

Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program FY 1999 Grantees

BUTLER UNIVERSITY, INDIANAPOLIS, IN -- \$399,145

Butler University will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Grant of \$399,145 to work in the Butler-Tarkington neighborhood of Indianapolis to strengthen existing community partnerships and create new ones as well. Rates of poverty, crime, and deterioration are increasing in this neighborhood and the community has asked the University to help them stabilize the area. Butler's university-wide effort will deploy its resources in ways that are beneficial both to the University and to the community.

Among the activities Butler will undertake are:

- Development of business plans for new or expanded businesses;
- Providing tutoring and after-school enrichment programs to students at a high school and an alternative middle school;
- Preparation of architectural and marketing plans for the Omo Obokun African Cultural Resource Center, to serve as both a cultural and an economic resource for the community;
- Offering workshops and other activities to help neighborhood residents learn how to better use information technology; and
- Conducting an education program on the rights and responsibilities of property owners and tenants.

Community partners providing matching funds include the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, the Police Department, the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, and several community-based organizations.

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CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, NY -- \$399,770

Cornell University will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Grant of \$399,770 to work in four Ithaca neighborhoods--Northside Triangle, Southside, Titus Flats, and the Downtown District--on a wide variety of community-identified projects. All of these neighborhoods have higher rates of public assistance, lower income levels, lower educational attainment, and unemployment rates than the City of Ithaca at large. The University has formed a partnership with the City government, the Housing Authority, the Department of Social Services, the City schools,

the Police Department, Catholic Charities, and the Southside Community Center to undertake an extensive array of outreach and applied research projects.

Among the activities Cornell will undertake are:

- Mentoring welfare clients to provide them with job preparedness computer skills and personal financial management training;
- Identification of brownfields and development of remediation strategies;
- Assisting in the development of a broad-based area-wide Housing Coalition to identify priorities and ways to improve affordability and availability;
- Development of a Community Leadership Institute to provide training to community-based organizations in organizational development, governance, and fundraising;
- Creation of an on-line Community Bulletin Board to promote information sharing among community groups and service providers; and
- Highlighting block-by-block street and park safety issues and working with community residents to develop a plan to establish safe streets.

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GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, DC -- \$399,463

Georgetown University will receive a Community Outreach Partnerships Centers Program New Grant of \$399,463 to work with more than 15 community-based organizations in the North Capitol and Mt. Pleasant/Columbia Heights neighborhoods in Washington, DC. Both of these neighborhoods, which are in the City's Empowerment Zone, are challenged by high levels of poverty, lack of economic development, high crime and violence, and poor school achievement. The two communities are quite different in their ethnic make-up. North Capitol is over 95 percent African American, while almost half of Mt. Pleasant/Columbia Heights' residents are Latino immigrants.

Among the activities Georgetown will undertake are:

- Implementing a Youth Empowerment Services Program to train adolescents in conflict resolution and community development and create "safe spaces" for recreation and relaxation, as a way to reduce crime and violence among adolescents;

- Developing a Local Entrepreneur Advancement Program to provide training, and financial and technical support for incipient neighborhood entrepreneurs; and
- Creating a Center for Technical Cooperation to enhance neighborhood planning and community organization by training residents to collect, analyze, and act on strategic information.

This grant will enable the Georgetown to build upon and focus and coordinate its historic mission to Washington, thus becoming an active partner in the City's future development.

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, DC -- \$150,000

Howard University, a Historically Black University, will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Directions Grant of \$150,000 to continue working with community-based organizations in Washington D.C.'s Enterprise Community. Howard received a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Grant in FY 1996 to work in the Georgia Avenue Corridor. The New Directions Grant will enable the University to expand its efforts to the neighborhoods surrounding its campus-Shaw, LeDroit, Edgewood, Eckington, Pleasant Plains, Bloomingdale, and Petworth. These communities contain a multitude of potential assets, which the University and its community partners hope to tap.

Among the activities Howard will undertake are:

- A targeted microloan program to support business development along U Street;
- Health and fitness awareness and Campus of Learners programs at a public housing development near the University;
- Technical assistance to community organizations on fair lending practices to strengthen their redevelopment efforts; and
- Extension of a highly successful paid internship, as part of an interdisciplinary community development minor, to provide assistance to community-based organizations.

Matching funds total over \$2 million, with much of this coming from the University's community partners.

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LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO, CHICAGO, IL -- \$399,984

Loyola University Chicago will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers New Grant of \$399,984 to work on creating and sustaining economic and quality of life opportunities for low-income families living in the Rogers Park neighborhood. This neighborhood is historically and currently one of the most ethnically, racially, and economically diverse communities in the nation. Maintenance of this diversity is a goal of the residents, community organizations, and elected officials.

