

St. Augustine's CDC

St. Augustine's Community Development Corporation

"A Faith Based Community Sustainability Initiative"

OVERVIEW

Founded January 24, 1996, as Gratiot McDougall United, invested more than \$8,000,000 and constructed 85 new homes and facilitated initiatives that renovated more than 30 homes and buildings in Gratiot McDougall community; Eastern District Detroit MI.

The CDC currently manages more than 100 units of affordable apartment rentals, and residential investment properties. The CDC has millions of dollars in historic tax credits that is committed to provide preservation work, and provides homeownership counseling to over 300 families a year.

In 2015, Gratiot McDougall United merged its construction operations with St. Augustine's Economic Development initiatives, and collaborated with the Cathedral of St. Augustine's to consolidate as St. Augustine's Community Development Corporation ("St. Augustine's CDC"), a faith-based community development organization advocating mixed-use development initiatives, transit-oriented development, and is a leader in developing a comprehensive asset-based approach to community development. St. Augustine's CDC serves low and moderate-income residents of the Detroit Metro community, expanding its scope of services to encompass humanitarian goals and objectives

The St. Augustine's CDC corporation is certified as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) and is a private nonprofit, community-based organization that has staff that has the capacity to develop affordable housing for the community it serves. St. Augustine's CDC in its capacity as a developer and change agent with social purpose, currently employs 11 and has the capacity to employ more than 260 persons during construction of proposed new construction housing projects.

St. Augustine's CDC assists low-income families to achieve homeownership. People with disabilities, those living in substandard housing, those on public assistance who are seeking self-sufficiency, and people in danger of being homeless or institutionalized receive priority attention. To date, St. Augustine's CDC has assisted over 200 families in Detroit Metro communities throughout the state secure affordable housing, and jobs.

St. Augustine's CDC sponsors social programs such as daycare and family medical center, and provides support for seniors. The CDC encourages an innovative approach to economic development, green job creation, and neighborhood stabilization.

In addition, St. Augustine's CDC is involved in health care, education, training, adult day care, childcare CODE and S.T.E.A.M.+ A programs. St. Augustine's aspires to establish a CDFI federally insured credit union to support business development within underserved communities and provide economic development opportunities within the communities served. St. Augustine's CDC has developed partnerships with Detroit Housing Commission, MSHDA, national, civic, education, corporate and religious organizations.

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