BUILDING A THRIVING COMMUNITY

2018 was another great year for Renaissance West Community Initiative (RWCI). We continued to advance our efforts to end intergenerational poverty through a holistic community revitalization effort centered on quality housing, education, health, wellness and opportunity.

Our accomplishments during the year were highlighted by the following:

- The Renaissance West STEAM Academy (RWSA) completed its first year
- The Howard Levine Child Development Center (HLCDC) opened its doors in February
- Over 500 residents were served with our wraparound services
- Our public housing residents increased their average income by over $9,000
- We strengthened our existing partnerships and established new ones
- We exceeded our annual fundraising goal

Additionally, during 2018, RWCI’s Board developed a long-term strategic plan (“Sustainability and Stability”), focused on organizational excellence, financial stability and sustainability as well as ensuring support of a thriving community.

We were honored to have been selected as an inaugural site for the United Way of the Central Carolinas’ United Neighborhoods initiative, giving us more ability to handle issues such as food insecurity, financial literacy, family stability and access to after-school programs. The YMCA of Greater Charlotte had a tremendous year in the community, not only with the successful opening of the HLCDC, but also with its wide array of additional programming for children and families. A new grant from Mecklenburg County, provides access for children to attend the HLCDC and enables parents to return to work. These are just a few examples of the many important partnerships that were enhanced during the year.

Because of the efforts of our many supporters, RWCI’s finances remain strong. Under the leadership of Marc and Jane Gustafson, we completed our First Annual Campaign and successfully launched the Renaissance Circle of donors.

We continue to be humbled by the faith and support of the community. However, there is much more for us to do together. And as we look back on the accomplishments of 2018, we remain focused on the challenges ahead and know that much of the hard work to end intergenerational poverty has just begun.

Thank you for taking the time to read our annual report and for your support of the children and families in the Renaissance West community. We are honored to serve Renaissance West as well as the broader community and are excited about our future as we work to impact lives one individual at a time.

Sincerely,

Bill

WILLIAM “BILL” CURRENS, RWCI Board Chair

Mack

WILLIAM “MACK” MCDONALD, Chief Executive Officer

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OUR MISSION is to promote a collaborative community centered on quality housing, education, health and wellness, and opportunity.

OUR VISION is to end intergenerational poverty through a holistic community revitalization.

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR LIFELONG SUCCESS

Building community is a tall order. It is complicated. It takes time, effort, sweat and tears. It is done one street at a time, one family at a time, and one person at a time. As we continue our quest to build a thriving, collaborative community here at the end of West Boulevard, Renaissance West remains bullish on our client residents and partners. They are putting in the hard work to make things happen for each other, and for themselves.

BREAKING THROUGH

Ms. Morris a resident and dedicated mother had no steady income and had trouble finding employment even with numerous certifications. She had been doing all she could, but somehow just couldn’t move forward. Then she heard about RWCI’s Life Navigation Program. Upon enrolling in the program, Ms. Morris established goals and attended workshops geared towards improving her health and wellness, financial literacy, and digital literacy. The RWCI team, led by her Life Navigator, Jeannease Lucas, took note of Ms. Morris’ perseverance and determination. So, when an opportunity arose to expand the team, a recommendation to hire was made.

Because of her own experience, Ms. Morris, as RWCI’s first Community Advocacy Navigator, has been effective in increasing participant interest in Life Navigation services. She continues to work with her own Life Navigator, with the goal of finding full-time employment in Hospitality. Her ultimate dream is to own a Bed and Breakfast.
MIXED-INCOME Housing

Not just buildings—COMMUNITY

The role that safe, affordable, quality housing plays in breaking the cycles of intergenerational poverty is clear. Maintaining employment, getting a quality education, and being able to focus on issues around health and wellness become secondary when one does not have a consistent and safe place to stay. Our mixed-income model is designed to offer hope for a better life. That hope starts with community.

In a thriving community, residents trust one another and build relationships. It is in this first level of building social capital that the process of resource- and idea-sharing begin - both of which are important steps toward empowerment.

RWCI is creating space for residents to build trust and relationships. Residents come to this neighborhood from different backgrounds, socio-economic status, and cultures. Regularly scheduled community engagement activities allow them the space to grow together and to get to know one another.

