

R.E.D.E.E.M.

CDC SERVES DEANWOOD RESIDENTS



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The R.E.D.E.E.M. CDC Community Outreach Center, founded in 2003, is located at 4408 Sherriff Road, NE in the Deanwood section of Ward 7. The R.E.D.E.E.M. CDC is an affiliate of First Baptist Church of Deanwood, which has been active in Deanwood for 120 years and is on the national registry of historic places. The R.E.D.E.E.M. CDC's mission is "to operate outreach programs in Deanwood to meet the needs of the residents, foster self-sufficiency and improve the quality of family life, and develop affordable housing needs."



Gerald Hines is the Chair/President of the R.E.D.E.E.M. CDC and manages the corporation's business, volunteers and its partners.

The R.E.D.E.E.M. CDC exists to address the needs of residents in the Deanwood Community, including the lack of healthy food choices in the area. To address this issue, the organization started Pride's Joy Garden to grow fresh produce and supplement food by the Capitol Area Food bank. Residents can also collect donated clothing.

In 2017, a compost program was initiated in partnership with the Dept. of Public Works. Ward 7 residents can drop off kitchen scraps during the hours of 9 am - noon on Saturdays, just outside at the Outreach Center. Volunteers are welcome to support the organization's mission.

Some of the major events over the years include a Community Fair in 2015, a Mega Coat Drive in 2018 and distribution of food from the World Central Kitchen in 2020. Plans are under way to establish new programs in 2023



and 2024. In addition, the R.E.D.E.E.M. CDC is working on a future proposed affordable housing project to be located on church-owned property.

The Outreach Center has averaged annually 1,500 bags of food to families, clothing to 150 individuals, and garden productions of 800 to 1,000 pounds provided to the Deanwood and surrounding community residents, and they plan to continue serving the community for years to come. Interested in services or supporting the R.E.D.E.E.M. CDC? Call 202-396-0534 or visit www.thereedemcdc.org for more information.

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