

ABOUT OUR PARTNER CDCs

New Jersey Community Development Corporation (NJCDC) Paterson, NJ (www.njcdc.org)

NJCDC's mission is to create opportunities to transform lives, focused in the Great Falls Historic District of Paterson, NJ. NJCDC was created in 1994 and has fourteen years of experience in community economic development activities, ranging from bricks and mortar construction projects to the operation of programs and services for local residents. Starting with two employees, NJCDC has grown into a \$7 million agency employing over 125 individuals performing a wide variety of community economic development, youth development, and social service functions.

NJCDC's core focus areas are:

- Operating Supportive Housing Programs**
- Delivering High Quality Education**
- Providing Job Training Initiatives**
- Building Community**
- Restoring Paterson's Historic District**

Examples of NJCDC work within the last year include:

- **Paterson Family Center** - continued to prepare 105 preschool students to successfully enter kindergarten, and scored in the top tier of preschools in the City on a standardized assessment designed to measure instructional effectiveness;
- **Hawthorne Heights Apartments** – broke ground for a small building that will contain 13 one-bedroom units for adults with developmental disabilities;
- **Paterson Youth Council** – founded an organized forum for Paterson youth to have a voice in the civic affairs of their community, and signed up 30 teenagers who meet monthly to discuss matters of concern to Paterson's youth



Southwest Community Development Corporation (Southwest CDC) Philadelphia, PA (www.southwestcdc.org)

Southwest CDC is a private non-profit organization, which was incorporated in 1986 to combat the home energy and housing problems that face low-income residents in the neighborhood of Southwest Philadelphia. Southwest CDC is

located in the heart of Southwest, serving a community of over 70,000 residents in approximately 24,000 households. Since its incorporation, Southwest CDC has

expanded its role in the community to provide many additional services, including the following:

- utility and rental assistance
- housing counseling
- community outreach and organizing
- employment counseling
- family services and education
- economic development planning

The mission of Southwest CDC is to improve the quality of life in Southwest Philadelphia through economic development and its support services.

Southwest CDC provides services in four areas:

Self Sufficiency

Community Development

New Start Family Resource Center

Economic Development: Woodland Avenue Revitalization Project and Southwest Economic Conference

Allegheny West Foundation

Philadelphia, PA

(www.awest.org)

AWF's mission is to improve the quality of life in the Allegheny West community, with the following strategic goals:

- Increase the supply of affordable housing through the acquisition and redevelopment of sale housing and services that encourage home maintenance
- Nurture economic growth in the Allegheny West area by encouraging business development and the revitalization of industrial areas
- Increase employment opportunities for residents so they can secure a stable, living wage
- Strengthen the social fabric of the community by addressing problems identified by local residents, including lack of access to healthcare, education and other services
- Promote civic engagement of area residents through programs that nurture youth and protect elders
- Improve the quality of education available to youth by providing work-based learning opportunities, reading enrichment programs and basic computer instruction



Established in 1968, the Allegheny West Foundation is one of the oldest and most successful community development corporations (CDCs) in Philadelphia. AWF has been instrumental in repairing or rehabilitating over 5 percent of the local housing stock, and has helped scores of low- to moderate-income residents either rent or own homes in Allegheny West. The Foundation has also made improvements to the commercial and retail corridors, initiating development through community planning.