In 2017 each community engagement event averaged 90 residents (children and adults). In 2018, each community engagement event averaged 250 residents. The increase in resident participation is a direct result of our strategy to encourage residents to step outside of their homes and engage.

Our largest community event in 2018 was the Second Annual Resource Fair, sponsored by Fifth Third Bank. The Resource Fair attracted 40 community partners and over 300 residents. Together, residents were able to fellowship, learn more about what partners are doing in the community and the resources those partners bring.

2018 was a great year for building community. RWCI looks forward to continued success in 2019 around strengthening trust and relationships.

Coordinated Caring

We believe that families are much more likely to improve their circumstances with the help of a mentor, life navigator, or care coordinator. These trained social workers engage with residents inside the home and are changing lives in the Renaissance and Little Rock neighborhoods.

5—Number of Care Coordinators and Life Navigators in the Renaissance and Little Rock Neighborhoods

1—Number of Community Advocacy Navigators in the Renaissance and Little Rock Neighborhoods

1—Neighborhood Engagement Officer

466—Number of families eligible for Care Coordination

$9,000—Average income increase in 2018 for the families in the Charlotte Housing Authority’s Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS)

NEIGHBORHOOD DEMOGRAPHICS

1300 residents in the community we serve
300 children between the ages of 0 and 5
200 children between the ages of 6 and 12
98% African American
87% female, 20 to 35 years old, with a dependent
CRADLE TO CAREER

Education

RWCI focuses on the educational needs of residents of all ages.

RWCI’s second pillar in fulfilling our mission is our cradle-to-career education pipeline. Researchers for the National Research Council state that “brain development from birth to age five is more aggressive than at any other point in a person’s life.”1 In 2018, we opened the Howard Levine Child Development Center (HLCDC), operated by the YMCA of Greater Charlotte. The HLCDC focuses on helping children ages 0-5 explore their creativity, build their imaginations, and develop a love for learning. Now our on-campus resources for the Education Pipeline include an early learning center, an elementary school, and adult educational programming such as high school equivalency classes and computer literacy classes.

Other key partnerships for our education pipeline are the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School (CMS) System and Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC).


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105 children ages 0 to 5 enrolled at the Howard Levine Child Development Center

550 children enrolled in pre-k – 6th grade at Renaissance West STEAM Academy

150 children enrolled in educational summer programs

35 adults enrolled in high school equivalency classes

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Educational program offerings include:

- HIGH QUALITY EARLY EDUCATION
- SCHOOL READINESS
- SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING
- EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS
- ADULT EDUCATION
- SKILL DEVELOPMENT CLASSES
- FINANCIAL LITERACY

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HOWARD LEVINE
Child Development Center

RWCI and the YMCA of Greater Charlotte opened the Howard Levine Child Development Center (HLCDC) in February 2018. At full capacity, the HLCDC will provide full-day early learning for 152 children ages 6-weeks to 5 years. The center was serving 109 children by the end of 2018.

Prior to opening the center, we estimated about 4% of neighborhood children were enrolled in early learning programs. Now, over 20% of eligible neighborhood children are enrolled in early learning programs including HLCDC.

In August 2018, seven scholars graduated from HLCDC as the first cohort to head off to kindergarten. Two of the seven graduates moved on to the Renaissance West STEAM Academy, becoming the first two scholars to move through RWCI’s on-site pipeline from early childhood to elementary education.

Through support of Charlotte Housing Authority, Mecklenburg County, and The Duke Endowment, RWCI began offering in 2018 the Work and Education Support for Transitioning Families (WEST-Fam) Scholarship for neighborhood children. The scholarship supports caregivers for whom childcare is a barrier for maintaining or obtaining employment, or those looking to further their education. In 2018, RWCI helped five unemployed caregivers get back into the workforce and supported another 24 families looking for reliable childcare needed to maintain employment. During 2018, RWCI provided over $250,000 in scholarships to the HCLDC, supporting 45 young scholars.

