

brookside
community



2017

IMPACT REPORT



“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.” – EPHESIANS 3:20 NLT

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

DAVID CEDERQUIST

IN 2017, this verse has defined Brookside Community Church and Community Development Corporation. This has been the year of growth and favor in seeing God lead us by His mighty power.

First, we have seen **favor in ministry to those in need**. Weekly, we see over 350 people participating in our programming and community. Visitors find us through word of mouth because people are directing the broken to our doorstep where they know they'll be ministered to with the Gospel of Jesus.

Second, we have seen **favor in the partnerships** needed to do this work. Brookside has seen 12 partner agencies, eight local churches, and over 275 volunteers engage in our programming and ministry.

Third, we have been **blessed to start Brookside Community Housing** with the purchase of a single-family home being utilized as a women's transitional house and rehabilitation on a three-bedroom home to stabilize a family in 2018.

To imagine this tremendous growth has only happened over three years is amazing and should bring us to our knees in worship. The work must go on and we are excited for what is next as we move into 2018. We plan to see more organization around volunteers and programming, a board established for Brookside CDC, and greater engagement in partnerships with local churches. We pray you will continue to join us in prayer and support as we look forward to what God will do in this coming year.

Blessings,

David Cederquist
Pastor and President of Brookside CDC Board





*Creating
opportunities
of renewal and
transformation
in the lives of
people residing
in the Brookside
neighborhood.*

THE BROOKSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD IS A HISTORICAL COMMUNITY LOCATED ON THE NEAR EASTSIDE OF INDIANAPOLIS. SINCE THE END OF WWII, NEAR EASTSIDERS HAVE FACED ISSUES SUCH AS GENERATIONAL POVERTY, INCREASED CRIME, HOUSING DETERIORATION, AND UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOLS.



THE CHURCH AND THE CDC

Brookside CDC was created by Brookside Community Church to serve as its non-profit outreach arm. By creating a separate non-profit that is governed by the church, we are able to leverage our assets to combat the effects of poverty that residents in our community face. Each initiative of the CDC was created to meet the unique needs of our neighbors. If Brookside Community Church is the heartbeat, then Brookside CDC is the hands and feet. Together we are better able to be the church that Christ called us to be as we love and serve our neighbors.

Brookside Community Church and Brookside CDC exist to bring light and hope into the dark areas of our community. By placing a value on personhood over production, we are creating a footprint in the areas of reentry, youth development, and housing.



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development corporation



*We are a family being formed
by Christ out of*
CHURCH

Brookside Community Church is a culturally and ethnically diverse family whose primary focus is to walk with each other, recognizing our mutual brokenness, while pursuing Christ as our Savior and Lord in love and humility. Our mission as a church is to be a family formed by Christ out of brokenness and into unity and new life. Every aspect of our ministry seeks to build a culture of development, discipleship, and safety where lives are changed through community and relationship. Through our Sunday morning breakfast gatherings, Sunday worship services, children's ministry, and youth programs, we spend intentional time together.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

126 

WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE
ATTENDANCE

185 

SERVED BREAKFAST EACH
SUNDAY MORNING

42 

CHILDREN PARTICIPATE IN OUR
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WEEKLY

56 

ADULT VOLUNTEERS TEACH AND
DISCIPLE OUR CHILDREN MONTHLY

12 

TEENAGERS MEET IN OUR YOUTH
MINISTRY PROGRAM WEEKLY

WEEKLY DISCIPLESHIP

22 

ATTEND OUR WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY
ON TUESDAY NIGHTS

26 

INVOLVED IN ONE OF OUR
SMALL GROUPS



*brokenness and into unity
and new life.*

FOOD CO-OP

58 

MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN
THE FOOD CO-OP IN 2017

\$21,000 

TOTAL WORTH OF GROCERIES
DISTRIBUTED TO CO-OP MEMBERS

850 


HOURS SERVED BY CO-OP MEMBERS
AT BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

82 

EMERGENCY BAGS DISTRIBUTED TO
FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN NEED

FOOD CO-OP

Brookside Community Church believes that individuals and families can use their own capabilities to provide food for themselves and their families. We want to provide the opportunity for people to serve our church using their God-given talents and abilities. The Brookside Food Co-op is a membership-based family where participants volunteer two hours of their time at the church. After completing the volunteer hours, co-op members receive a pantry pass to shop for the food their family needs.



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Brett's story

BRETT WAS LOOKING FOR A CHALLENGE that would require him to step out in faith. He found it. As a member of Northview Church, Brett is one of many partners from the church who volunteer in various programs at Brookside Community Church.