Loyola University Chicago, as part of its COPC grant, will address three issues related to these concerns: 1) preservation and development of affordable housing for low-income families; 2) expansion of child care options for all Rogers Park residents; and 3) preservation and development of small businesses to increase the number of local employment opportunities.

Among the activities Loyola Chicago will undertake are:

- Creating a continuing network of agencies and institutions to implement and monitor a community housing plan;
- Involving public and private entities in creating new opportunities for affordable housing in a mixed-income community;
- Exploring ways to increase the number of subsidized and unsubsidized child care slots in Rogers Park;
- Integrating Loyola curriculum into opportunities for training and continuing education for child care providers; and
- Establishing a business incubator system, including "an incubator without walls" and permanent incubator sites.

Loyola Chicago has long been a national leader in applied research and these activities demonstrate its long-term commitment to creating and sustaining viable local university community partnerships.

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LYNCHBURG COLLEGE, LYNCHBURG, VA -- \$399,838

Lynchburg College will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Grant of \$399,838 to work in three inner city neighborhoods of Lynchburg-Tinbridge Hill, College Hill, and White Rock Hill-on an asset-based community development approach. Emerging events in these neighborhoods such as the Crosstown Connector and a neighborhood-based service delivery system for the City have created both urgent needs and opportunities for action.

Among the activities Lynchburg will undertake are:

- Building strong community organizations through training workshops and creation of a council to promote neighborhood collaboration;
- Providing a wide range of business development services for existing and planned businesses, including working on-site with minority business owners;
- Offering primary and preventive medicine and wellness care for senior citizens;
- Implementing a parent training at 11 elementary schools for the parents of children identified by the school system as "at risk; and
- Creating a strong sense of neighborhood through historical and cultural awareness, including archival research on local African-American history for the Legacy Museum and two local African-American cemeteries.

This work is an outgrowth of substantial grant from the Jessie Ball du Pont Fund for outreach activities. Matching funds are also being provided by the College's community partners, including the City, a local health care provider and bank, the local bar association, and all three affected neighborhood councils.

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MERCER UNIVERSITY, MACON, GA -- \$400,000

Mercer University will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Grant of \$400,000 to work with the residents of the South Central neighborhood in Macon, Georgia. In recent decades, the quality of the housing stock has deteriorated dramatically, and the neighborhood has been affected by very high rates of crime, adult illiteracy, and unemployment. Until recently, the neighborhood has been without a unified voice, further exacerbating the problems.

Among the activities Mercer will undertake are:

- Empowering residents through capacity building projects such as leadership skills training, community-oriented policing, and community history projects;
- Offering school success and life skills projects such as after-school enrichment programs, scholarships for low-income youth leaders to attend Mercer, and training peer mentors to reduce teen pregnancy;
- Cataloguing neighborhood vacant properties and preparing residential and commercial redevelopment plans; and

- Identification of barriers to fair housing practices.

The City of Macon, the Macon Housing Authority, the Bibb County Public Schools, and the Willing Workers of Central South are all partners in this project.

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OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE, LOS ANGELES, CA -- \$399,654

Occidental College will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Grant of \$399,654 to work with the Northeast Community Resource Coordinating Council on several outreach and applied research projects in Northeast Los Angeles. The target area is confronted by rapid population growth, residential overcrowding, deteriorated housing stock, commercial decline, crime and gang activity, and economically deprived households.

Among the activities Occidental will undertake are:

- Development of a community data map bank and a community asset and resources guide to highlight the positive attributes of the community;
- Formation of two business improvement districts to improve streetscapes, building facades, and spur business expansion;
- Conducting mass outreach drives and offering technical assistance workshops to aspiring homeowners and existing property owners to help them gain access to mortgages and rehabilitation loans;
- Working on community heritage activities including oral histories, photography, and videos, culminating in site and on-line exhibitions; and
- Creation of a buying cooperative and community garden to help residents gain access to affordable, nutritious food.

The College and its partners will be providing over \$1 million in matching funds to the project.

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PRATT INSTITUTE, BROOKLYN, NY -- \$150,000

Pratt Institute will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Directions Grant of \$150,000 to continue its outreach activities in several communities in the South Bronx. As a recipient of a Community

Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Grant in FY 1994, Pratt provided outreach assistance in Williamsburg, Bedford-Stuyvesant, East New York, and Southwest Brooklyn. This New Directions Grant will enable it to work with community groups in the Melrose, Hunts Points, and Soundview neighborhoods. The revitalization strategy Pratt will use will focus on the social, economic, and environmental implications of these neighborhoods' mosaic of mixed industrial and residential land uses, and the area's longstanding role as a regional transportation corridor.

