
PASSING
THE
TORCH
CENTRAL DETROIT CHRISTIAN
2025 Annual Report

History

Central Detroit Christian Community Development Corporation was founded in 1993 when a coalition of pastors united around the belief that the community would experience greater impact through a collaborative effort. Together, they established key focus areas: youth ministry, job training and workforce development, housing, and meeting direct needs. Programs were launched in 1994 to begin addressing these priorities.

In pursuit of its mission, Central Detroit Christian CDC now provides a wide range of services, including youth programming, employment training and job placement, business development, housing renovation and counseling, as well as direct assistance to individuals and families in need.

Vision

OUR VISION IS THAT "ONCE AGAIN MEN AND WOMEN OF RIPE OLD AGE WILL SIT IN THE STREETS, EACH OF THEM WITH CANE IN HAND BECAUSE OF THEIR AGE, TELLING STORIES TO ONE ANOTHER. THE CITY STREETS WILL BE FILLED WITH BOYS AND GIRLS PLAYING THERE" ZACH 8:4-5.

Mission

OUR MISSION IS THAT THROUGH EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CENTRAL DETROIT CHRISTIAN CDC STRIVES TO TRANSFORM INDIVIDUALS TO REACH THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL WHILE TRANSFORMING THE COMMUNITY TO BE A PLACE OF SHALOM (PEACE AND WHOLENESS).

HIGHLIGHTS

313
Individual Donors

661
Children served through the Pride for Parents Christmas Store with a total of 164 families served.

62.5%
of 3rd Graders in our programming are now reading at level.

$760K
In Home Repair

20
Units of housing rehabbed on W Euclid Street. Project is now complete.

540
Individuals received housing counseling

26,178
Meals served to children





Words from our Founder

LISA JOHANON

Dear Friends,

There comes a time in each of our lives when we have to pass the torch to someone else. With the Olympics this passing of the torch is done with great solemnity, care and almost reverence. You stop and watch in silence hoping that the hand off goes smoothly. The same is true when you pass the torch from one generation to the next as in the transfer of power and position. That happened in November of 2025 between myself and Kyle Lake, our new executive director and my successor in that Executive Director role.

I leave that position in his very capable hands and while it was challenging to pass that torch at first, I know that **God is not done with me yet.** I have much to still learn, much to still give, and much to still do.

In the Bible, Paul prepared Timothy to take on many of his responsibilities, and Timothy was faithful in execution. Kyle has been that to me. I pray for him and his success—that he will take CDC to new heights and places we could only imagine. That he will stay humble and remember that God is the one leading—all he has to do is obey.

As the Executive Director the first ten months of the year, we navigated through some tough times, lost staff members to death, struggled with some transitions, saw some amazing transformations in lives, completed rehabs, grew businesses, collaborated to start a school, and when we could slow down and catch our breath, we saw God's handprint on so much of what we did.

And you know what? The best is right around the corner. There is so much that will come to fruition this year—it is exciting. But that's for later!

May your handprint be all over CDC too!

Faithfully yours,

Lisa J.


Words from our
Executive Director
KYLE
LAKE
CENTRAL DETROIT CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Dear Friends of CDC,

It is inspiring to look back over the past year and see the many milestones that have been achieved and the ways our community has flourished. At Central Detroit Christian, we realize that the work we do for others truly matters. Every phone call, every program, every home built, and every child educated represents our belief that this work will lead to a better tomorrow.

Now, as I serve in the role of Executive Director and continue to glean wisdom from our founder, Lisa, I am filled with hope and excitement for the future. As my hands take hold of the torch, its flame continues to shine a light on the path ahead. What we see before us are blighted areas becoming beautiful, people rising out of poverty, and neighbors and neighborhoods thriving.

Friends, we are ready to do the hard things for the sake of the Gospel. Our hands have been equipped to build upon the solid foundation on which we stand, and that foundation is Christ our Lord. We are encouraged as witnesses of Christ and look forward to the unveiling of hope and wholeness in our community.

Though the torch has been passed, the mission to transform communities and people so they can reach their highest potential will continue.

While one person may carry the torch, this work has always been sustained by a community of partners who stand together in faith and commitment. Your support, prayers, and generosity make it possible for us to continue doing what we believe God has put us here to do. Because of you, hope is being restored, lives are being transformed, and our community is moving closer to the future we all believe is possible.
Thank you for walking alongside us and for being a vital part of this mission.

In Christ,

Kyle L.

