

WEST JACKSON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
FACT SHEET

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

- \$ **HOPE III** - Eleven homes were purchased, rehabilitated and sold to first-time home buyers
- \$ **HOME** - Four single family houses were purchased, rehabilitated and sold through Lease Purchase arrangements.
Perkins Plaza Apartments - An eight unit apartment complex rented to low income families.
University Townhomes - A 17-unit apartment complex rented to low-to-moderate income families.
- \$ **CDBG** - Twenty-six houses were rehabilitated for owner occupied residents in the target area.
- \$ **Fannie Mae Foundation, World Changers, and the City of Jackson** - Twenty-two houses were rehabilitated for owner occupied residents in the target area.
- \$ **Palisades @ E-City** - A newly constructed 144-unit apartment complex costing \$16 Million for student housing.
- \$ **The Chalet Village** - An existing-99 unit apartment complex acquired at a cost of \$500,000 rented to low to moderate income families.
- \$ **Home Ownership Counseling & Training** - provides general information designed to assist potential home buyers in obtaining affordable housing counseling. Three hundred individuals have been trained.
- \$ **Chambers Sub-Division** - Building eight (8) single family newly constructed homes.
- \$ **Bon Air Sub-Division** - Building 35 single family newly constructed homes
- \$ **Washington Addition** - Provides owner occupied rehabilitation and new construction

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- \$ **Commercial Revolving Loan** - Seven business loans have been made to area businesses creating 82 jobs.
- \$ **The West Jackson Apparel Company** - Manufactures choir robes and custom drapes. To date, 17 direct full-time jobs have been provided.
- \$ **The Community Lawn Care** - A small business lawn care service and a housing rehabilitation project. A total of 25 jobs were created.
- \$ **Youthbuild** - Provides GEDs and hands-on training in house renovation and construction to 16-24 year old youth yearly. Thirty-six participants have received GEDs, five have enrolled in college, and more than 50 have been placed on jobs.
- \$ **The Career Opportunities for Personal Enhancement (COPE)** - Provides job counseling and employability skills to residents of west Jackson who are 16-24 years old and above. Four hundred youth have been served.

EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- \$ **Summer & After School (SAS)** -Provided after school enrichment, life skills development activities to low-to-moderate income children. Approximately 700 west Jackson youth have been served to date.
- \$ **Drug Free Community Support Program** - Provided anti-drug and alcohol education to 2nd and 3rd grade students at Isable and Poindexter Elementary Schools. Two hundred twenty students have been served.
- \$ **Abstinence Education Program** - Delivered Abstinence education to school aged children through Jackson Public Schools and Community Outreach Programs. To date,

over 4,000 students in Hinds County have been served.

§ **Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP)** – was implemented by partnering with the existing neighborhood associations i.e., Washington Addition, Dalton Deerpark and Voice of Calvary Ministries CDC and throughout Hinds County. The leaders of West Jackson CDC facilitated workshops, conferences, and health activities in a manner of transforming participant’s mindsets as it regards to health.

§ **Youthbuild** - Provides GEDs and hands-on training in house renovation and construction to 16-24 year old youth yearly. More than 450 participants have been served, 95% of participants received GED/PACT Certification; 75% were placed on jobs or post Secondary education, and 80% of participants increased to 2 grade levels in literacy and numeracy;

§ **West Jackson Teen Pregnancy Project** – This program utilizing the “Becoming A Responsible Teen (BART) evidence based curricula. The long-term goal of this program is to reduce the rates of teen births and sexually transmitted infections among youth Thirty-One (31) 16-18 year olds in Jackson, MS. The intermediate goals of this project are to increase the percentage of youth 16-18 who delay or abstain from sex, decrease frequency of sex among youth 16-18, who have concurrent partners, increase time gap between sexual partners for youth 16-18, increase the percentage of youth 16-18 who use a condom consistently and correctly, increase the percentage of youth who use contraception consistently and correctly, and increase the percentage of sexually active youth 16-18 who are tested and treated for sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

§ **Joint Use Policy with Jim Hill High School Project** - Planning and scheduling for eating healthy to 31 Jackson Youthbuild participants and 54 Jim High School students. Promoting healthy eating education and exercise program to Jim Hill High School and High school drop outs between the ages of 16-24 years old. Scheduling community service project with 1 neighborhood associations on healthy life styles through seeding community garden

§ **Partnership for a Healthy Greater Jackson** - Provides information and intervention against the danger and effects of tobacco use. Over 2,000 youth and young adults have been served.

§ **Hinds County Families First Parent Resource Center** - Provides effective parenting skill classes, after school care, as well as teenage pregnancy prevention information. Approximately 300 families are served annually.

§ **Youthbuild U.S.A. Mentoring** - mentoring program is for 16-17 year olds residing in Hinds County and Jackson, Mississippi. We recruit 80 mentors and maintain at least 60 mentors to serve 52 mentees over a 15 month project period.

§ **YouthBuild U.S.A. BRIDGE-** Mentoring program works with 16-17 year olds residing in Hinds County and Jackson, Mississippi. The program enrolls Twenty (20) young men of color between the ages of 16-17 year olds who will enter group mentoring at the beginning of the current YouthBuild cycle. Also, the program will recruit male mentors of color at a ratio of 2 mentors for every 6-8 youth mentees we serve. The program will operate in concert with West Jackson CDC’s 2014 YouthBuild Program and will serve principally those participants in our YouthBuild program.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

§ Building Capacity and Sustainability of area Neighborhood Associations

§ Sponsors Annual Meeting and Community Rally

§ Annual Banquet & Lynch Street Cultural Arts Festival

§ Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Day Activities

§ Annual Make a Difference Day Activities