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Senior/Disabled Home Repair Program

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Ms. Donner Davis has been a long time resident & home owner in the Union Miles Area. In need of some major repairs to her home, Ms. Davis applied to our Union Miles Senior/Disabled Home Repair Program. Upon Approval, a UMDC contractor was assigned to the project. Ms. Davis needed six basement windows replaced, downspouts to her gutters, porch railings re-attached & ceiling and wall repairs.

The contractor scheduled a time to meet with Ms. Davis, accessed the work needed to be completed, purchased materials and did the repairs within a reasonable amount of time. Even though we have a very long waiting list, Ms. Donner was very patient and appreciative of work completed. Ms. Davis was satisfied with the work and now is currently participating in our Senior Paint service.

As Ms. Donner would say "Whatever program I Qualify for ,SIGN ME UP!".
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Traci Porter moved into the Union Miles Development Corporation's Lease Purchase Program in 2000. Ms. Porter purchased her home in 2018. As a proud homeowner, Ms. Porter has enjoyed raising her three daughters in her new construction single family home. During her residency, she was able to obtain her Associate's Degree from Cuyahoga Community College, her Bachelor's Degree (BA) from Ashford University and her Master's Degree (MBA) from Forbes School of Business. She is so thankful that she was able to achieve her educational plans as well as raising her daughters. All three of her daughters attended private school and currently are in college. “Having a safe home and environment to raise my daughters has meant everything to me and my family” states Ms. Porter. Homeownership has been her lifelong dream and personal goal. Now that she has become a successful homeowner, she can now add that to her list of accomplishments.
Studio 131 is a two occupant business located at 3990-94 East 131st Street near Harvard Avenue. Studio 131 is a two occupant business located at 3990-94 East 131st Street near Harvard Avenue. One side of the building is currently being renovated to house a beauty shop. The other side of the building is currently a barbershop which is open for business. Studio 131 was completed in 2018. The exterior of the building has been transformed nicely and is no longer an eyesore in the Union Miles community. Union Miles Development Corporation was pleased to work with the Three Black Knights, LLC (owners of the property) and the City of Cleveland Storefront Renovation Program (SRP) to have this project completed on the Southeast Side of Cleveland. The renovation of this building included new windows, lights, doors and awnings.
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**Phase 1 Construction Complete!**

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Phase 1 of construction concluded in September of 2018 following approvals from the Southeast Design Review Committee and the City Planning Commission. Final park plans call for larger entrance signage, path extension through to Armitage Court, additional seating, lighting and play areas – anticipated for implementation in 2019. Funding for Phase 1 has been conducted in partnership with the City of Cleveland Department of Community Development and Cleveland City Council.
Through promoting entrepreneurial opportunities in sustainable greening and landscaping practices, Union Miles Development Corporation’s UMAG program has been able to bring forth a pipeline for employment throughout the City of Cleveland. UMAG has been in existence since 2014 and in that short amount of time has had great success. With this program, our agency has either helped start up or help grow over sixty landscaping companies while helping beautifying the neighborhood by providing landscaping for seniors and vacant land in the Union- Miles service area.

**Union Miles would like to welcome this year’s graduates to the UMAG family**

**Gary Johnson**
Mr. Johnson a resident of Ward 2, registered for this program with hopes of starting his own landscaping company. When asked if accepted into the UMAG program, “what will you contribute to the Union Miles Community?” His responds was “I would start a Community garden, so that, the residents can have access to fresh produce at no cost”.

**Darnell Williams**
Mr. Williams, a returning citizen, registered for UMAG to increase his finances, and be able to give back to his community by becoming a resource for his neighbors. Darnell wants to start his own rehab business that offers landscaping.

**Sam McWayne**
Sam is the owner of Green Pro. Landscaping Company, registered for UMAG to grow his existing landscaping company and learn networking and marketing techniques that will take his company to the next level.
Building Futures graduates were awarded recognitions by Mayor, State House Reps, City and County members during UMDC Annual Event.

Our Mission:
To rehabilitate vacant, blighted houses throughout Ward 2 and train Ex-Offenders/Returning Citizens for employment and income producing opportunities in the fields of housing rehabilitation or property maintenance.

Our Vision:
A Greater Cleveland where one mistake does not permanently prevent an individual from a bright future for one’s self and family.

Within the 6 month program, there were 7 students who remained focused and completed to the end. Students graduated on May 26, 2018. They were awarded recognitions by Mayor Frank Jackson, State House Reps, City and County members during UMDC Annual Event.

3 out of the 7 graduates have been placed with employers, of which one is located in Union Miles Industrial District.

In addition, Building Futures was highlighted on News Channel 5. Thus far, the two classes have rehabilitated two properties and renovated a computer lab.
MyCom youth participated in five Clean-ups this year.
The MyCom Network connects Greater Cleveland youth to their neighborhoods and futures while helping them become self-sufficient adults who give back to the community. Union Miles has been a lead neighborhood for only three years but has done great advocacy work, giving Youth in the Union-Miles Neighborhood a voice by way of Youth Council, Youth Summits, Workshops. Our youth practice volunteerism by organizing Community Clean ups throughout the year and also working in the many gardens in the area.