Brett has been teaching, alongside Brookside member Jason, the 4th and 5th graders in Brookside's Children's Ministry for more than two years. He knows he's not a teacher, but that's where the challenge comes in. "I've been told every time I say, 'I'm not qualified to teach,' that that makes me qualified. I'm not sure if that makes sense, but I go with it."

On the Sundays when he and Jason teach, Brett said seeing the kids' faces light up when they walk in the room is rewarding. "Either they know they can get away with more things or they genuinely enjoy my teaching," he said. He's happy for the smiles either way.

But teaching has also meant learning—or relearning. "A clear benefit has been learning and reading from the Bible," Brett said. "Many stories we discuss, I'd either forgotten or did not study while in Sunday School myself."

Teaching the kids has also helped him learn to identify some possible underlying motivations when a child misbehaves in class, and these are lessons he's applying with his own children, as well. "It's easy to get mad and discipline," he said, "but I'm learning that it benefits the kids to ask and find out what may be bothering them. Something outside of the class may be the real cause of the outburst."



REENTRY



Brookside Community Reentry helps previously incarcerated men and women overcome barriers to their reentry within the context of Christian community to see participants built up and established for God's glory and His purpose in this life. The Isaiah House Residential Program facilitates up to four men in a 12-15 month residential discipleship program to assist in overcoming key barriers to successful reentry. The Bridge Worship Service is a weekly worship service designed to help men and women build bridges of success as they navigate their reentry from previous incarceration. The Reentry Hub is a place where men and women can access services like transportation assistance, employment, housing, addiction recovery, mentorship, and financial counseling in order to prevent recidivism.

135 

MEN AND WOMEN RECEIVED SERVICES THROUGH THE REENTRY HUB

36 

INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED IN THE JOB SEARCH PROCESS

100% 

EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENT RATE

\$14,000+ 

TOTAL WORTH OF BUS PASSES DISTRIBUTED TO HELP WITH TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS

8 

MEN WELCOMED INTO THE ISAIAH HOUSE PROGRAM

58 

VOLUNTEERS SERVED AS MENTORS, COACHES, AND LEADERS

Ben's story

BEN CONNECTED WITH BROOKSIDE CDC through God Behind Bars, a ministry of Northview Church, one of Brookside Community Church's partners. After his release from the New Castle Correctional Facility, Ben visited Brookside. What he experienced astonished him.

"The level of love and support I got from people who were essentially strangers showed me just how much God was working in my life."

"Instead of coming up with reasons I couldn't attend or serve, I looked for ways to say 'yes'."

At the time, Ben was living in a camper parked in a friend's driveway. He needed another option. Enter Brookside's Isaiah House, an intentional discipleship community for men seeking to successfully integrate back into society.

He applied for the 12-month program and was accepted. "It happened mostly by obedience," Ben said. "All I really did was show up to whatever I was

invited to. Instead of coming up with reasons I couldn't attend or serve, I looked for ways to say 'yes!'"

Saying "yes" to the opportunities God presented is still making a difference in Ben's life. As part of his program at Isaiah House, Ben has been in therapy for untreated post-traumatic stress disorder. Those sessions are helping him prepare for his life after he completes the program.

Ben feels called to minister to those unreached by the Gospel. "That's mostly confirmed by God placing other missionaries in my life, many of whom I met at Brookside." But he notes that

having a stable home has allowed him to focus on developing the skills and tools he'll need to be that missionary for someone else.

"I'm most excited about continuing to walk in God's purpose for my life," Ben said, referring to Jeremiah 29:11, that assures him of God's plan to give him "a future and a hope."





PLAY



Brookside Community Play is a youth development program for the children and youth in our community. Research shows that children and teens who come from a high-poverty environment experience trauma at higher rates than their peers. This trauma results in the behavior issues and poor academic performance that plague our local schools. Our play-based youth development program helps participants develop resiliency and socio-emotional competencies through the power of play. Every Tuesday in June and July we take over Brookside Park with our Summer Play program. During the school year we run four 6-week sessions of our After School Play program where children in K-6th grade experience caring adult relationships and a sense of belonging.