“The HLCDC and scholarship program has been such a blessing to have. It provides support to help single parents get to where they’re trying to go in life.”
— Mother/ Resident of Renaissance

“In total, the existing research suggests expanding early learning initiatives would provide benefits to society of roughly $8.60 for every $1 spent, about half of which comes from increased earnings for children when they grow up.” — The Executive Office of the President of the United States.
The Economics of Early Childhood Investments
Late in spring of 2018, the Renaissance West STEAM Academy completed its first academic year. The first year was full of fun, surprises, challenges, and new beginnings. After settling down from the intensity of the grand opening in 2017, the school leadership and staff began to understand the opportunities and challenges that come with opening a brand new and unique, Title I school. Through the challenges, the staff decided to focus on developing a positive school culture.

Principal Barksdale assembled an incredible team. The school building lived up to all the expectations of a state-of-the-art facility. The children and parents were excited about the possibilities. However, early test scores confirmed that many of the children came into the year with severe academic deficits as well as social and emotional challenges. But that did not deter magic from happening.

In collaboration with RWCI, the RWSA team rallied the community to first provide for the physical needs of the children around uniforms, supplies, books, and snacks. To handle critical areas around reading, the Belk Literacy Lab opened and showed immediate results for students who tested far below grade level in reading.

Although academic goals were not fully met during the first year, the groundwork has been laid for the future. The first day of school for the 2018/2019 year was a testament to such. Hallways were filled with staff, volunteers, and community members high-fiving incoming students and wishing them a successful school year. Returning and new students came through the doors with smiles, backpacks full of new supplies, and attitudes that showed they were ready to be back in the building. A calm and welcoming school culture and atmosphere, which was established in the first year, has taken hold. The conditions for learning are now in place.

"As a native Charlottean, it has been a dream to return to my city and provide a quality educational experience for my students. This is hard work, and it is HEART work! I deeply believe in the change and transformation that has been activated and is being actualized in our community."

— Founding Principal, Erin Barksdale
YOUTH
Opportunities

Being a place-based initiative means we bring important resources to our community. This removes a major barrier to program access for many families – transportation. 2018 was a year of tremendous program growth for our youth initiatives thanks to our many partners.

Our children received enhanced programming in the school as well. The RWSA hosted visitors from the Charlotte Hornets, Knights and Checkers.

We are pleased to be able to provide such a rich portfolio of experiences for our youth.

Junior League of Charlotte hosted Kids in the Kitchen which teaches children how to prepare healthy kid-friendly snacks. During the program, students learn and talk about different fruits and vegetables. Also, the children are allowed to take home the ingredients and cooking tools that they used in class to remake the recipes with their families.

Hornets player, Michael Carter-Williams teaching the children at RWSA tips about basketball and life.

With the help of the Mecklenburg County Boy Scouts of America, we offered Cub Scouts. Our boys were very active in the community and beyond. The highlight of their year was being able to experience outdoor living, rock climbing, and canoeing.

We continued to partner with Digi-Bridge who delivered an awesome experience through a Robotics Club which allowed students to learn about computer programming. Students built and programmed their own robots.

The Girl Scouts during their Troop Dedication. In partnership with the Girl Scouts Hornets’ Nest Council, our Girls Go Beyond program made tremendous strides. The girls participated in many developmental and service activities. The highlight of the year was cookie sales, where they had over $2000 in sales which was a tremendous accomplishment for a nontraditional troop.
Another component of RWCI’s cradle-to-career education pipeline is education and employment opportunities for high school students and adults. In 2018, RWCI partnered with the West Boulevard Public Library and Central Piedmont Community College to offer on-site programs such as High School Equivalency / GED and Digital Literacy classes.

RWCI formed a partnership with NC Works to move residents through the Atrium Health pipeline for jobs as Certified Nursing Assistants and Certified Medical Assistants. RWCI has become a destination for job fairs with regular opportunities for employment at Charlotte Douglas International Airport. We also provide other employment opportunities through partnerships with Urban League and other local employers.

Sponsored by United Way’s United Neighborhoods program, Community Link embedded a fulltime Financial Counselor into the RWCI service Area. The Financial Counselor provides one-on-one budgeting and credit counseling, and community workshops related to financial health. She has been working with individuals to set personal goals such as homeownership and provides financial guidance and credit counseling to help them reach their goals.

OPPORTUNITIES AT RWCI INCLUDE:
- Digital Literacy
- Financial Literacy and Management Programs
- Workforce Development and Job Readiness
- Financial Aid and Scholarship Opportunities
- Home Ownership Workshops
- Job Fairs and Employment Opportunities
2018 was a solid year of growth for RWCI’s health programs.

