

Appendix F
Examples of Community Development Models



The Episcopal Network for Economic Justice

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Community Organizing

BUILD (Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development)

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<http://www.buildiaf.org>

BUILD's purpose is to organize poor, working poor and middle-income families for change. BUILD finds and trains leaders who identify pressing issues facing their communities, and addresses those issues through disciplined organized action that is non-violent and non-partisan.

Through its influence, BUILD has helped channel millions into college scholarships, affordable housing, after school programs, and transitional housing for ex-offenders and people in recovery. Through its organizing it has helped outlaw payday lenders, increase voter turnout, and secure passage of Baltimore's living wage ordinance.

BUILD is a premiere example of church-based organizing. Forty local churches are members.

Comm-Org: The On-Line Conference on Community Organizing and Development

<http://comm-org.utoledo.edu>

With origins in a 1994 online seminar on the history of community organizing led at the University of Illinois at Chicago, COMM-ORG has grown into a fine resource for anyone interested in the current field (and history) of community organizing, both in the United States and with an international perspective.

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth

P.O. Box 1450
London, Kentucky 40743
606-878-2161
www.kftc.org

Promotes fair taxation, living wage, environmental preservation, and other issues through local chapters and statewide lobbying. Helped curtail strip mining and pass a tax on coal reserves which helps support local governments. A model program both for grassroots organizing and statewide advocacy. Especially strong in developing an annual legislative strategy with specific goals in areas such as tax policy, human services, and human rights.

Southern Empowerment Project

343 Ellis Avenue

Maryville, TN 37804

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Conducts training on community organizing and grassroots fundraising in the South and Appalachia.

Virginia Organizing Project

703 Concord Avenue

Charlottesville, VA 22903-5208

434-984-4655

<http://www.virginia-organizing.org>

This statewide project focuses on fair tax policy, living wage, combating racism, environmental protection and other justice issues. It is organized into local chapters for action. Virginia Organizing Project also publishes an excellent newsletter which includes how-to information for organizers.

Community Development Corporations (CDCs)

These organizations were established to oversee the redevelopment of inner city neighborhoods or to promote job development in rural areas. Some are comprehensive. Some focus exclusively on housing or job creation. Some CDCs are spinoffs of community organizing efforts. CDCs are often able to focus more on projects and leave the advocacy to the neighborhood organization. Some include advocacy along with the “hard” side of development.

Appalachian Center for Economic Networks (ACEnet)

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Athens, OH 45701

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www.acenetworks.org

Diocese of Southern Ohio

Email: info@acenetworks.org

The Appalachian Center for Economic Networks (ACEnet) is a community economic development organization located in rural southeastern Ohio. The mission of ACEnet is to build the capacity of local communities to network, innovate, and work together to create a strong, sustainable regional economy that has opportunities for all. ACEnet uses a sectoral strategy, currently focusing on the food and technology sectors of the economy.

In each sector, ACEnet staff provides basic service that businesses need to start, expand, and create quality jobs. At the same time, staff members encourage entrepreneurs to network with each other, sharing information and generating joint ventures that enable them to enjoy economies of scale typical of much larger businesses.

ACEnet staff also identifies key services or resources that, if available, could increase the success of the businesses, and either directly develops the capacity (as in the case of incubator facilities) or work with other local or regional organizations to develop the new service (as in the case of the many public access sites in the area that provide free computer usage).

Appalachian Community Development

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Diocese of East Tennessee

Hidden from the rest of the world between two mountain ranges exists a place where the KY and TN state line further cuts people from the Clearfork Valley out of mainstream. Since 1968 the Commission on Religion in Appalachia has worked with a Community Development Ministry, started in 1967 by the Catholic Diocese of Knoxville. The local resident minister identifies local leadership and assists them in organizing appropriately to achieve their goals. CORA provides financial resources to local groups and introduces them to various individuals and institutions that are part of this network.

The real blood, sweat and tears come from the local people who hold on to their small nonprofit operations. Today the network of unincorporated communities from Fonde, KY to Morley, TN that make up the Clearfork Valley find strength in the cluster of nonprofit groups as they provide services in health, parenting food, clothing and fire protection, engage in developments like housing and small businesses, and provide an infrastructure as fundamental as access to secure land tenure and safe water. A most recent enterprise is a community development learning center and a community newsletter oriented to popular education.