Community partners have requested assistance in:

- Creating additional public access to the waterfront to provide recreational opportunities for residents;
- Reclaiming brownfields for housing, open space, and sustainable economic development;
- Supporting the area's small manufacturers and attracting new investment;
- Nurturing the area's cultural resources for their potential to attract visitors and local workers and residents; and
- Developing and mobilizing the area's youth leadership as an essential resources to all the strategies for community revitalization.

The three community partners working with Pratt are Nos Quedamos/We Stay, The Point Community Development Corporation, and Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice.

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ROWAN UNIVERSITY, GLASSBORO, NJ -- \$397,900

Rowan University will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Grant for \$397,900 to work in the Camden, New Jersey, Empowerment Zone. The neighborhoods in the Zone represent a diverse cross section of the City, ranging from relatively stable, single family environments in Parkside and East Camden, to the more economically and educationally distressed areas of North and South Camden.

Among the activities Rowan will undertake are:

- Establishing partnerships with Camden's major health care institutions to employ residents as community health workers and to create career ladders for welfare-to-work individuals;

- Offering courses at the University for community leaders to help them evaluate, select, and implement strategic plan and service delivery options;
- Initiating a health and wellness campaign for neighborhood children and their families, including prevention, immunization follow-up, and the use of mobile health services;
- Identifying and training community-based leaders on the use of the Camden Geographic Information System, to help them in their planning, fundraising, and outreach activities.

Community partners, including the Camden Development Collaborative and the Camden Board of Education, are providing well over \$1 million in matching funds.

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SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE, SPRINGFIELD, MA -- \$399,843

Springfield College, in partnership with American International College and Springfield Technical Community College, will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Grant of \$399,843 to work in three neighborhoods in the City's Enterprise Community-Old Hill, Upper Hill, and Maple High/Six Corners. The City of Springfield's poverty rate is more than double the state average, with the target communities particularly hard hit by the problems that beset low-income neighborhoods.

Among the activities the three colleges will undertake are:

- Enlisting these communities in determining and implementing ways to achieve a more complete and accurate count for the Census 2000;
- Developing and maintaining a Parent Involvement Work Group to provide support to the local pre- and elementary schools;
- Increasing affordable access to these colleges for local youth;
- Conducting a Teen Leadership Institute; and
- Establishing a homeownership mentoring program to help new and prospective homeowners.

The Springfield COPC will operate on a participatory model, with members of the three schools and the community participating in every activity, whether it is outreach or research.

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**STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE AT CORTLAND,
CORTLAND, NY -- \$400,000**

The State University of New York College (SUNY) at Cortland will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Grant for \$400,000 to significantly expand a one-stop service center in Cortland, New York, operated by a consortium of public and private social service agencies. Like much of Central New York, the Cortland area has been in a steep decline for more than 20 years, due mainly to industrial downsizing, relocation, or plant closings. In order to address these problems and the challenges posed by welfare reform, Cortland's economic and human services leaders began a process of establishing community priorities and strategies to implement them. SUNY Cortland's COPC project comes out of this process.

Among the activities SUNY Cortland will undertake are:

- Design and development of a community management information system to support local needs assessment and program development;
- Creation of a Women's Project to provide transitional housing with support services and job training to women who are separating, divorced or victims of domestic violence;
- Creation of a teen shelter to provide transitional emergency housing, with similar social services;
- Using both of these shelter projects to help the residents start up their own commercial ventures;
- Offering entrepreneurship training and development, especially for "low tech" businesses, such as landscaping. and
- Linking curriculum development and internships to the service center and its projects.

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT, FLINT, MI -- \$149,931

The University of Michigan-Flint will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Directions Grant of \$149,931 to continue its partnership with the North Flint-Twenty-First Century Communities and the Flint Community Schools. Michigan-Flint received a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Grant in FY 1996 to work on several outreach activities in Flint. This New Direction Grant will enable it to undertake new programs in the target area in the Flint Enterprise Community.

Among the activities Michigan-Flint will undertake are:

- After-school literacy and match tutoring programs in two elementary and one middle school and retention and graduation programs for high school students;
- A 13-week child development training for daycare providers and parents to raise the quality of childcare; and
- A 10-week series of computer-based courses introducing computer applications and business-oriented software to increase the number of resident-owned businesses.