200+ 

CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN OUR 2017 SUMMER PLAY PROGRAM

48 

ELEMENTARY-AGED CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN THE AFTER SCHOOL PLAY PROGRAM

95% 

OF THE CHILDREN IN AFTER SCHOOL PLAY COME FROM FAMILIES THAT FALL BELOW THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL

84% 

OF THE CHILDREN IN AFTER SCHOOL PLAY DEMONSTRATED SOCIO-EMOTIONAL GROWTH EACH SESSION

10     

DIFFERENT PLAY-BASED PROGRAMS OFFERED, SUCH AS: FUTSAL, CODING, LEGO LEAGUE, BASKETBALL, SCIENCE CLUB, ART CLUB, BROOKSIDE 500, TENNIS, THEATER, AND COOKING

99 

DIFFERENT VOLUNTEERS SERVED IN EITHER OUR SUMMER PLAY OR AFTER SCHOOL PLAY PROGRAM IN 2017

Holly and Randy's story

HOLLY AND RANDY LOVE HANGING OUT. And the fact that they get to do so in a program that helps kids “grow socially, spiritually, emotionally, physically, and academically,” is icing on the cake.

Holly and Randy are mentors with Brookside Community Development Corporation's Play program. They have seen the differences the program can make. “Many of the children who attend Play have experienced or are experiencing trauma in their lives,” Holly said. “That is often shown through unexpected behaviors and difficulties in socializing with others.”

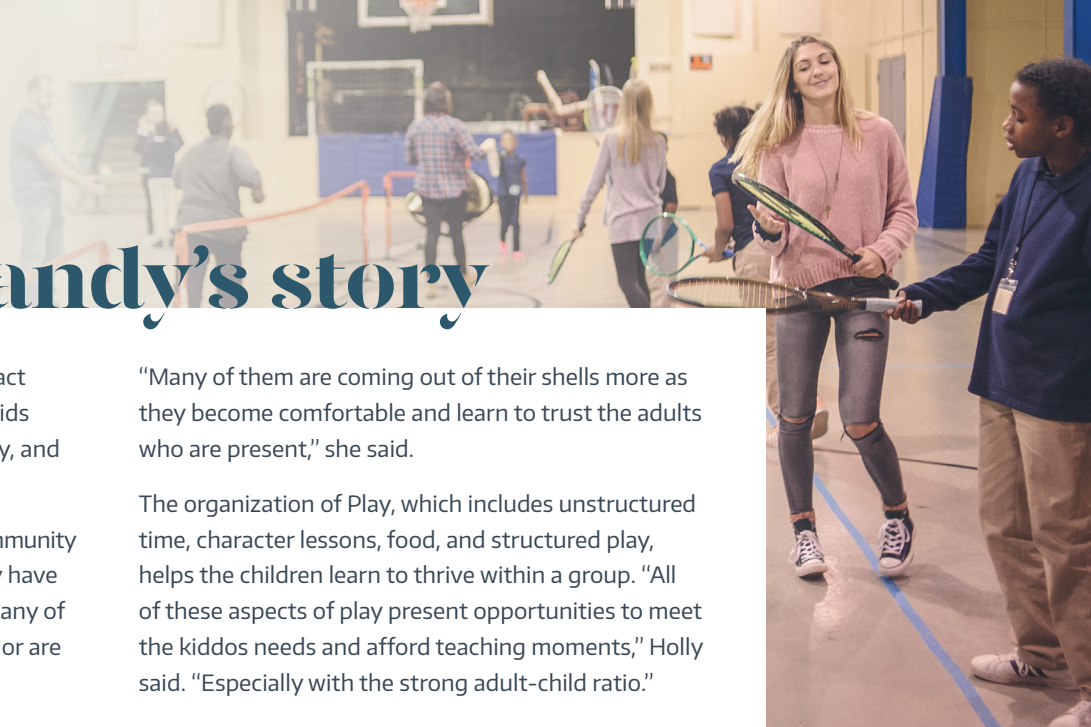
However, through Play they have seen an increase in the children's ability to listen and stay engaged for longer periods of time. They have witnessed the children learning to interact appropriately with staff or their peers when they are frustrated or angry rather than lashing out.

“Many of them are coming out of their shells more as they become comfortable and learn to trust the adults who are present,” she said.

The organization of Play, which includes unstructured time, character lessons, food, and structured play, helps the children learn to thrive within a group. “All of these aspects of play present opportunities to meet the kiddos needs and afford teaching moments,” Holly said. “Especially with the strong adult-child ratio.”

“It has opened up our eyes and hearts to other communities around us.”

“We love Play and look forward to it every week. It has been a privilege to work with and get to know the staff, other volunteers, the children, and their families. It has opened up our eyes and hearts to other communities around us.”





HOUSING



Brookside Community Housing provides safe and stable housing opportunities for families and individuals that are actively involved in Brookside Community Church or Brookside CDC programs. Participants experience stability and peace through the relationships and community that come with being part of the Brookside family. Our housing program helps families and individuals build roots that are critical to overcoming the cycle of generational poverty that plagues our neighborhood. Currently, Brookside owns two duplex homes, two single-family homes, and two vacant lots. Purdue University's College of Architecture has partnered in creating concept designs for single-family, duplex, and a large transitional living complex.