Though progress is slow, the movement toward citizen participation in building community plays out in many practical and spiritual ways. The non-profits collaborate in bringing wholeness out of their diversity and strength out of their perseverance. Most community groups have a sustained partnership with one or another Christian Church. Together we are making the connection between building personal and community assets, between production of coal in this community and the burning of coal in the more mainstream urban centers, between a cash economy and a non-cash economy, and between the primary resources of creation and those secondary resources that humans are empowered to produce.

Beaver Street Enterprise Center

1225 W. Beaver Street

Jacksonville, FL 32209

904-265-4700

www.freshministries.com

Beaver Street Enterprise Center is a business incubator, providing facilities and amenities to more than 20 small businesses. The Center was established by FRESHMINISTRIES, a comprehensive community development corporation (See p. F-8). Its full time staff

provides ongoing assistance to these businesses to help them with budgeting, technical issues, marketing, and networking with business leaders. After 24-36 months, businesses are well-positioned to relocate within the community and continue expanding. Funding comes from Wachovia Bank, the City of Jacksonville and the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

Bethel New Life, Inc.

4950 W. Thomas
Chicago, IL 60651
773-473-7870

www.bethelnewlife.org

Bethel New Life is one of the best-known and successful community development corporations. Others in this category include Abyssinian Development Corporation in New York City and Glide Church in San Francisco. Bethel New Life focuses on sustainable comprehensive community development. This project operates in an Empowerment Zone and is involved in housing development, a small business development center, child development center, and a cultural and performing arts center among other projects.

Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry, Inc. (CVEM)

P.O. Box 5811
Columbus, GA 31906-0811
706-327-0400

Vicky Partin, Lay Missioner, Diocese of Atlanta

CVEM is an agency serving the Beallwood and adjacent areas of Columbus, Georgia. Its approach includes direct service, job and life skills training, linkage to a credit union, and arts programming, especially with youth. Teaching tolerance and multiculturalism is an important feature of CVEM's work. Housing development is done through partnerships with Habitat for Humanity and other organizations.

Episcopal Housing Corporation

4 East University Parkway
Baltimore, MD 21218
410-366-6200

(Daniel McCarthy, Executive Director)

This organization, supported by the Diocese of Maryland, is active in a variety of housing ministries in Baltimore's inner city and other parts of the diocese.

Naugatuck Valley Project

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Founded 13 years ago as a joint undertaking of the Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford, the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, the United Auto Workers and the Connecticut Citizen's Actions Group, NVP's accomplishments include creation of Valley Care Cooperative, which provides home

health-care to shut-ins; the development of over 100 units of affordable housing in Waterbury; the formation of tenant organizations in run-down private and public housing complexes in Naugatuck, Ansonia and Waterbury; and the organization of three successful employee buy-outs of factories threatened with closings.

St. Edmund's Redevelopment Corporation (SERC)

6105 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60637
(The Rev. Dr. Richard L. Tolliver)
773-288-0038

www.sercchicago.org

SERC's mission is to renew its community by developing quality housing and fostering community revitalization opportunities for all people. SERC has completed eight projects totaling 455 units of housing, taking over a troubled 230-unit high-rise at 63rd and Michigan, building a 61-unit senior building, and rehabilitating several apartment buildings. The agency's current project is the gut-rehab of a seven-building, low-rise development that SERC bought from the Chicago Housing Authority last June for \$9 million. Of the 56 units SERC plans to develop, 14 will be leased back to the CHA, 11 will be market rate, and 31 will be for people who make 60 percent or less of the area's median income. SERC intends to continue to redevelop former CHA sites and vacant lots into successful mixed-income housing, to create attractive gateways from the Dan Ryan Expressway, to revitalize commercial strips with a variety of amenities, to add parks and green space while reducing gang and drug activity, and to improve employment opportunities.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Community Development Corporation

451 Van Heusen Street
Paterson, NJ 07501
(The Rev. David Wolf, Rector)
973-278-7900

St. Paul's is a multi-cultural, multi-lingual congregation in one of the poorest small cities in America. A designated Jubilee Center, the church has adapted to its changing demographics by reaching out to the Hispanic/Latino and other groups including African Americans and West Indians. The center has established an organized ministry which includes a strong growth component. They have also set up a community development corporation which seeks to revitalize the entire neighborhood.