The Youth Committee is made up of 12 youth who live or go to school in the Union-Miles neighborhood. They meet once a month at Killingsworth Meeting Place to discuss Community Hot topics, upcoming events, and propose future events and fundraising ideas. The youth are also given resources to take back to their families and peers. Every year the Council is given the opportunity to spend the day at the Statehouse and have lunch with the State Rep’s.

This year, Rayvon Owens age 16 and a student at John Adams High School, received the 2018 Student Advocate Award from participating in an Advocacy 101 Panel. During that panel Rayvon asked a moving question; how to inspire youth that are feeling like they don’t matter? He also offered his personal story as rationale for needed legislation and posted it to Minority Leader Kenny Yuko’s office.

Fifth graders from Miles Park School participated in a workshop that allowed them to express what their community meant to them in a creative way. There was a lot of exciting answers as the youth worked together and made a community filled with houses, parks, schools, and memories. The artwork from this workshop will be used to welcome guest to the Neighborhood Progress Institute.

Union Miles along with Mt.Pleasant, Harvard, Shaker, and Warrensville/ Maple neighborhoods hosted a Southeast Teen Girls Summit. This partnership brought together young ladies from different neighborhoods with the same concerns a positive platform for discussion. The youth engaged in topic’s should as; real life trauma, self-love, health& hygiene, cyber bullying, positivity, healthy relationships, expressing yourself, etiquette and had a panel discussion with the guest speakers. There was also an open discussion for parents to come and speak on their different experiences raising children in this day and age.

MyCom youth participated in five Clean-ups this year. The Cleanup locations were picked by the residents during various community meetings throughout the year. East 116th & MLK, Zelma George Rec., Earle B. Turner Rec. and both East 131st Street and Union branch library. The youth were able to promote their volunteerism efforts and give back to their communities. There was also a landscaping project completed by the youth at East 131st & Miles at the Miles Shopping plaza. They replenished the soil and planted roses, geraniums, impatiens, begonias, maiden grass, boxwoods and hostas, enhancing the beauty of the plaza.

Although, most of our youth are too young to vote, that didn’t stop them from joining the Cleveland Votes Campaign. Every Friday over the summer, the youth went to the Miles Plaza on E 131st and Harvard Plaza to discuss voter registration, help those who were not registered get registered and have people pledge to vote, ensuring that their community members would vote on Nov. 6th.
2017 - 2018 Financials

**Union Miles Development Corporation**

**Revenue Portfolio FY 2017 - 2018**

- $485,214 Federal Grant Revenues
- $100,617 Foundation and Corporate Grants
- $482,210 Rental Income
- $22,227 Development Fees
- $24,316 Contributions & Donations
- $103,336 Fundraising

**Union Miles Development Corporation**

**Community Development Efforts FY 2017 - 2018**

- Property Operating & Maintenance Expenses
- Management & General Overhead
- Community Support & Programs

**Graphs:**
- Circular chart showing revenue sources.
- Bar chart showing community development efforts.
Supporters

AAA Plumbing
CAAO
Catholic Cemeteries Association
CareSource
CEOOC
Chemical Banks
Chocolate Girls
Cleveland City Council
Cleveland Housing Partners
Cleveland Neighborhood Progress
Cleveland State University
CMSD
District Community Shares
Dollar Bank
Court Community Services
Cuyahoga Arts and Culture
Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corp
Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority
Department of Job and Family Services
Diamond Construction
Enterprise Community Partners
Faith Credit Union
Fastsigns
Fourth District Police Department
Fifth Third Bank
Havard Title Agency, LLC
Home Depot
Huntington Bank
Hylant Group
Key Bank
KNOWLEDGE Youth Organization
Krume and Associates
Live Cleveland
Miles Supermarket
MyCom
Lightning Demolition
National Black Caucus
Neighborhood Connections
Neighborhood Leadership Institute
NEORSD
NHS of Greater Cleveland
PNC Bank
Sherwin Williams
Third Federal Savings and Loan
The City of Cleveland
The Cleveland Foundation
The McGregor Foundation
Vocational Guidance Services
W. James & Associates

Thank You To Our Partners

Union Miles Development Corporation (UMDC) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) community organization and was organized in 1981 to serve the Union Miles community, through planning and facilitating the development of a range of community development projects and revitalization initiatives that will restore the neighborhood as an economically stable and culturally vibrant community.
Millcreek waterfall, a hidden treasure
Located in Ward 2
5 minutes away from the Union Miles Development Corporation

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Our Mission

The Union Miles Development Corporation’s mission is to “improve the quality of life within the Union Miles service area through community engagement, housing and economic development.” We accomplish our mission through providing a variety of programs and services.

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