Staffing was greatly expanded thanks to the BUILD Health Challenge grant awarded in 2017, a collaboration with One Charlotte Health Alliance. The grant funded five new RWCI staff for two years to implement the Building Uplifted Families (BUF) program, which focuses on social determinants of health. Staff include a Project Manager and three Life Navigators to provide case management and coaching for residents who volunteer for those services. The BUF team added a neighborhood resident position, the Community Advocacy Navigator, who provides a voice-of-the-community perspective, serves as a neighborhood role model, and establishes deeper trusting relationships than other staff roles. To date, Life Navigators have served 56 families, made 213 referrals to different community partners, and connected 6 residents with part time and full time employment opportunities.

RWCI was able to increase wellness supports through United Way’s United Neighborhoods grant process. Care Ring is on site each week to provide healthcare information and access, free pregnancy tests and reproductive health education, and referrals to the Nurse Family Partnership program for pregnant women.

The Bulb, a local mobile food market, also supported by the United Neighborhoods program, provides weekly markets in the RWCI service area.

HEALTH & WELLNESS AT RWCI INCLUDES:

- Affordable Care Act Enrollment
- Food Pantry Referrals
- Mobile Food Market on site once/week
- Health Education Classes
- Health Fair
- On-site Nurses
- Safety Around Water
- Smoking Cessation
- Walking groups
- Workout groups

Above: One Charlotte Health Alliance provides onsite nurses to meet with residents.

Above: The Bulb providing fresh produce in the community.
This year RWCl increased its offering of meaningful volunteer experiences in the community. Several new organizations signed up, joining our first year partners who continued their support and dedication.

Hands On Charlotte and The United Way worked with us to get volunteers for every large community event we held. They connected us with dozens of volunteers for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, the neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt, and the RWCl Annual Resource Fair.

Duke Energy was a consistent presence in the community and at the RWSA. They had over 50 employees spend time at the school in classrooms and in support of the Open House/Back To School block party. UNC Charlotte provided RWSA with student volunteers each semester as well. These Honors Students and Community Psychology classes not only volunteered at the school, they helped plan the Annual Community Visioning Meeting and the Annual Resource Fair.

Volunteers helped with the High School Equivalency/GED classes as well as the Fresh Market Pop-ups. One Charlotte Health Alliance, along with several other community partners, continued to work with our Health Initiatives Committee, and the BUF project. Atrium, which has adopted the RWSA, continued its strong support of the school.

From our Board of Directors to our RWSA lunch-buddy volunteers, we could not go far without our volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer at RWCl, visit our website at www.RWCl.org/get-involved/.

Top Left: UNC Charlotte student volunteering at Renaissance West STEAM Academy (RWSA). Middle Left: Jada Grandy-Mock and Cammie Hauptfuhrer, RWCl Board Members, greeting residents at our Annual Volunteer event. Bottom Left: The Links, Inc. partnering with the Health Initiatives Committee to volunteer at RWSA. Bottom Right: Bill Currens, RWCl Board Chair with employees of Duke Energy volunteering at the Open House for RWSA.
Program partners deliver the services that are critical to fulfilling the mission and vision of Renaissance West Community Initiative. Below is a list of some of our key partners in 2018:

Airport Community Partnerships
Atrium Health
Boy Scouts of America
Carolina Aviation Museum
Care Ring
Center for Community Transitions
Central Piedmont Community College
Charlotte Community Health Clinic
Charlotte Douglas International Airport
Charlotte Housing Authority
Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Dept.
Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Library
Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools
Charlotte Rescue Mission
Charlotte Speech and Hearing
Charlotte Works
City of Charlotte
Communities In Schools
Community Link
Crisis Assistance Ministry
Digi-Bridge
Discovery Place
Duke Energy
Fashion and Compassion
Fifth Third Bank
Food Lion
Freedom School Partners
Girl Scouts Hornets Nest
Goodwill of Southern Piedmont
Grace-Mar Services, Inc.
JetStream
Junior League of Charlotte
Laurel Street Residential
Little Rock Apartments
Loaves and Fishes
Mecklenburg County
Southview Rec Center
(Mecklenburg County Parks & Recreation)
Menzies
NC Works
Novant Health
RAIN
Road to Hire
Safe Alliance
S.L. Nusbaum Realty Co., Inc
Southminster
St. Mark’s United Methodist Church
The Bulb
The Links, Inc.
The Right Choice
Thompson
UNC-Charlotte
United Way of the Central Carolinas
Urban League
West Boulevard Ministry
West Boulevard Neighborhood Coalition
YMCA of Greater Charlotte
YWCA of the Central Carolinas

Charlotte Speech and Hearing is an important partner that provides services at the HLCDC as well as RWSA.

