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# Pearl Street CDC

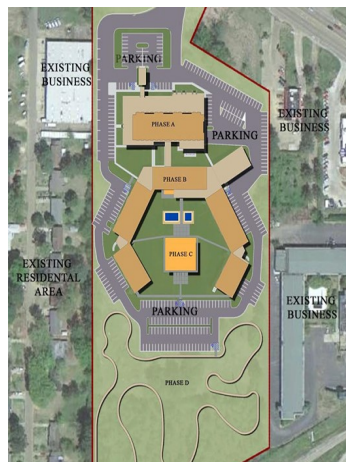
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## Pearl Street CDC Highlights Program Achievements

The Planning and Economic Development Committee met on November 30, 2016, for an update and presentation of the Pearl Street Community Development Corporation, Inc.'s (CDC) programs: Clothing Closet, Evening Stars, Food Pantry/ Food Distribution, Housing, Sew Every Wednesday/ Quilting Program, Summer Feeding Program, community outreach activity and future goals and objectives. Each of the six (6) programs and their respective accomplishments were discussed; however, the housing update and development of the hotel property garnered the most attention, comments and thought provoking questions. Pearl Street CDC is on track to secure a developer for the CDC's vision of a senior living facility. The key high-

light is, as of the end of November, the CDC is in discussion with a developer who is interested in the CDC's vision



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of a senior living facility featuring a telemedicine health and wellness research component for seniors. The impact of improved healthcare and housing is our goal. Pearl Street CDC's vision is a

14 acre facility with 90-100 senior apartments, up to 10 units designated for individuals with disabilities, five to six independent garden homes, a medical suite, a therapy suite, exercise and activity area, multipurpose room, dining, restaurants, barber and beauty shops, a walking trail, and office, event and retail space. Please note that the vision listed is not all inclusive of each amenity that will be offered.

Another positive highlight, which supports the need for senior housing, is that the CDC has received community response to start a waiting list for future occupancy.

We look forward to sharing continued updates about the project.

*For more information, call us at 601-355-0001 or email us at [pearlstreetcdc@comcast.net](mailto:pearlstreetcdc@comcast.net).*

## PEARL STREET CDC EMBRACES INCLUSION IN VOLUNTEERING

LAURA FELTS WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, LANIER HIGH SCHOOL AND MILLCREEK OF JACKSON

**Unit 5** of the Laura Felts Women's Missionary Society spearheaded the community outreach effort to include students from Lanier High School's exceptional education classes as volunteers. Effective January, students with disabilities from Lanier High will volunteer and reinforce daily living skills as well as gain experience for potential employment by helping with the food pantry, food distribution and clothing closet. In addition, starting in February, adults with disabilities from Millcreek of Jackson will volunteer and gain on-site hands-on skill sets in time and attendance, following directions, shelving, sorting, the completion of tasks, and work relationships. We're excited about the school and community relationships! For information or to get involved, call 601-355-0001.

## HEALTHY TEMPLE TIPS

### Morning exercise:

- *Clears stress hormones. Your day feels less stressful and leads to better sleep at night*
- *Lowers blood pressure*

*Make leisure time to go somewhere or do something that is of interest to you every week, such as a hobby, sport, a play, an outing, or volunteer!*

# Collaboration: A Means to Serve Community

The Pearl Street CDC continues its effort to reach out into the community by working together with other organizations, agencies and businesses to provide needed services to families.



The CDC again hosted the **SouthCentral Community Action Agency, Inc. (SCCAA)** to offer weatherization services through its Weatherization Assistance Program. This program serves

21 counties and assists senior citizens, individuals with disabilities and low-income families. The program services are designed to reduce energy costs. *For more information, call Pearl Street CDC at 601-355-0001; email us at [pearlstreetcdc@comcast.net](mailto:pearlstreetcdc@comcast.net) or call directly. SouthCentral Community Action Agency Incorporated at 1-866-313-2905.*



**WellCare Insurance**, a collaborative partner, continues to

provide on-site Medicare advantage plan consultation to families in our community. WellCare Health Plans, Inc. believes in healthy communities and strives to provide Medicare Advantage plans that meet the individual needs of families.

*For more information about WellCare plans, call (601) 331-0238 or (601) 503-6165.*



## S.E.W. Annual Quilt Show

The Sew Every Wednesday annual quilt show was held Sunday, October 30, 2016 at Pearl Street AME Church. A multitude of quilts were hung to be admired by the members of the community in attendance. The show was an opportunity for the members of the weekly class to show off all of their hard work.

