect of true community established in love, can and will become a reality in your community with God's help and yours!

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