

Our Purpose

The purpose of the Lincoln Village Preservation Corporation is to improve the living conditions of families in the Lincoln Mill Village area of Huntsville, AL.

- The Lincoln Village Preservation Corporation is focused on providing affordable and safe low-income housing.
- The primary means of providing this housing will be the acquisition, renovation, leasing of current properties in disrepair as well as the development of housing on unimproved property in the Lincoln Village Area.
- To fully impact the life of the community and its residents, we must educate the resident, support improvement of education at the neighborhood school, provide near term relief to the poor and longer term training, provide a moral and religious foundation for the improvement of life, and provide affordable, safe, and decent housing.
- Eventually we will work to turn ownership over to residents of the village.

Partners

We are working a multi-faceted approach with other groups to touch every aspect of people's lives. Organizations such as the HEALS Clinic, , Second Mile Development, , and Harvest Ministry have a history of working in the school and community.

- Nine churches are now involved in the community. Volunteering in school, in housing, wherever needed
- Southwood Presbyterian has full time staff working in village.
- Weatherly Heights and First Baptist have volunteer groups refurbishing weekly
- Home Depot completely refurbished a unit.
- State Farm has donated money to refurbish a unit.
- Numerous organizations have donated materials and other supplies
- Many individuals have donate money and mostly time
 - 160 tutors in school
 - Doctor on site two days a week
- City of Huntsville
 - Community Police
 - Help with zoning
 - Advice
 - Cooperation with HHA
- HHF

- First American Bank providing financing as needed

Success To Date

- Purchased 40 units to date, with additional properties being evaluated
- Six units refurbished and 3 more scheduled for completion in Fall 06.
- All Drug Dealers out of neighborhood
- Closed three units that were functioning as drug and shot houses.
- Working with the City Planning Department and Historic Huntsville Foundation to help preserve the historic significance of the Lincoln Mill Village.
- School Scores have risen dramatically in 3 years.
 - Improved Library
 - Science Lab
 - Computers
 - Outdoor Classroom
- Developing long-term relationships with residents for mentoring.
- New employment opportunities.
- Safe streets

What's Next

We cannot be sure where we will be led next, but our plans are to extend this model to other communities within Huntsville and to assist communities outside Huntsville in successfully rehabilitating communities plagued by poverty, joblessness, and despair.

- There are another 30-40 units in the village; some must be torn down with infill housing, others to be refurbished.
- This is multiyear to see lives, not just houses, transformed
- Other areas of Huntsville
- Develop description of project and process
 - Communicate to other communities
 - Provide support through advice and consultation

We are convinced this is the most effective way to assist those in poverty and provide to the children a hope for the future. We are committed to 10+ years in this community to see it returned to its former glory, to see the residents proud of their homes, and the children with hope.