Credit Unions

The Bradley Initiative for Church and Community, Inc.

1030 Sixth Street, N.E. P.O. Box 5404

Cleveland, TN 37320-5404

423-559-1112

Fax: 423-559-1244

Email: 4bicc@bellsouth.net

www.bicc-inc.org

www.festivalofcultures.com

The Bradley Initiative exists to unite churches (across denominational, racial, and socio-economic lines) with community organizations to build relationships, and address the root/systemic causes of the social, economic and cultural issues in the Cleveland/Bradley County area of Appalachian Tennessee. The initiative engages community members in a Listening Process to identify prevalent issues that affect their lives, then holds community forums to address the issues. Examples of Bradley Initiative projects include:

The Bradley Initiative's education projects include the Black Fox Community Preschool, a partnership with Head Start and Black Fox Elementary School to create a blended classroom that integrates Head Start children with students who do not qualify for Head Start assistance; and a "special purpose" high school that works with the Cleveland City and Bradley County School systems to provide a non-traditional learning environment for students 16 years and older to earn a traditional high school diploma. BICC has also partnered with three local colleges--Cleveland State Community College, Lee University, and the Church of God Theological Seminary--to make available scholarships from each institution for minority students or students enrolled in intercultural studies.

BICC also sponsors the Festival of Cultures, an annual multicultural effort to unite the community in celebration of the beautiful cultural diversity in this area and is designed to break down barriers of racism, denominationalism, and socio/economic classism.

A community development credit union with a low-income designation, the Bradley Initiative Credit Union (BICU) received a charter from Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions and opened January 2003. It offers financial literacy classes through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. (Denis Collins, Manager; (423) 559-1181; BICU@volfirst.net)

The Bradley Savings Initiative is a 1:1 match savings program for low-income individuals and families, provides opportunities to build assets and develop the discipline of saving. Criteria for participation in the program include setting a value-added goal (homeownership, post secondary education, etc.), committing to a 1-3 year savings plan, and successfully completing a 12-week financial literacy training course. BICC is extending the opportunity for area churches to incorporate this ministry into the life of their congregations; for more information call (423) 559-1112.

Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministries

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After officially opening in August 2001, the Chattahoochee Federal Credit Union (CFCU) became the first community development credit union serving low-wealth people in the Columbus, Georgia area. This institution became only the second such operation sponsored by an Episcopal organization. The first was the Diocese of Los Angeles Community Credit Union, which supported the new credit union with technical assistance and a non-member deposit under the guidance of Executive Director Urla Gomez-Abrigo. Early on the Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry (CVEM) was given start-up funds by Jubilee Ministries and the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief (now ERD). The Diocese of Atlanta also contributed a substantial non-member deposit and technical support.

CFCU made a difference in the financial lives of many people who cannot obtain small loans due to their low income and poor credit ratings. The CU's marketing strategy targets the working poor, families in the expanded area of Beallwood, small business, and students in a nearby technical college. In 2007, CVEM turned over operation of the credit union to a larger credit union in the area.

CVEM is available to share its story and encourage others to work in such community investment ventures. Recommendations will include working more closely with the National Federation of Community Development Credit Union in the early stages, raising enough money up front to cover 3 to 5 year operations, and collaborating closely with the National Credit Union Association.

Episcopal Community Federal Credit Union

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creditunion@ladiocese.org

www.ladiocese.org/creditunion

The Episcopal Community Federal Credit Union is a low-income Economic Justice Ministry within the Diocese of Los Angeles. The Credit Union currently has 2,662 members and assets of \$5.5 million. Its mission is to provide members of the community with a strong financial and economic base. It provides loans at reasonable interest rates to assist members with small business and household expenses. Some members would be unable to get such a loan anywhere else.

The Credit Union's membership includes both individuals and families who are well to do, and at the other end, individuals and families who are barely making a living. "Those who have, help those who have not."