Each quilt was made by a member of the class, from the youngest beginner to the more seasoned, experienced quilters. The quilts on display were of many patterns and colors, from the popping colors of a Disappearing Nine Patch, to the Memory Quilts made of personal t-shirts. Also, some very intricate quilts were put on display. The annual presentation was the highlight of the year, which included trips to community quilt shows, visits from professional quilters, hobbyists, and the much anticipated "show and tell" session at the beginning of each Wednesday's class.





# Food and Clothing to Assist Families

## CDC Food Pantry

The Pearl Street CDC provides food and clothing to community members who are in need of food or clothing based on income or other circumstances. Food is distributed by the CDC the first Thursday of each month to those families who qualify. The monthly donations help over 100 families receive food each month, with over 1200 families being served in 2016. Each box of food is valued over 60 dollars.

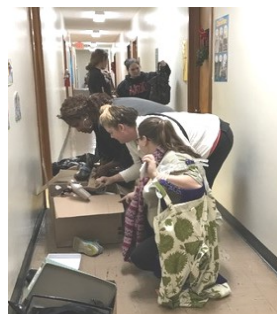
## CDC Clothing Closet

The Clothing Pantry provides clothes to children and families who are in dire need of clothes.

Families who have lost everything because of a fire, a natural disaster or other circumstances may call the CDC for assistance. The Pearl Street CDC strives to meet the needs of all who are seeking help through our food pantry and clothing closet. The food pantry and clothing closet both operate on donations and financial contributions. Some repeat donors include the Laura Felts Women's Missionary Society, and members of Pearl St. AME Church. Because our food assistance is ongoing, we are currently accepting donations. We assist families that request emergency assistance, as well as those referred by other organizations.

Families who find themselves in emergency situations and need food may contact the CDC for help.

For more information, email Dr. Joeann Williams at [pearlstreetame@comcast.net](mailto:pearlstreetame@comcast.net), or call Deb Giles at 601 355-0001.



*"The secret of success is to find a need and fill it, to find a hurt and heal it, to find somebody with a problem and offer to help solve it"*

*~ Robert Schuller ~*



**Volunteers distribute boxes and enroll new families.**



## MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For more information about how you can become involved, call **601-355-0001** or email [pearlstreetcdc@comcast.net](mailto:pearlstreetcdc@comcast.net) or [debgiles@comcast.net](mailto:debgiles@comcast.net)

# The Evening Stars Celebrate and Give Back

*The Evening Stars continue to shine brightly through Christmas celebrations and charitable giving. The 1st Annual Christmas program was a festive party that consisted of solos, poems and games, in which the members participated in. Also, many gifts from Santa's toy chest added to the Christmas spirit. The meal was served potluck style, with the members sharing delicious food together. Also, the members donated prayer quilts and monetary donations to the community in need.*

*The party was enjoyed by all who attended!! We look forward to many more years of shining.*





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***Our Community, Our Responsibility***

**Pearl Street Community Development Corporation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The mission of the organization is to improve the quality of life, address and meet the social needs of families through education, economic development and temporary assistance.**

***Pearl Street CDC, in collaboration with other agencies, grantors and donors, has served families and the community since 2002.***

Current and Past Services includes: After School Program, Clothing Closet, Evening Stars Senior Activities, Food Pantry/ Monthly Food Distribution, Housing, Hurricane Katrina Emergency Shelter, Quilting Program, Summer Feeding Program, and Youth Mentoring

[www.pearlstreetcdc.org](http://www.pearlstreetcdc.org)

## Help Improve Our Community: Join Us as a Sponsor or Donor

**Question:** How can I become a sponsor or donor?

**Answer:** Contribute money, donate property, equipment, furniture, goods, services or bequests, in order to carry out program goals and objectives that generate positive outcomes for families.

**Question:** Is my donation tax deductible?

**Answer:** Yes, Pearl Street CDC has been granted recognition by the IRS, charitable tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status and can accept federal tax deductible donations. The CDC will provide gift acknowledgment receipts to donors.

- Sponsor academic tutoring sessions for youth, either donating subject matter expertise or contribute financially for a designated number of tutoring sessions.
- Volunteer, your time is valuable

- Sponsor a community outing for elderly or youth by contributing to the purchase of admissions fees, or tickets for a designated number of participants.
- Provide refreshments at workshops, training sessions, group mentoring match meetings.
- Donate door prizes



**Pearl Street Community Development Corporation, Inc.**

**DONATE  
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