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UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, EUGENE, OR -- \$399,765

The University of Oregon will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Grant of \$399,765 to provide outreach services in the Eugene Springfield Metropolitan Statistical Area. Through a partnership with local governments and community-based organizations, the project will help low-income families living in developments operated by the Lane County Housing Authority and non-profit housing providers to achieve self-sufficiency.

Among the activities Oregon will undertake are:

- Providing computer training to residents so they can compete in the job market;
- Working with families on personal budgeting and financial planning;
- Improving access to affordable health care;
- Empowering local residents to participate on community boards and commissions, by providing them with the skills to effectively participate in decision-making processes;
- Implementing Neighborhood Watch programs to reduce crime; and
- Working with a local credit union to help families open Individual Development Accounts.

Community partners, including the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Food for Lane County, and the White Bird Clinic, will be making significant monetary and staff contributions to the project.

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, TAMPA, FL -- \$150,000

The University of South Florida will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Directions Grant of \$150,000 to expand

its outreach activities in West Tampa. South Florida received a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Grant in FY 1994 to work with community-based organizations in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Winter Haven, Tarpon Springs, and Hillsborough. This New Directions Grant will enable the University to extend its activities to West Tampa, which is part of the Tampa Enterprise Community.

Among the activities South Florida will undertake are:

- Creation of a neighborhood-based community development corporation for revitalization activities;
- Establishment of a microloan program and a business incubator for small businesses;
- Provision of after-school and weekend and mentoring programs for youth; and
- Opening a one-stop career/job center.

Community partners include local faith-based organizations, the local high school, the Children's Board, and the Chamber of Commerce.

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UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA, CHATTANOOGA, TN - \$399,919

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Grant for \$399,919 to work with the City and 18 community organizations in the Martin Luther King (MLK) neighborhood. The MLK area, which is the last united black business district in the State of Tennessee, was once a prosperous commercial and residential neighborhood, but is now plagued by deteriorating housing, high rates of substance abuse and crime, low levels of educational attainment, and high unemployment. But the neighborhood also has a rich and proud heritage that the University and its partners will seek to promote.

Among the activities Tennessee Chattanooga will undertake are:

- Empowering neighborhood residents with the tools to develop and implement their own community revitalization efforts through organized clean-up projects, a community-based public arts project, and development of training modules in grassroots organizing;
- Helping residents set up Individual Development Accounts to encourage savings, including matching savings on a 2:1 basis;

- Using sports programs as a way to keep youth away from drugs, including having the University's athletes serve as mentors and providing recreational activities for neighborhood youth.
- Developing and maintaining a clearinghouse on affordable and reputable child care providers;
- Creating a "Saturday University" for adult education to teach basic principles of science and math through hands-on experience with practical problems.

Community partners include the Police Department, the Private Industry Council, the Urban League, the Housing Authority and many community-based service providers and development organizations.

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**UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE, KNOXVILLE, TN --
\$149,998**

The University of Tennessee Knoxville will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Directions Grant of \$149,998 to expand its outreach activities in the Knoxville Empowerment Zone. The University received a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Grant in FY 1995 for a wide variety of revitalization activities in Knoxville. This New Directions will help the University and EZ residents set a course for their neighborhoods.

Among the activities Tennessee Knoxville will undertake are:

- Technical assistance and workshops in participatory research and project development;
- A Community Partnership Fellows Program for people from community-based organizations to enable them to participate in capacity building programs at the University; and
- An oral history project that will not only build a sense of community but also provide technical training on video production and computer graphics technology.

While not covered by grant funds, Tennessee Knoxville will also undertake as part of its overall COPC project, efforts at the State level to institutional outreach efforts, a teaching partnership with Knoxville College, a historically black college, and introduction of several new courses on participatory research and planning.

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UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN, EDINBURG, TX -- \$149,832

The University of Texas-Pan American, a Hispanic-serving institution of higher education, will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Directions Grant of \$149,832 to address the need for affordable housing, economic development, and community planning in three rural towns and 20 colonias in the Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone. Colonias are areas along the United States/Mexico border that have third-world-like living conditions, including lack of potable water and indoor plumbing, substandard housing, and high incidence of disease. Texas-Pan American was awarded a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Grant in FY 1994 to provide outreach assistance to colonias in the Rio Grande Valley. This New Directions Grant would enable the University to provide new opportunities for colonias residents to improve their living conditions.

Among the activities Texas-Pan American will undertake are:

- Offering homebuyer and home maintenance classes and homeownership counseling;
- Reducing the social isolation of residents, through one-on-one visits and townhall meetings to provide them with information about social services; and
- Development of a public education on residents' legal rights under contracts-for-deed, the most prevalent vehicle in colonias for homeownership.

