

The R.E.D.E.E.M. Community Development Corporation
(An affiliate of the First Baptist Church of Deanwood)

2021 Annual Report

In 2021, God blessed us with many key accomplishments our highlights are as follows:

1. The Outreach Center was granted a \$4K grant from the Capital Area Food Bank for mostly non-perishables, which resulted in no funds being allocated to this budget line item.
2. Completed the Affordable Housing Feasibility Study with Redevelopment Housing Advisors/Mi Casa to reflect plans for 3-sites owned by the FBCD and recommendations on proceeding to obtain funding and the next steps.
3. Completed an Organizational Assessment, which suggested improvements in 4-focus areas, Board Development, Money Matters, Policies & Practices, and Congregation Support, as a means to be successful with our initiatives as a nonprofit.
4. Conducted a series of 6-meetings on the feasibility study with the FBCD Leadership and congregation, Deanwood Citizens Association, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, and DC Office of Planning to identify concerns impacting a Go/No Go decision.
5. Selected to participate in a 6-month Enterprise Cohort Training Program, with 12 Churches, focused on pre-development planning when developing an Affordable Housing project.
6. As part of the Cohort program received a \$10K grant to complete Schematic/Concept Designs for proposed building views, an Environmental Phase 1 assessment of the sites, and at the program end presented our project to a panel that included a Developer, DHCD, and Wells Fargo bank.
7. Published 2-newsletters which included a total of 17-questions received regarding the Affordable Housing Feasibility Study and provided responses to each.
8. Successfully launched the REDEEM CDC website (theredeemcdc.org) to promote our mission, which features our new logo, history, initiatives, events, and donation options.
9. Pride's Joy Garden produced 1,000lbs of produce distributed at the Outreach Center and the Compost Steward program in partnership with the Dept. of Public Works (DPW) collected over 2,000lbs of food scraps for our compost bins.
10. Partnered with the Sanctuary at Kingdom Square to distribute donations of approximately 700 pounds of apples, oranges, potatoes, squash, 26 turkeys, and over 100 bags of non-perishables distributed outside of the Outreach Center, while offering clothing and a Compost tent drop-off on Saturdays.

2022 Major Goals and Objectives

1. Conduct self-supported fund-raising projects to support our annual expenses, approximately \$10,000, and where needed make improvements to ensure continued success.
2. Continue Nonprofit Board development to include member recruitment, organizational capacity building, and training.
3. Obtain a go decision from the FBCD to proceed with the development of the proposed Affordable Housing project and accept the \$45K grant from Enterprise to hire needed consultants, as part of the key next steps.