The Credit Union provides a variety of financial services, including deposit accounts, personal and auto loans, financial education classes (in both English and Spanish), and income tax preparation assistance.

Smart Money Community Services

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Cincinnati, Ohio 45210
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513-241-7266

Smart Money, a non-profit agency located in Over-the-Rhine, a low income African American section of Cincinnati, provides financial services for the poor and works closely with a credit union it recruited into an inner city neighborhood with no banking services. Smart Money's experience, like that of Chattahoochee Federal Credit Union (above), illustrates the benefit of partnering with a larger existing credit union as an alternative to a go-it-alone strategy in low-income area.

Community Development Loan Funds

The Pelham Fund for Economic Justice

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Associate Director for Community and Economic Development Programs
Episcopal City Mission
138 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111-1318
617-482-4826 x207
www.diomass.org/ecm

The original mission of the Pelham Fund was to respond to the call of the Michigan Plan, adopted by the 1988 General Convention with the goal of establishing community development intermediaries. The Pelham Fund now makes loans through a network of intermediary organizations throughout New England. Four of these institutions are New England wide. Others, like the Boston Community Loan Fund, serve specific neighborhoods, cities, or state areas.

Each of the other New England dioceses also has diocesan or parish sponsored efforts. Connecticut runs a fund similar to the Pelham Fund. In Vermont, the cathedral, All Saints, South Burlington and the National Church have deposits with Opportunities Credit Union. Western Massachusetts has set aside 2% of its endowment for community reinvestment. This allows the diocese to lend money (about \$1 million) to two community loan funds. The Diocese of Maine and two congregations have lent to Coastal Enterprises. In New Hampshire, the National Church and approximately half of the 49 congregations invest in the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund.

Other Wealth Building Initiatives

Wealth-building projects focus on building family and community assets. All of the models listed above contribute to building assets but the following are featured to draw attention to this type of community development ministry.

FRESHMINISTRIES

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FRESHMINISTRIES is one of the largest and most comprehensive of the community economic development projects in the Episcopal Church network. Its partnerships and spinoffs include Habitat for Humanity, an affordable housing partnership, First Coast MicroLoan Fund, and a small business incubator (see Beaver Street Enterprise Center). Programs include Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) and helping clients make use of earned income tax credits.

Congregations Building Community

www.piconetwork.org

A member of the PICO (Pacific Institute for Community Organization) network, this organization is concerned with the treatment of the residents of manufactured home communities. An effort is currently underway to organize a group of these residents to buy the park in which they live. For more information about the manufactured home community, its residents and their plans, see www.peoples-homes.com.

El Centro, Inc.

Kansas, City, KS
Ian Bautista
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The purpose of El Centro, Inc. is to create and sustain educational, social and economic opportunities for families. El Centro operates more than 20 different programs including homeownership initiatives, a 100 slot early child development center and an entrepreneurial development center for small and new businesses. El Centro also has a successful individual development account program.

Lawrence Community Works

Lawrence, MA
Kristin Harol
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LCW is a non-profit CDC building a growing network of residents and other stakeholders engaged in building family and community assets. LCW has built or renovated over 200 units of affordable housing, has an active afterschool program with a major emphasis on the arts, provides financial training for residents enrolled in the individual development account programs and assists with immigration issues for the growing Latin American population of Lawrence.

Hacienda CDC

Portland, OR

Pietro Ferrari

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Formed in 1992, Hacienda focuses on affordable housing and educational and economic opportunities for Latinos in the state of Oregon. Their projects have included restoration of 178 unit housing complex.

Accion Texas, Inc.

Janie Barrera; jbarrea@acciontexas.org

A statewide micro-lending program, their mission is to provide credit to small businesses that do not have access to loans from commercial sources. Through its loans and services, Accion helps microentrepreneurs strengthen their businesses, stabilize and increase their incomes, create additional employment and contribute to the economic revitalization of their communities.

Advocacy

Stand for Children/Roots of Promise/Citizen's Budget Campaign of Western Pennsylvania

The Thomas Morton Center

5125 Penn Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15224

Molly Rush, (412) 361-0540

<http://trfn.clpgh.org/stand>

stand4pgh@adelphia.net

This organization monitors and influences legislation and public policy that impacts children and families and provides a network for information exchange on children's issues, maintaining local, state and national links for economic and social justice.