11

INDIVIDUALS SERVED IN TWO HOUSING UNITS – 8 WOMEN, 3 MEN

5

PROPERTIES OWNED – 3 HOUSING UNITS, 2 VACANT LOTS

60

VOLUNTEERS SERVING IN OUR HOUSING INITIATIVE

PARTNERSHIPS

SAW'S (SERVANTS AT WORK)

BUILT A WHEELCHAIR RAMP FOR N. GALE

THE VERIDUS GROUP

ENGINEERING FIRM ASSISTING IN SURVEY AND COUNSEL

PURDUE UNIVERSITY (COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE)

CREATED SINGLE-FAMILY, DUPLEX-FAMILY, AND LARGE TRANSITIONAL LIVING BUILDINGS

NORTHVIEW CHURCH

ACCESS TO VOLUNTEERS AND PROFESSIONALS

Susie's story

SIX YEARS AGO, SUSIE MOVED FROM SOUTH CAROLINA to Indianapolis with her partner. Things didn't work out like she hoped they would. Susie and her partner fell deeper into addiction and she oftentimes spent evenings walking down 10th Street, prostituting herself so that she could afford the drugs they craved. Susie eventually found herself in an unsafe housing situation.

"I lived in a rooming house. It was awful. People stole your food. There was roaches and mice. It was bad."

"God has changed my life so much and I can't ever thank Him enough for what He's done for me."

Thankfully, because of generous donors, Brookside was able to purchase and renovate a property through the housing initiative so Susie could have a safe place to move into.

"I love my house. I love Brookside. I'm just so thankful and grateful that I was able to move in there."

Susie has seen God move in powerful ways in her life. She is no longer addicted to drugs and she has found a new community where she is accepted and loved.

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Brookside Community Housing is more than a rapid re-housing or transitional housing program. It is a community—family being transformed out of brokenness into new life.

"I love my family. I love my church. I love the housing. I've been in church all my life and I've never felt love like this. And I feel like it's genuine. I've never felt like this before."



FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE, EXPENSES & CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

2017

SUPPORT & REVENUE

	42.1%	15.3%	22.2%	20.4%	
Contributions	186,128	73,439	111,253	100,025	470,845
Special Events	24,831	0	0	0	24,831
Program Fee Income	0	3,060	0	2,615	5,675
Total	210,959	76,499	111,253	102,640	Total: \$501,351

EXPENSES

	33.3%	24.8%	33.4%	8.5%	
Program Costs	622	32,944	29,037	1,043	63,645
Mgmt & General	78,784	43,367	72,511	20,105	214,767
Fundraising	22,908	0	1,156	5,000	29,065
Total	102,314	76,311	102,704	26,148	Total: \$307,477

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

	108,645	188	8,549	76,492	Total: \$193,874
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NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF THE YEAR 89,561

NET ASSETS, END OF THE YEAR 283,435

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, & NET ASSETS

2017

ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	197,910
Accounts Receivable	8,574
Property & Equipment (net)	76,951

Total Assets: \$283,435

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0
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Net Assets

Unrestricted	206,943
Restricted (Housing)	76,492

Total Net Assets 283,435

Total Liabilities & Net Assets: \$283,435

2018 IMPACT GOALS

CHURCH

EXPAND FOOD CO-OP TO
SERVE 40 MORE INDIVIDUALS
AND MOVE FOOD STORAGE TO A
LARGER SPACE

**HOST 3 WEEKS OF SUMMER
MISSION TRIPS**

EXPAND OPERATIONAL CAPACITY:

RECRUIT 4 AMERICORP VISTA MEMBERS

TO SERVE IN THE AREAS OF
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT,
FUNDRAISING, MARKETING, AND
VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

SECURE \$50,000

TO REHAB 3604 NEW YORK ST. TO
SERVE AS A SINGLE FAMILY HOME

SECURE \$150,000

TO PURCHASE AND RENOVATE FOUR-UNIT
COMPLEX NEXT TO CHURCH ON OLNEY ST.

EXPAND PROGRAMMING CAPACITY:

HIRE FULL-TIME PROGRAM STAFF MEMBER

LAUNCH THE EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT ACADEMY

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS

SERVE 35 ELEMENTARY AND 12 MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

SERVE 200 INDIVIDUALS
IN REENTRY HUB

RECRUIT 25 NEW BRIDGE COACHES

EXPAND PROGRAMMING CAPACITY:

HIRE FULL-TIME PROGRAM STAFF MEMBER



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