



Impact Detroit Blight Bootcamp 2017



Black Family Development, Inc. is honored to participate as a partner in the mission of Impact Detroit. BIRTHED OUT OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORK OF DETROIT FUTURE CITY, THE MISSION OF IMPACT DETROIT IS "TO FOSTER COLLABORATION AND ENHANCE THE CAPACITY OF PROJECTS THAT IMPROVE DETROIT'S NEIGHBORHOODS". WITH FUNDING FROM THE W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION, IMPACT DETROIT HAS TOUCHED THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF DETROITERS THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES, ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH HOPE STARTS HERE, AND THEIR ANNUAL BLIGHT BOOTCAMP. BLIGHT BOOTCAMP PROVIDES HANDS ON STRATEGIES TO HELP RESIDENTS, BLOCK CLUBS, AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS REVITALIZE THEIR COMMUNITIES, IMPROVE SAFETY, AND TRANSFORM VACANT LOTS INTO VIBRANT, GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND URBAN AGRICULTURE ZONES. THIS YEAR'S 2017 BLIGHT BOOTCAMP EMBRACED THE THEME: "FROM BLIGHT TO BEAUTY - - PUTTING THE PIECES IN PLACE TO TRANSFORM NEIGHBORHOODS FOR OUR CHILDREN". THE EVENT WAS HELD AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL ON JUNE 24, 2017, AND HOSTED MORE THAN 200 RESIDENTS WITH A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS, BOTH MOBILE AND ON SITE.

In collaboration with Hope Starts Here – Detroit's Early Childhood Partnership, the Impact Detroit table hosted 12 Family Fun Days, 15 Listening Sessions, 15 sessions during Month of the Child Celebrations, 15 sessions during March Reading Month and provided more than 1,000 dictionaries in literacy packages to grade K-12 students. To ensure ongoing learning during the Summer months, more than 500 books were provided to students in grades K-12, and an additional 80 computer learning tablets are available to help parents ensure that their children are reading at grade level.

Impact Detroit is committed to broad-base community engagement to not only advance the work of Hope Starts Here and Detroit Future City, but to also advance the work of its table of partners. For more information on Impact Detroit, visit the website at www.impact-detroit.org.

