

# YMCA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Created in 1992, the YMCA Community Development Center is one of Milwaukee's most well established community and economic development organizations. The CDC was designed to provide leadership in a wide variety of community issues and has compiled an impressive track record.

## *Mission*

Serve as a catalyst for neighborhood transformation

## *Where We Work*

Neighborhoods surrounding YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee branches

## *Key Priorities*

- **Promote Affordable Housing** by providing housing assistance to low-income home owners
- **Build community capacity** by working on impact projects and developing new community leadership
- **Champion public policy changes in urban communities**



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# CDC KEY PRIORITIES IN ACTION

## *The CDC Promotes Affordable Housing...*

- Since 2004, our Neighborhood Improvement Project has completed renovation of 77 housing units, each with an average rehab cost of \$25,000. These renovations abate code violations and allow low income residents-many of whom are elderly-to remain in their homes.
- Each year over 50 homeowners utilize our Paint Up Fix Up/Minor Home Repair Program-investing \$2.22 of their own money for every \$1.00 of grant money they receive.

## *The CDC Builds Communities...*

- Working with hundreds of residents and community partners to foster important community events such as sponsoring "Community Days", family gospel concerts, coordinating home ownership classes, and providing cancer screenings for African American men.
- Assisting neighborhood residents with creating block clubs, hosting clean ups, and solving neighborhood problems.
- Coordinating housing and community outreach activities in the Woodlands Targeted Investment neighborhood.
- Creating Y Warmer Winters, an annual program that helped to winterize nearly 150 homes, saving each home owner or renter as much as \$450 per heating season.

## *The CDC Leads on Public Policy Initiatives...*

- Spearheading a coalition of 100+ member groups, which successfully convinced the City of Milwaukee to create a Housing Trust Fund-providing more dollars to build new affordable housing. In 2007, the Housing Trust Fund will invest \$2.5 million in new housing for Milwaukee residents.
- Reducing the Digital Divide-The CDC created YTech which provides used PCs donated from local corporations to families needing access to technology. YTech has provided over 400 PCs to families and older adults in the Milwaukee area.

## *Looking To The Future...*

- Inter-generational Housing will be a priority in 2007 as we explore the feasibility of creating housing for grandparents raising their grandchildren.
- The Family Advocate Project pilot will be initiated in 2007 which will work closely with families to address family and community needs.



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We build strong kids,  
strong families, strong communities.