Initiatives and campaigns promoted include the Campaign and Act to Leave No Child Behind, a comprehensive legislation for children sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, the local Citizen's Budget Campaign, the National Celebration of Children's Sabbaths, and Parenting for Peace. For more information about advocacy work in Pennsylvania, contact ENEJ member Wanda Guthrie, at jwguth45@adelphia.net.

Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE)

545 South Spring Street, Suite 616

Los Angeles, CA 90013

(The Rev. Alexia Salvatierra)

CLUE's program activities include promoting living wages as public policy, supporting workers organizing for better wages and working conditions, and advocating for a strong safety net for the unemployed and underemployed.

Southern Appalachian Labor School

P.O. Box 127

Kincaid, WV 25119

www.sals.info

Advocates for worker justice, including welfare rights, black lung and other social economic, and health issues. Also publishes a journal.

Central Ohio Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice

Jeffrey_price@episcopal-dso.org

One of many ecumenical collaborative efforts between religious and labor groups to promote dignity and economic justice for workers. For a listing in your area, contact Interfaith Worker Justice 773-728-8400 or IWJ's website at www.iwj.org

Multi-Service/Jubilee Centers

These programs offer a variety of social services to communities or special populations. At least one service component relates to economic justice. To request a more comprehensive list contact the Office of Jubilee Ministries at the Episcopal Church Center 800-334-7726. The Office can also be located via www.episcopalchurch.org.

Church of the Holy Cross

875 Cotton Street

Shreveport, LA 71101

318-222-3325

The Rev. Kenneth Paul, Director/Rector

The Church of the Holy Cross's outreach ministries include a transitional Crisis Center, a homeless shelter, a government subsidized housing project for the elderly and disabled, and an adoption placement agency. Their advocacy involvement includes Project Justice, a program of law-related education activities in the public schools; Shreveport Landmark Rehabilitation Project, working on preserving Ledbetter Heights, Shreveport's oldest and most degraded area. Holy Cross also works with groups such as Bread for the World, Covenant Church (special emphasis on the role of public policy and citizen advocacy in combating hunger), Interfaith Coalition on Energy (assisting the poor with their gas bills), and AMAN – African-American Male Achievement Network.

The Church of the Nativity and St. Stephen Jubilee Center

59 South Second Street

Newport, PA 17074

717-567-6514

Email: chnatss@pa.net

The Rev. Canon William T. Warne II, Rector

This center works to promote the general social welfare of the community by acquiring, constructing, providing and operating rental housing and related facilities suited to the special needs and living requirements of the underserved community. Outreach ministries include:

- Episcopal Gardens/Thompsontown, PA Housing facility – provides 50 apartments, allowing tenants to maintain independent living that otherwise would not be available in the general community.
- Episcopal Commons, Inc./Perry County Housing facility – provides 30 one-bedroom federally subsidized apartments for low-income elderly and certified disabled persons.
- Perry Human Services – a county-wide drug and alcohol prevention/education program in Perry County
- Monthly Saturday Lunch/dinner – free meal at the local Salvation Army outreach center provided as part of an on-going “Meals Ministry”

Crosslight Organization, Inc. Jubilee Center

121 North Main Street

Attleboro, Massachusetts 02803

508-222-2641

Judith A. Conovan McCurdy, RN, Director

Crosslight Organization is a grassroots, multi-cultural, ecumenical agency serving the needs of Hispanic, Asian, Afro-American, Arabic and other people in the community. Crosslight provides domestic violence intervention, teenage and adult counseling, assistance with immigration issues, and interventions with gang members. Its human rights and advocacy work includes political asylum and deportation cases, death penalty cases, international human rights issues, and immigrant rights and political participation. Empowerment offerings include job counseling and educational programs for youth and adults, classes on how to access City, State, National government officials, home and business ownership education, ESL/Citizenship classes, interpreting and translation services, assist with immigration issues and regulations, cultural awareness training/workshops and anti-racism training.

