

The R.E.D.E.E.M. Community Development Corporation

2020 Annual Report

The First Baptist Church of Deanwood

January 23, 2021

In 2020, God blessed us with many key accomplishments in spite of the pandemic as follows:

1. Received a \$20,000 grant from Enterprise Community Partners to fund an affordable housing feasibility study for a Go/No Go decision to construct housing on 3-site options on underutilized FBCD property.
2. Contracted with Redevelopment Housing Advisors/Mi Casa to prepare the housing study and completed: 1. virtual neighborhood group discussions to understand concerns; 2. conceptual plan options by an Architect; 3. construction budget, an appraisal; 4. financial analysis with potential funding sources; 5. updated the Church; and 6. examined processes for rezoning.
3. Board members attended various workshops for Organizational Development, Joint-Venture Partners, 7-Steps of Development, and Rooting DC.
4. Partnered with the Sanctuary at Kingdom Square to distribute donations of approximately 1,800 World Central Kitchen meals in the spring/summer, and afterwards nearly 250 of non-perishable and perishable boxes all during the pandemic on the outside of the Church and the Outreach Center, including offering clothing on Saturdays to nearby residents.
5. Pride's Joy Garden produced over 600lbs of produce distributed at the Outreach Center and started a Compost Steward program in partnership with the Dept. of Public Works (DPW) and collected over 300lbs of food scraps for our compost bins. Thanks to our Church members who supported this effort.
6. Received proposal from website development vendors to start the creation of our own website, however none of none of the proposals were acceptable and a page titled "Deanwood Outreach" was created on Facebook for now.
7. Submitted letters of support for grants in partnership with the Kelly Miller Farms and DPW on garden related activities.
8. Sponsored a Grocery Gift Card Initiative to issue \$25 cards to Deanwood residents of the Outreach Center. Approximately 60 cards were purchased/received with the majority distributed before Christmas.

2021 Major Goals and Objectives

1. Complete an Organizational Assessment for the FBCD and REDEEM CDC to examine the current structure and identify recommendations to successfully proceed with an affordable housing project.
2. Complete a series of meetings with the FBCD to review the completed feasibility study to construct an affordable housing project on FBCD property to determine a Go/No Go decision on proceeding.
3. Revisit options to promote our mission with the completion of our own website and use more aggressive marketing strategies.
4. Conduct annual self-supported fund-raising projects for the Outreach Center and Garden to support the expenses and make needed improvements to ensure continued success.
5. Continue Board development to include member recruitment, organizational capacity building, and training.