



Klondike Smokey City CDC, Inc 2022 Year in Review

Resource Center

- The CDC office serves as a resource center for residents. Residents come to the center to use the computer, print, or fax documents.
- KSCCDC host events every year including the back-to-school backpack and supplies giveaway.

Community Engagement

- KSCCDC has a phone follow up policy. We call certain vulnerable members of the community to check on their wellbeing.
- KSCCDC has an open-door policy. Residents can walk in to discuss any issue or help they may need. The staff tries to connect our neighbors with the resources they need.

Community Organizing

- KSCCDC hosts a monthly partnership meeting with the major department heads of local government (pre Covid) to tackle issues in the neighborhood. Issues range from code violations, crime prevention and trash pickup.
- KSCCDC works with the schools in the area to tackle an assortment of issues. Most notably, we have helped with preparing a cohesive disaster plan. The disaster plan created a communication framework to shut down all schools in the area if one or more schools are experiencing a crisis event.

Foster Care Support

- The goal is to keep children in the home if the family can be helped with wraparound services. Partners with the Cathedral of Faith Collaborative to sponsor Foster Care Awareness Month.
- We market to the community the positive side of foster care to increase participation.
- KSCCDC sponsors foster kids in the Kinship Care program during Christmas (angel tree) and Thanksgiving (food baskets).

Affordable Housing and Blight Remediation

- With our strategic partners we have developed dozens of properties in the community for rent and/or purchase.
- Some of these properties were saved from demolition by the city.
- We now have a portfolio of more than 50 properties that have been completed and/or rented.



Land Acquisition/Jobs Program

- KSCCDC worked with the Shelby County government and NPI to acquire 150 parcels that were previously in the county land bank. We secured funds to purchase and maintain the lots and have created a jobs program where we hired neighborhood residents to maintain the lots at \$15/hr.

Resident Rehab Program

- KSCCDC along with our partners (The Works, Inc., CDC) has established a home rehab program for residents. The goal is to help our residents age in place and prevent displacement. We will rehab a resident's home up to \$20,000. The age of the homes in a historic neighborhood can be a burden on low-income residents particularly the elderly on a fixed income.

Community Garden

- KSCCDC has a community garden that produces delicious produce which is given away to community residents.

Tree Farm

- Planted a tree farm on Bellevue which will improve the aesthetics of the neighborhood and block out noise and blight from the expressway.

Adopt-a-Park

- Klondike Park
- Dave Wells Park
- Mary Elizabeth Malone Park

Community Planning

- KSCCDC has worked with University of Memphis to create a comprehensive development plan for the neighborhood with extensive community input.

Jackson Corridor Signage

- KSCCDC recently worked with the city to install neighborhood signage on the Jackson Avenue Corridor.
- KSCCDC created a summer program that pays young girls to create art. The program teaches them the importance of entrepreneurship, discipline, budgeting, and community involvement.

Tom Lee



- KSCCDC has acquired and stabilized Tom Lee's house. The plans are to turn his home into a museum and resource center that highlights neighborhood heroes and history makers.

2022 was a great year for us... some highlights include:

- Joined with Adopt A Park Conference to plan for improvements in Klondike Park
Won First Place in Slam Dunk Litter League
Established Adopt-A-Curb Initiative
Adopt-A-Curb Block Party
- Decorative Board Up Block Party Featuring Tom Lee House Klondike Land Use Group
State of Memphis Housing Conference
Clean Up Klondike Cleaning Crew
- Neighbors Night Out
- Monthly Partnership Meetings
- A Taste of Memphis
- Klondike Tree Planting Grant Application
- Alma Street Garden Grant Wrap Up
- Installation of Bench in Alma Street Garden
- Dumpster Day
- Ground Solution Housing Conference
- Foster Care Awareness Month
- Tree Garden Plantings
- Alma Street Garden Plantings and Maintenance Bellevue Street Clean Up with City Beautiful Volunteers