St. David's Jubilee Center

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Page, Arizona 86040

928-645-4965

Email: stdavids@canyoncountry.net

Jean Keplinger, Director

The center promotes Social Justice, Self Sufficiency and Abundant Life by providing help to the hungry, emergency relief, stewardship of entrusted funds, and compassion for all. Its outreach ministries include a food pantry, soup kitchen and clothes closet, holiday food and gift distribution, emergency services, assistance with utility and medical bills, Salvation Army screening, a community children's ministry, multicultural training, and AA and PFLAG meetings. St. David's also participates in Native American ministry and advocacy work on behalf of Navajo people and culture.

Grace Episcopal Church Jubilee Center

33 Church Street

White Plains, New York 10601

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Email: jvincent@gracechurchwhiteplains.org

The Rev. Janet Vincent, Rector

Grace Jubilee Center's many outreach ministries include a summer Camp and year round follow-up and tutoring, day care, emergency shelter for men and women, Neighbors Home Health Care Service for the elderly, refugee/immigration counseling, a soup kitchen and clothing distribution centers, transitional housing for persons with HIV/AIDS, health services for developmentally challenged adults, and emergency services.

St. Lawrence Place

2400 Waites Rd.

Columbia, South Carolina 29204 (check)

803-779-9067

slpthe@luno.com

Margaret S. McFadden, Esq., Executive Director

St. Lawrence Place provides a housing program for homeless people/families who are willing to enter into a covenant for change in their lives: educationally, socially, and economically. It offers a comprehensive housing program for homeless families, including providing direct services (housing, clothes, food, health care) and an education and empowerment program. The program for adults includes GED classes, parenting skills classes, job preparation and referrals, and courses on communication and money management skills. The children's program includes an after-school reading and homework assistance program.

St. Matthews / St. Mateo Jubilee Center

123 L Street NE

Auburn, WA 98002

Phone: 253-833-0890

This multi-cultural congregation offers a program of service and advocacy to a largely immigrant population. ENEJ President, Dianne Aid, is part of this ministry and a leading figure in immigrant rights work in western Washington.

St. Paul's and St. Luke's Jubilee Center

594 Kossuth Street

Bridgeport, CT 06608

203-367-7009

Email: jdmmsr@sbcglobal.net

The Rev. Jose Diaz-Martinez, Rector

The Center's outreach ministries include after-school day care and summer programs for youth, drug and alcohol counseling, a clothes closet, participation in affordable housing programs, advocacy on refugee/immigrant rights and other issues, and empowerment ministries.

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Ubi Caritas Clinic - A Healing Ministry

4400 Highland Avenue

Beaumont, Texas 77705

409-832-1924

Clark Moore, Executive Director

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www.ubicaritas.org

The primary ministry of this program is Direct Health Services, including a clinic serving over 4,500 patients annually and providing primary health care for low-income families. It is staffed by an advanced nurse practitioner, RN, and six support staff who provide critical services to this medically under-served community. Working in conjunction with the Community Health Information System (CHIS), Ubi Caritas offers a community health data repository--a geographically oriented database to use in evaluating community health status within the 57-county Diocese of Texas, developing action plans, and monitoring results.

Recovery and Job Creation

This group of projects provides shelter, rehabilitation, and employment to stigmatized populations.

Both of these projects are located in Nashville, TN (Diocese of Tennessee)

Magdalene

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Thistle Farms

P.O. Box 6330-B
Nashville, TN 37235
615-298-114 (check)
Email: contact_us@thislefarms.org
<http://www.thislefarms.org>

Magdalene is a two-year residential recovery community for women with a criminal history of addiction and prostitution, founded in 1996 by the Reverend Becca Stevens of St. Augustine's chapel in conjunction with a citywide task force on prostitution. Magdalene was created to provide sanctuary in Nashville for women in need of a safe, disciplined and compassionate community. Magdalene provides opportunities for addiction recovery, education and employment.

Magdalene has expanded to include Thistle Farms, a cottage industry which manufactures bath and body care products made by Magdalene women. The cottage industry provides wages, job skills, and a safe workplace for recovery. All proceeds from Thistle farms go to support Magdalene houses and residents as well as provide outreach to women who are in jail or still on the streets.

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Rural Community Economic Development

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