



CENTRAL DETROIT CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



Letter From the **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

I say let the numbers speak for themselves when it comes to letting you know what happened in CDC land this past summer. Here we go:

- 250-270 children daily for Breakthrough Summer Day Camp
- 200 teens enrolled in our Grow Detroit's Young Talent employment program
- 13 work crews visited us totaling 491 people or 982 extra hands
- Volunteers contributed 19,640 hours or \$294,600 worth of labor
- 95 kids went to overnight camp
- 14 kids in total opened their hearts to Jesus for the first time
- Built 1 wheelchair ramp for Gus, mulched 4 parks and 1 orchard, cleared a tree line, seeded and built out a lot, demoed the interior of a home, installed one fence, painted 3 homes, and helped a lot of people in between
- did an intensive reading program with 30 1st and 2nd graders
- distributed 600 backpacks at 3 different outreach events
- had 250 people come out for our Open House at our new building

I am sure I missed something here, but suffice it to say, we had a blast and got a lot done too. God bless all of you for your part in all of it. This fall we look forward to our Pathways of Promise Early Childhood Educational Center being open, launching the SOAR tutoring program for K-3rd graders, and having Zondervan as a partner in our Breakthrough program. We also look forward to organized sports in our new gym and lots of teens participating in job training and City Kids Soup production. Finally, we will launch our construction training pilot program in October for men (and women) desiring to go into construction. Great things are happening at CDC for our community.

Blessings,

Lisa J

Pathways **OF PROMISE**

Pathways of Promise Early Childhood Center has been in the dream stage at CDC for the past two years. We have been up to our eyeballs with licensing requirements, menus, staffing plans, lead inspections, playground inspections, equipment lists, programming plans, emergency plans, a discipline policy, and whew, we are at the end. Now we can focus on the kids—infants, toddlers and pre schoolers who deserve the opportunity to enroll in an excellent child care facility and get a quality education while being loved and cared for in a nurturing environment. Pathways of Promise will open its

doors officially in October to children up to age five – 56 children as a matter of fact. We are thrilled that the dream is now a reality!



Summer RECAP

Summer CDC style included a lot of people, a lot of fun, a lot of Jesus, a lot of friends. Our summer included a six week day camp program, a six week employment training program, a weekend Manhood Camp, 3 backpack distributions, 13 different work crews who served with us, Overnight Camp at Kids Across America Kamp and Camp Michawana, and the Grand Opening of our building. Take a closer look in these pages!



Day CAMP



Russell Howard along with Donovan Allen, Kayla Thompson and Elizabeth Stuart led 250 children daily in our six week day camp program. Children first got breakfast and then rotated in the morning to group sports, gardening or to the Public Library for story time. Commonwealth Academy provided buses so that our children could come to their facility to get a well-rounded hot lunch. The afternoon was filled with arts & crafts, Bible time and recreation. Groups from Michigan, Indiana, and Pennsylvania came to serve with us along with our teens who were a part of the GDYT program. It was great to have old timers like Austin, Jaylen, and Alana come back from college and serve with us too. Since we were all in the same building this past summer, we got to hear 250+ people go up and down the stairs and almost always laughing and having a good time. It was a joyful noise.



Teaching GARDEN

Imani Butler taught "the babies" how to garden. Everyday they huddled and had a teaching and strategy time about what they were going to plant. They planted, they watered, they even weeded. In the end it all worked together as Imani gathered 2 wheelbarrows full of produce with more still to harvest.



Manhood CAMP

Taking BOMB Squad (Bring our Men Back) down to the pre teen and teen level, Urban Youth Workers Institute came to Detroit for a weekend and put on a conference for high school and middle school guys. The conference taught Christian principles on manhood and some pragmatic stuff like learning to tie a tie, changing a flat tire, anger management, how to treat a woman, integrity, and "from da Hood life to da Good life." Our 90 guys slept in tents at the SAY Detroit Play Center and experienced true urban camping. Lives were changed dramatically as speakers helped the young men through their father wound and the path of forgiveness.



Overnight CAMP

Teens and children alike, almost 100 total got to experience a week at camp. An incredible experience for all who attended. Eight children came to know Christ at Camp Michawana and 6 teens came to Christ at Kids Across America Kamp. They ring the bell at KAAK every time a camper come to Christ—the bells rang a lot for the many children across the United States who came there.



Grow **DETROIT'S YOUNG TALENT**

Central Detroit Christian CDC joined forces with GDYT (Grow Detroit's Young Talent), and received funding from them to employ 200 teens and young adults from our community this summer. This quadrupled the number of teens we normally work with and put our program at a whole new level. Young people under the age of 18 worked 20 hours a week while those between the ages of 18-24 worked 30 hours a week. For both age groups, one day a week was dedicated to professional development and finding future employment. Some teens worked at Day Camp, some served as our community beautification crew, others worked in our businesses, and still others worked with some of our partners. Tony McDuffy and Andrew Pearce could not have done it without interns Toya, Samantha, Curtis and the professional development instructors.



Work **PROJECTS**

They cleaned out basements, they cleared vacant lots, they installed fencing, they painted, they did demo work, they built a wheelchair ramp for Gus, they worked in the gardens, they helped us move into our new building, they mulched, they removed stumps and they broke up concrete. They did not complain, even when it rained and they served our community well. Our volunteer work crews were awesome this summer and our neighborhood, and individual homes look better because of you. Community development volunteer style!

Backpack **DISTRIBUTION**

We were overwhelmed with the generosity of our friends, Grace Church, Trinity Presbyterian, Ward Presbyterian, Oak Pointe, Calvary Baptist of Canton, Troy Christian Chapel, Darryl & Janine, Tony, Ann, Mike & Lisa, and Genesis the Church, which enabled us to distribute over 600 backpacks to children in our community. We had 3 major distributions: one at the end of day camp for day camp attendees, one at Henry Ford Academy, our charter school partner, and one at Bradby Field in cooperation with Stafford House and DTE. On behalf of 600+ kids, THANK YOU!

Grand **OPENING**

On the last day of August CDC celebrated the end of the summer with an Open House celebrating our new building at 1550 Taylor. Wow! It was a great day and time as about 250 people visited us to see all that the Lord had done. We are looking forward to our school year programs starting soon in our new digs!





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Coming Up: **THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS—**

Hey friends! Before you know it, these wonderful holidays will be here. If you are interested in sponsoring a food basket for Thanksgiving or coming to CDC to serve, please let us know. If you are willing to donate toys or clothing to our Pride for Parents Christmas store, please let us know. We need your help to make it a success. Thanks in advance.



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