EDUCATION

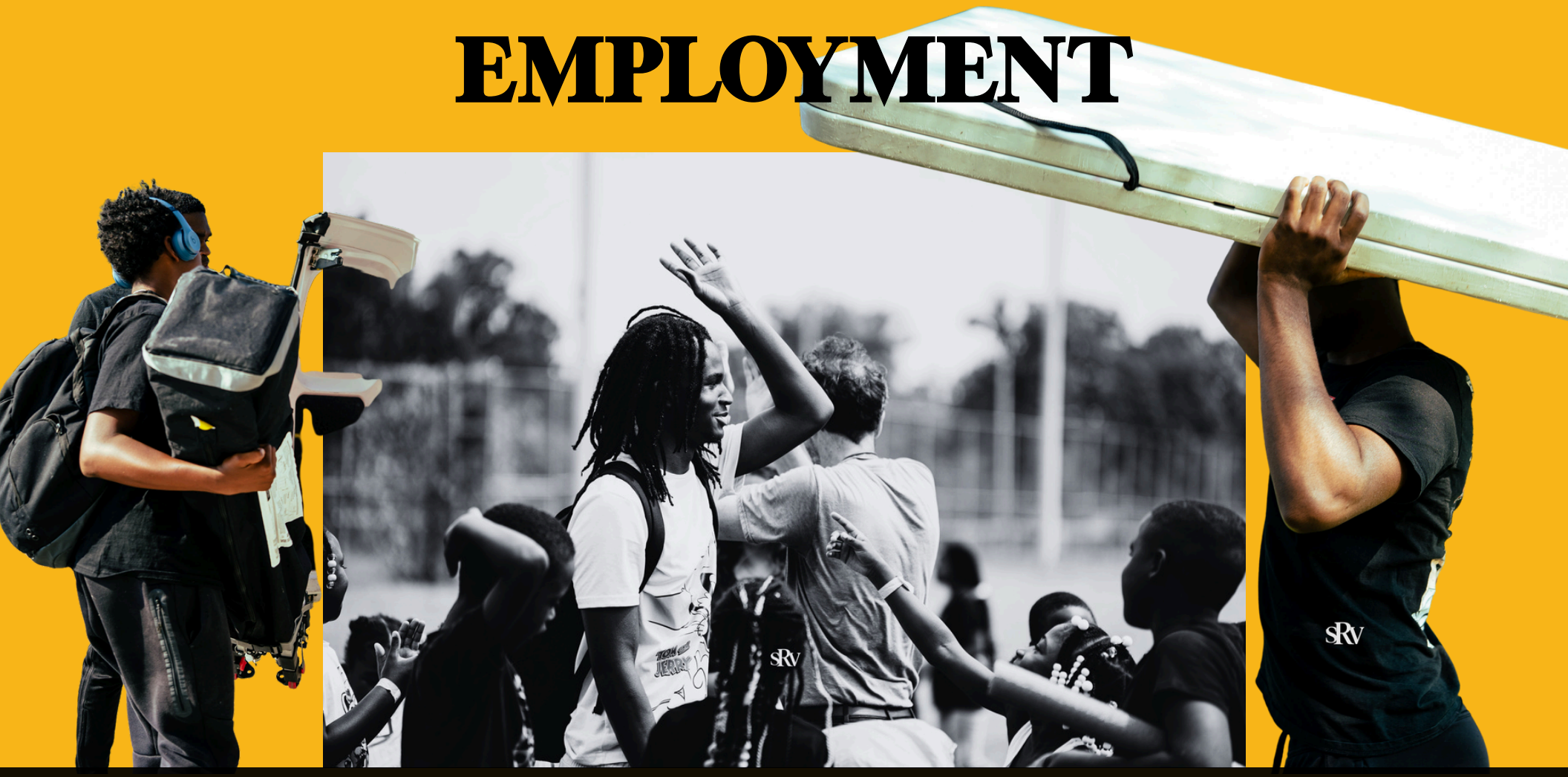


Only 10% of third graders are reading at level in 48206. At CDC, 62.5% of third graders are now reading at grade level.



In partnership with BMEA (Boldly Moving Education Ahead), CDC helped launch an Independent School with fifty 9-12 year old students.

EMPLOYMENT



This year, we launched a trade school that graduated six students, four of whom were placed in jobs. During the summer, more than 230 teens enrolled in GDYT “Grow Detroit Young’s Talent”, and over 50 teens led sports and enrichment programming during Summer Day Camp while engaging in career readiness activities.

Economic Development









Peaches & Greens
PRODUCE MARKET

Peaches and Greens continues to grow in meaningful ways, most notably by addressing food insecurity through access to fresh produce and smoothies. This year, we expanded our impact by offering healthy cooking classes and by hosting community events for the Piety Hill neighborhood.

Economic Development Continued...







