



## *Midlands Community Development Corporation*

**Midlands Community Development Corporation** (MCDC) was originally incorporated and approved for exemption as a non-profit organization under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code in 1998. Located inside the C.R. Neal Dream Center at 2430 Atlas Road, Columbia, South Carolina, the MCDC was birthed from the Bible Way Church of Atlas Road with the purpose of providing leadership, support, and services to develop, revitalize and sustain economic, social, and cultural structures for the improvement of economically distressed communities; and to contribute to the general well being of the community at-large. MCDC's focus is to promote community development that will address five critical areas of need:

*Personal and Educational Development  
Comprehensive Health Care  
Employment  
Economic Development  
Housing*

Over the last two years, major initiatives have been launched to impact the lives of individuals living in the East Bluff communities and beyond. MCDC values collaboration in service delivery and seeks ways to develop relationships with other agencies whose missions are similar in delivering quality services and support to communities. A list of the MCDC's programs and services is listed below.

### **MCDC Programs & Services**

#### **Be Right! Project ~ Contact Darion Hutcherson ~ [dhutcherson@bwcar.org](mailto:dhutcherson@bwcar.org) ~ 726.0570**

The Be Right! Project offers youth an alternative to negative lifestyles through community wide, family focused, and school based initiatives. In addition to other services, youth in 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades will have access to a 24-hour support hotline, mentorship program, tutoring, job placement and community wide events. Parents will also be supported through family education, counseling and support groups. If you are interested in getting involved with the Be Right! Project, call for more information.

#### **BW Sting ~ Contact Joe Reese 647.9111**

This Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) program teaches the fundamentals of basketball while emphasizing fair play, teamwork and persistence. The program offers a positive outlet for area youth while maintaining a positive yet competitive experience. Call or email to find out how you can become a part of this league of champions.

#### **Career Education & Employment Training Program ~ Contact Sarah Franklin ~ [sfranklin@bwcar.org](mailto:sfranklin@bwcar.org) ~ 647.1003**

The CEEPT program is designed to provide life skills and training for employment to 16-21 year olds. The program provides assistance with high school completion, GED preparation, trades training, paid work experience, career planning, college enrollment, job placement, counseling and various other support services. Stipends are offered for successful completion of training components. Call for more information.

#### **C.N.A. Training Program ~ Contact Yonita Simmons ~ [ysimmons@bwcar.org](mailto:ysimmons@bwcar.org) ~ 726.0574**

MCDC is offering free scholarship opportunities for those interested in becoming a certified nursing assistant (C.N.A.). This training is a four-week program provided by MedTech. Day and evening classes are available for those who qualify. Call for more information on this free career training opportunity.



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### **Congaree Pointe/Homebuyer Education Series ~ Contact Ernie Anderson ~ [hbuyers@bwcar.org](mailto:hbuyers@bwcar.org) ~ 647-9111**

The process of buying and maintaining a home can be an exciting, yet overwhelming journey. Through this series the MCDC will provide you with direct access to experts who will help guide you through the homeownership/home maintenance process. Each class is designed to help you become more confident about the exciting and complex process of becoming and remaining a homeowner.

### **C.R. Neal Dream Center ~ Contact Sarah Franklin ~ [sfranklin@bwcar.org](mailto:sfranklin@bwcar.org) ~ 647.1003**

Never got your High School Diploma? Well it's never too late. Persons interested in preparing for the GED examination can do so at the Dream Center. Day and evening classes are available and a registration fee is required. In addition, classes on Keyboarding, Introduction to the Internet, Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point are also available at the Dream Center. To sign up for classes or for facility rental information, call today.

### **Dream Catchers After-School Program ~ Contact Princess Lloyd ~ [sfranklin@bwcar.org](mailto:sfranklin@bwcar.org) ~ 647.10178**

Parents of elementary and middle school students looking to improve their child's grades and standardized test scores would be perfect candidates for this program. Homework assistance, tutorial services, character education, and transportation from selected schools are provided. Participants in the after school program receive hot meals and snacks each day from the Dream Center Cafeteria. Dream Catchers is offered for a nominal fee and free to those who qualify.

### **Dream Center Cafeteria ~ Contact Billy Jefferson ~ [bjefferson@bwcar.org](mailto:bjefferson@bwcar.org) ~ 695.2648**

The Dream Center Cafeteria is opened for breakfast, lunch and dinner throughout the week and provides catering services. Join us for breakfast on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 9-10:30 a.m. Dinner is served on 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays from 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday nights from 5-7 p.m. Lunch is served Tuesday through Friday from 12-2 p.m. If you need your next event catered, call or email today.

### **Jannie R. Jackson Women's Center ~ Contact Sandra Smith ~ [jrjwc@bwcar.org](mailto:jrjwc@bwcar.org) ~ 776.6353**

This haven for women provides support through education and empowerment programs. Services include, career counseling, financial counseling, community education workshops, tutorial services, support groups, domestic abuse counseling/referrals, family support services and legal advocacy referrals. The Four Seasons Clothing Bank provides donated clothing to women in need. If you have clothing to donate or if you need any of the JRJ Women Center services, call today.

### **Midlands Community Health Center ~ Contact Yonita Simmons ~ [ysimmons@bwcar.org](mailto:ysimmons@bwcar.org) ~ 726.0574**

Currently open throughout the week to provide affordable health care services to the community, MCHC has doctors on hand to provide quality care for patients in need of women's health, eye care, children's health, internal medicine, gastroenterology, chiropractic, mental health and other health services. Most insurances are accepted, however, those with no insurance should call to find out how to qualify for services. Call or email for more information or to schedule an appointment. The MCHC will eventually open a state-of-the-art 24,000 sq. ft. medical facility to further meet the needs of the community.

### **Senior Citizens Program ~ Contact Karen Simmons ~ [ksimmons@bwcar.org](mailto:ksimmons@bwcar.org) ~ 647.0535**

The golden years are a great time of life to still learn, grow and experience new things. That is what the Seniors Program at MCDC is all about. Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday a group of active seniors gather at the Dream Center to participate in a variety of activities and are served a nutritious meal. Transportation services are provided to persons 60 years and older.

### **Total Recovery Network ~ Contact Terrasel Jones ~ [terrasel.jones@bwcar.org](mailto:terrasel.jones@bwcar.org) ~ 695.6900**

The Total Recovery Network provides support and encouragement to those who were formerly substance abuse dependent and their families. TRN provides health education classes on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. and a recovery support meeting on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. A 24-hour TRN Hotline (803.238.9422) is available to those struggling with addiction.

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