

Future Leaders Community Development Corporation, Inc.

(Need Statement)

FLCDC's mission is to foster an environment for the youth and families of the Mercy Drive corridor that will promote pro-social friendships, strengthen interpersonal skills, and develop a sense of hope in the future.

Through repeated failures in the classroom and the development of destructive habits, at-risk young people have lost faith in the possibilities that await them if they are successful in putting their lives together. Studies have shown that at-risk youth have a high drop out rate. Only through personal relationships, within and outside the family, can a sense of individual responsibility and accountability be established that will develop within young people the commitment to follow their path to adulthood with a sense of pride and accomplishment. FLCDC operates in the mist of a community that is economically and socially deprived in which its youth are at-risk.

To meet this need, FLCDC plans include mentoring and tutoring programs, activities to promote self esteem and self worth, educational, cultural, and recreational field trips. It is all about building a relationship that will give youth a greater understanding of what life has to offer and help them overcome issues affecting them.

We want the youth helped by our program to come away with a great experience. Through their exposure to positive influences, staying out of trouble, completing school and going on to college will be a great accomplishment; the possibilities are endless. Evaluation of how the program is working will be measured by how well the youth respond to program activities and their continuation in the program. The true assessment of the results of the program will be youth staying out of trouble and an increased success rate of youth graduating from high school.