Since its founding in 2016, City Kids Soup has achieved great sales at Eastern Market. Our steadily growing customer base reflects the power of investing in youth entrepreneurship and creating opportunities for young leaders to thrive.

This year, Adamah Farms grew 6,800 pounds of produce and donated $3,000 worth of produce to families in need. The farm also houses our Launch Up program, offering career readiness training and job placement upon completion of the six-month program.

Economic Development Continued...

PATHWAYS OF PROMISE
Early Childhood Learning Center



We are proud to maintain our status as a top rated center through the Great Start to Quality system. Our teaching team is highly qualified, with every teacher either holding a Child Development Associates (CDA) credential or actively working toward completing it, reflecting our strong commitment to quality early childhood education. We support families through developmental screenings, referrals for physicals, and connections to additional services that help meet their needs.

Economic Development Continued...

Solid ROCK Property Management

CDC CONSTRUCTION



In collaboration with 360 Detroit, we rehabbed 20 housing units, all of which are fully leased, and are currently rehabbing four additional units. We are excited to welcome new homeowners and renters as part of our growing community. For us, property management and development goes beyond buildings and focuses on creating safe, equitable spaces where neighbors can thrive.





147,181.51 Pounds Washed

Fit & Fold is more than a laundromat. It is a groundbreaking model that employs people challenged by adversity while providing exceptional laundry services to a variety of locales including a leading hotel in the city of Detroit.

HOUSING COUNSELING

Assisted 250 residents with getting 1.4 million dollars of foreclosure money back

540 Individuals received housing counseling services

67 Homes Repaired



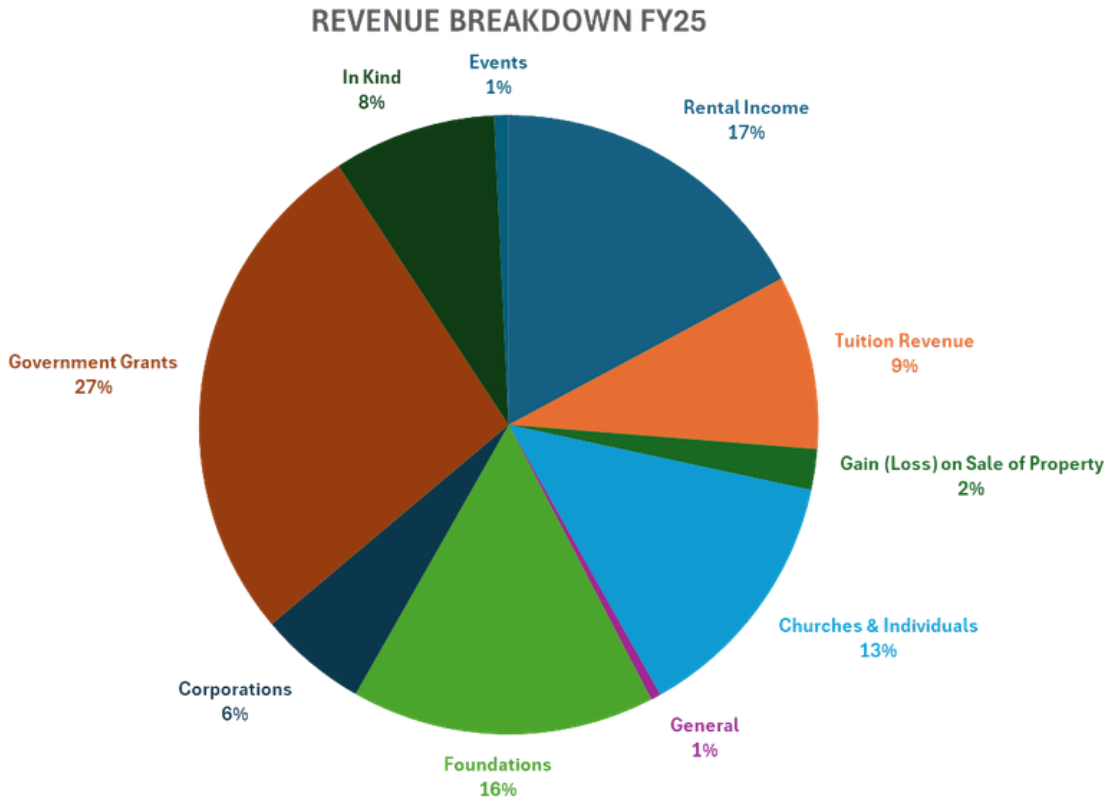
Financial Report

Assets

Total Cash	$512,918
Accounts Receivable	$161,529
Other Current Assets	$674,398
Building & Improvements	$15,398,292
Land	$57,016
Total Fixed Assets	$18,975,539
Total Assets	$19,649,986