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UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO, TOLEDO, OH -- \$399,650

The University of Toledo will receive a Community Outreach Partnerships New Grant for \$399,650 to work in three Toledo neighborhoods-Auburn-Delaware, Bancroft-Upton-Monroe (BUMA) and the Old Fairgrounds. During the 1980s and early 1990s, the exodus of four of Toledo's seven Fortune 500 companies and continued downsizing threatened the economic base of the City and had a profound effect on these three neighborhoods.

Among the activities Toledo will undertake are:

- Conducting leadership workshops to develop community-based leadership in decision-making, planning, and evaluation;
- Offering basic legal outreach services and tools for self-representation;

- Building youth self-esteem through comic improvisation acting workshops;
- Cultivating minority youth leadership through Internet and computer skills; and
- Using the community as a natural small business incubator to stimulate growth in the economy through sales, service, and employment opportunities.

Community partners, including the City, the Housing Authority, a local bank, an insurance company, a local health care provider, and a church, will be providing almost \$700,000 in matching funds.

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UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, BURLINGTON, VT -- \$399,845

The University of Vermont will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Grant of \$399,845 to work with the City of Burlington and community residents and organizations on a wide variety of outreach activities. Vermont will target its resources and activities to Burlington's Old North End (ONE) neighborhood and the surrounding low-income areas that make up the City's Enterprise Community. The overall goal is to further the ONE's physical, economic, social, and political development, while advancing the University's missions of service, education, and research.

Among the activities Vermont will undertake are:

- Building the capacity and effectiveness of existing civic groups and community organizations, improving leadership skills of residents, drawing those who are currently non-engaged into community involvement, and facilitating communication among civic organizations, citizen groups, and government;
- Identifying the economic impacts on Chittenden County, the City of Burlington and ONE of the University's employment, purchasing, technology development decisions and developing strategies to redirect these decisions so that they increase economic benefits for ONE; and
- Working to open up the suburbs outside Burlington to housing for low-income people through increased supply and increased fairness in treatment of potential and actual renters in order to reduce the affordable housing pressure in ONE.

Almost a million dollars in matching funds will be provided from sources such as the City, the Police Department, and many community-based organizations.

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UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA, PENSACOLA, FL -- \$399,999

The University of West Florida will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program New Grant of \$399,999 to work with community partners in four neighborhoods in the City of Pensacola. These neighborhoods-Brownsville, Morris Court, Belmont, and East King Tract-reflect the traditional urban problems of poverty, low income, high unemployment, high crime rates, along with the need for fair and affordable housing. While there has been some neighborhood organizing, there is much left to be done.

Among the activities West Florida will undertake are:

- Identifying and training community leaders in the four neighborhoods;
- Developing and delivering entrepreneurial and business-related training programs for people desiring to start or expand their businesses;
- Opening a small business incubator;
- Conducting several conferences for residents, lending institutions, and homebuilders to expand fair and affordable housing opportunities; and
- Creating a new Sustainable Community Development Concentration in the University's Masters Degree in Public Administration as a way to expand the number of professionals who understand and are committed to community development.

Matching funds for the project will come from the City, Escambia County and the local United Way.

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VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY, VALPARAISO, IN -- \$399,740

Valparaiso University will receive a Community Outreach Partnership Centers New Grant of \$399,740 to assist the Hilltop neighborhood in Valparaiso. The neighborhood is in Porter County and has the highest rates of poverty and unemployment, lowest education levels, and oldest housing in the County. About 30 years ago, a few Valparaiso University and faculty calling themselves "Project Neighbors" started building affordable housing and

helping families in the Hilltop neighborhood. By 1995, hundreds of people from the University and the community had established a partnership to provide affordable child care, a community center and service learning opportunities for Valparaiso students. This grant would help the university significantly expand its partnership with the neighborhood.

Among the activities Valparaiso will undertake are:

- Developing and distributing guides on the volunteer building process in the county, listing sources of low-cost or free contract labor, building equipment, materials and supplies, as part of a larger effort to increase the supply of affordable housing;
- Enlisting volunteers to help construct or rehabilitate 10 houses in the neighborhood;
- Offering homebuilding apprenticeships to neighborhood youth, plus career guidance and job search assistance once they are ready for permanent jobs;
- Creating a mentoring program called "Reviving Fatherhood" to develop male family responsibility and strong relationships with children; and
- Using neighborhood residents to prepare a neighborhood development asset map to help the neighborhood organize around its strengths.

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