CHA Scholarship Fund helps high school students, like our featured student Jaire, attend college.
2018 ANNUAL GIVING
The following was donated or pledged in the 2018 fiscal year:

$250,000+
Mecklenburg County

$100,000—$249,000
C.D. Spangler Foundation
Wells Fargo Foundation

$50,000—$99,999
United Way of Central Carolinas
PricewaterhouseCoopers

$25,000—$49,999
Bank of America
Collins Aerospace
Messer Construction Foundation

$10,000—$24,999
Duke Energy Foundation
Southminster
Laura and Nathan Clark

$5,000—$9,999
Ellie Dai
Yellow Duck Marketing
American Airlines
Sarah and Bill Currens, Jr.
Fifth Third Bank
Eva and George Rafelis
Fifth Third Bank
Crosland Foundation
Julie and David Sheffer
Pamela Wideman

$2,000—$4,999
Charlotte Knights Charities
Penny and Matt Hawkins
Benny Butler
Clare Jansson and Nina Lipton
Jada and Lionel Mock
Rosalyn and David Jacobs
David Jones and Randall Morrow
St. Marks United Methodist Church
Dede and Steve Keckes
Ellen Rogers
Kelli and Pete Lash
Wilson Air Center
Brian Flanagan
Kevin Rich
The Knight Foundation
in honor of Dionne Nelson
Shannon Grant
T. Crawford Pounds

$1,000—$1,999
CBRE Foundation
David Webb and Molly Shaw
Mary Ann and Oliver Cross
Natalie and Will Alston
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Deirdre and Clay Grubb
Jane and Marc Gustafson
Airport Chaplaincy at Charlotte Douglas Int’l Airport
Ann B. Clark
Ann and Peter Allen
Anne and Scott Perper
Tina and Brett Tempest
Bryant Owens
Carter and Badge Stone
Dionne Nelson
Ellen and Scott Wilson
Emily and Jarred Cochran
Kamal Patel
Jon Davis
Jordan and Walker Collier
Katherine and Rob Vest
Laurel Street Residential
Liz and David Shuford
Liz and Walker Simmons
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome J. Richardson
Neighboring Concepts PLLC
R. Duncan Brown
Renee and Hugh McColl, III
Rhonda Anderson
Sarah and Allen Shiflet
Teresa and Richard “Stick” Williams
Terri Foster Pope
in honor of all veterans, but especially my dad
Todd Tibbits
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$500—$999
Mark Ethridge
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Dorian Brown
Holly and Hal Levinson
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Aubrey and Macon Carroll
Sophia Montesdeoca
Paige and Jared Sokolsky
Patrick Leach
Rashidah Lopez Morgan
Kathy and Stephen Horvath
Steven Gassaway
Bradley Richmond
Vanessa and Joel McMichael
Marcus Johnson
Errol Christian
Trent Legare and Tene Osahar
Diyonna Williams
Matthew McCusker
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Kiran Mehta
Lindsay and Scott Muns
Susan Rogers
in honor of the Jacobs family
Tetlaha Hight
Peter F. TenEyck
Stephen Dunn
Sheila Allison-Wells
in honor of the Jacobs family
Talisha and Brian Middleton
Up to $99
Latrissa McMichael
Kelvhuonda Jackson
Carlton Ingram
Piedmont Advantage Credit
Union
Carita Weaver on behalf of the Rosalyn Jacobs
and family
Donna Savage
Jen and Bob Simmons
Katherinie and Bill Kerr
Katherine Hensler
Laura Hensler
Lauren Lewis
Andrew Yavorski
Natay Cherry
Curtis Ingram
Jenelle Taltoan
Tyron Campbell
Arthur Turner
Joseph Cochrane-Brown
Robert Lacey
COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN
2013-2017
Pledge payments during
2018 fiscal year