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	$85,795
Other Current Liabilities	$991,748
Total Liabilities	$9,902,771
Total Equity	$9,747,215
Total Liabilities & Equity	$19,649,986



2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sarah Pavelko-Eastern Market Corp. (Chair of the Board}

Joshua Roberson-Detroit Mayor's Office (Vice Chair)

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Jonathan Wynne- Kingdom Concepts



2025 STAFF-CONTRACTORS-EMPLOYEES

Alando Reeves
Parent Advocacy Coordinator

Andrea Chisholm
Pathways of Promise Teacher

Aniyah Chislom
Fit & Fold Team Member

Anthony Beauford
Security

Antonette Adams
Pathways of Promise Teacher

Arleen Allen
Pathways of Promise Director

Arianna Hinds
Accountant

Britney Hardy
Accountant

Carlos Windom
Youth Director

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Assistant Adamah Farm Manager

Christa Cuffie
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Solid Rock Property Maintenance

Dan Johanon
Solid Rock Property Maintenance

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Intake Specialist

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CDC Construction

Deshawn Lott
Sports Director

Dianna Dunwoody-Kelley
Pathways of Promise Teacher

Donnell Reed
Solid Rock Property Maintenance

Dwayne Jones
Security

Edna Conner
Pathways of Promise Teacher

Erica Mixon
Community Advocate

Evan Neubacher
Adamah Farm Manager

Grayling Roberson
CDC Construction

Helen Logan
Accountant

Jamila Trent
Housing and Financial Counselor

Joshua Rock
Director of Education

Juan Ramos
Pathways of Promise Chef

Justin Johanon
Fit & Fold Manager

Kalyn Fletcher
Pathways of Promise Teacher

Kenneth Bailey
Fit & Fold Team Member

Kilian Bean
Fit & Fold Team Member

Kyle Lake
Programs Director/Executive Director

Lisa Johanon
Executive Director/Housing Director

Marlyn Minus
Peaches and Greens Manager

Matthew Corbin
Real Estate Development

Mikayla McDuffy
Pathways of Promise Teacher

Monica Smith-Young
Pathways of Promise Teacher

Monique Cadell
Receptionist

Najeela Montgomery
Pathways of Promise Teacher

Nathaniel Phillips
Solid Rock Property Manager

Pauline Simmonds
Pathways of Promise Teacher

Tanisha Powell-Frasard
Receptionist

Tracy Smith
Housing and Financial Counselor

Ziare Pruitt
Pathways of Promise Teacher

RECOGNITION of DONORS

Churches

Calvary Baptist Church of Canton
Christ Presbyterian Church
Cornerstone Baptist Church
Detroit Church
Farmington Hills Church of God
Grace Bible Church
Graceway Church
Highland Congregational Church
Grumlaw Church
Living the Word Christian Ministries
Mount Union Bible Church
Northport Covenant Church
Oak Pointe Church
One Hope
Paradox Church
Penns Valley Community Church
Seymour Christian Reformed Church
Solid Rock Bible Church
Tree of Life Bible Fellowship
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Troy Christian Chapel
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Woodside Bible Church

Corporations

AAA Real Estate
Act Blue Charities
Ally Financial
AvidXchange,Inc
Detroit Housing Network
Community Development Advocates of Detroit
Coretek Services PLLC
Detroit Industrial School
Detroit Peoples Food Co-Op
Developing KIDS
DeVos Urban Leadership Initiative
DTE Energy
Financial Synergy Group, Ltd.
Forgotten Harvest
Framework for Homeownership
GPI Direct
Lake Trust Credit Union
Local Difference, LLC
Local Initiatives Support Corp
NW Goldberg Cares
PayPal Giving Fund
Perodon
ProsperUs
Rocket Community Fund
Standley Professional Carpentry
Trust Neighborhoods
To His Glory Fund

Foundations

Bank of America Charitable Foundation
Charity on Top Foundation, Inc.
City Light
Clannad Foundation
Comerica Bank Foundation
Community Foundation of SE Michigan
Cyber Grants
Enterprise Community Foundation
Eugene M. Andrews Foundation
Gail M. Henderson Foundation
Gilbert Family Foundation
House Family Foundation
Huntington Bank Foundation
June & Cecil McDole Foundation
Lloyd & Mabel Johnson Foundation
PNC Foundation
Root Charitable Fund
Skillman Foundation
United Way of Greater Toledo

Government

Connect Detroit
City of Detroit
Housing Action IL
MiLEAP-OST


THANK
YOU
"Mankind, he has told
each of you what is good
and what it is the Lord
requires of you:
to act justly,
to love faithfulness,
and to walk humbly with
your God."
Micah 6:8