$200,000 - $250,000
Atrium Health
Julie and Howard R. Levine
The Duke Endowment

$100,000 - $199,999
Bank of America
Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation
Novant Health
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome J. Richardson de Beaumont Foundation
The Leon Levine Foundation
Andrea and Sean Smith
United Way of Central Carolinas

$50,000 - $99,999
Anonymous

$25,000-$49,999
Camille & Barnes Hauptfuhrer
Anne and Robert Schlesner
Kim and John R. Belk
SteelFab, Inc.
Liz and Walker Simmons
The Belk Foundation

$10,000-$24,999
A Way Home Housing Endowment
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McColl, Jr.
The Dickson Foundation
Sarah and Tim Belk

$5,000-$9,999
Kathy and Todd Mansfield
Rosalyn and David Jacobs
Kathryn and Darren Ash
Sally and Russell Robinson

$2,000-$4,999
Andre Hester
Jo and Mike Rizer
Ron Leeper

2018 GIFTS-IN-KIND
Food Lion
Mark Hames, North Laurel Studio
Catherine Warfield
Matt and Penny Hawkins
Laura and Nathan Clark
International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Local Lodge 1725
Liz and Walker Simmons
Julie and David Sheffer

The Renaissance West Annual Fund began in 2018 for implementation of the Purpose Built Communities model in Charlotte. RWCI is the nonprofit “community quarterback” to lead the neighborhood revitalization of the former Boulevard Homes public housing site.

The Renaissance West Annual Fund supports:

- A scholarship program for early education tuition at the HLCDC
- Implementation of the Purpose Built Charter School model at Renaissance West STEAM Academy
- Family Strengthening Programs
- RWCI as the Community Quarterback
Changing Lives

Organizational Financial Overview

2017 Audited Financials

**SUPPORT & REVENUE**
- **Unrestricted**
  - Individual Contributions: $574,915.28
  - Business Contributions: $678,202.64
  - Grants and Foundations: $5,235,436.08
  - Interest Income: $26,479.00
  - In-Kind: $8,200.00
- ** Restricted**
  - $418,133.01
  - $430,357.66
  - $991,915.67

**TOTAL**
- **Unrestricted**: $6,523,233.00
- **Restricted**: $143,425.00

**EXPENSES**
- Program Services
  - Case Management: $107,200.00
  - Program Activities- Residents: $85,302.00
  - Operations: $1,058,037.00
- Management and General: $85,268.00
- Fundraising: $172,060.00

**TOTAL**
- $1,507,867.00

**Net Surplus**
- $5,015,366.00*

*Surplus and restricted spending to cover current and final costs of construction and future costs of operations for the child development center.
With the opening of the Howard Levine Child Development Center in 2018, Renaissance West Community Initiative fulfilled the last of the goals from its initial strategy plan. This formally ended RWCI’s start-up phase which was its construction and organizing phase. With an eye towards the future, RWCI’s Board of Directors engaged RWCI’s broad stakeholder group for input into an updated strategic plan. Based on fulfillment of its mission and vision, and informed by stakeholder feedback, the priority goals of building a thriving community, solidifying organizational financial stability and sustainability, and ensuring that the organization operates with excellence, emerged.

RWCI has already begun to engage its stakeholders and supporters around the fulfillment of the new plan. With the support of our community we will help hundreds and, over time, thousands of our fellow citizens realize their dreams of escaping poverty and having the tools to succeed and prosper.
Renaissance West
ANNUAL FUND

Visit us at www.RWCI.org to make your annual fund gift today!

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To join the Renaissance Circle:
(Donations of $1,000+)
Visit www.RWCI.org.

On our website you can:
• Make your gift online
• Contact us about making a stock donation

YOUR ANNUAL FUND GIFT SUPPORTS:

Early Education at the Howard Levine Child Development Center

Programming for the Renaissance West STEAM Academy

Programs that strengthen families and provide opportunities

RWCI as the Community Quarterback

PURPOSE BUILT COMMUNITIES

RWCI is a proud member of the Purpose Built Communities Network across the United States

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