

TRANSFORMING THE
NEIGHBORHOODS OF
CLARK-FULTON & STOCKYARDS
AND
CLEVELAND'S REFUGEE AND
IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

through hope, opportunity, and faith



FLOURISH



WORK FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE CITY
WHERE I HAVE SENT YOU TO AND PRAY TO THE
LORD FOR THIS. FOR IF IT IS WELL WITH THE
CITY YOU LIVE IN, IT WILL BE WELL WITH YOU.

- Jeremiah 29:7





Dear Friends,

What a joy it is to see others FLOURISH, especially to see brothers and sisters flourishing again in cities just as the Lord intends. It's in cities where His beautiful image shows up in people of backgrounds, cultures and stories as diverse as His Kingdom to come. What an opportunity and what a calling!

Just as God's most transformative work in our own lives happens below the surface and flows from the inside out, so too are our neighbors, neighborhoods and communities transformed. At Building Hope in the City (BHITC), in the last 20 years of incarnating around people and place, we've realized what's missing and what's possible for addressing core issues for our brothers and sisters - home, work and community.

The FLOURISH campaign builds on our expertise to empower two communities in which we have built deep relationships and trust – **Clark-Fulton & Stockyards (CFSY) neighborhoods** and **Cleveland's Refugee & Immigrant community**. In fact, this is why BHITC moved its main offices to CFSY in 2020 and why The Hope Center continues to welcome thousands of newcomers every year since 2015.

Your support is needed now more than ever over the next five years as part of the FLOURISH campaign to see tangible restoration and renewal. **As of July 2022, \$3.6 million of the \$6 million goal has already been raised for this campaign.** With your support, we will fully fund the campaign and extend His good promises through empowered communities thriving once again and restored from the inside out. Your faithful giving and our proven ability to pilot and scale sustainable projects is a powerful combination for beautiful Kingdom expression.

We pray you will trust us to do it again! May His Kingdom come through you on earth as it is in Heaven.



Brian Upton,
Executive Director



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“The only way you’re going to be able to transform neighborhoods is if an organization comes to the neighborhood like Building Hope in the City is doing and says to the residents, ‘This is what we want to do, but we need your help.’ When you include the residents and ask them what they want to see happen for their neighborhood, they’re going to tell you basically everything the Flourish campaign is all about,” says **Rhonda Jones**, Stockyards neighborhood resident. “We need affordable housing, we need organizations that provide a tool for learning about social enterprise businesses, and we want to be part of the solution.”



"It's been such a blessing to have a roof over my head that is safe and warm," says **Marcus**, a current tenant. Life did not immediately become easier for him when he moved into a BHITC property as a tenant, but he explains how having a safe, stable, affordable home "allowed me the ability to focus on other stressful things going on in my life. Even though I still had a lot to overcome, having a home where the rental cost was not enormous, truly helped me get back on my feet and focus on my next step," he says.

GOSPEL HOPE IS PHYSICAL AND TANGIBLE

FLOURISH *at home*

A house is more than a place to live; it is a place to build a life and create a home. Houses created by BHITC will offer safe, affordable, stable housing that empowers tenants to thrive.

OUR GOAL:

Create affordable, supportive homes for families in Stockyards. Contribute to erasing blight and tangibly restore hope to city neighborhoods.

INVESTMENT NEEDED: \$3,800,0000

CAMPAIGN RESULTS:

Build 28 new affordable homes for families where BHITC also provides life and vocational support. Families moving forward with their goals thanks to a stable place to call home and BHITC's in-home care and support.

TENANT POPULATIONS INCLUDE:

1. **People and families in transition** – A "next step" partner with area agencies serving veterans, families in recovery and women and children.
2. **Refugees and immigrants** – A BHITC program strength and growing need as resettlement increases.
3. **Long-time Stockyards residents** – Seeking to remain in the neighborhood in the face of escalating rents or negligent landlords.



INTRODUCING THE HOMES AT HOPE COMMONS



- Two 14-unit campuses constructed on adjacent empty lots on West 56th and 61st Streets in Stockyards.
- Multi-family units in a village design will integrate families in need of supportive rent with their neighbors in home-like settings.
- BHITC staff will provide tenant care and support to pursue family goals.
- Infill construction on existing housing lots restores cohesion to streets where properties were razed due to neglect.

“Even a sparrow finds a home, and a swallow, a nest for herself where she places her young – near your altars, Lord of Armies, My King and My God. How happy are those who reside in your house, who praise you continually.”

PSALM 84:3-4

GOSPEL HOPE DEVELOPS WORK SKILLS

FLOURISH *through work*

Expanding social enterprise efforts allows us to offer employment, dignity and opportunity to our neighbors.

OUR GOAL:

Give opportunity, dignity and employment to our neighbors by expanding social enterprise ventures; equip small business entrepreneurs with coaching, learning and support to help them succeed.

INVESTMENT NEEDED: \$1,200,000

CAMPAIGN RESULTS:

Common Threads opens its third store in Clark-Fulton and Stockyards and includes a workforce development program for young adults and neighborhood youth.

Community and Business Incubation Lab at the new Common Threads provides support to residents starting small businesses.

Expansion support for **Peripeti Home** to become an employer of refugee women.

A new social enterprise opens through **The Hope Center**, creating employment for refugees as talented and motivated workplace leaders.





“For the Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He has watched over your journey through this immense wilderness...and you have lacked nothing.”

DEUTERONOMY 2:7

“Common Threads is great experience for self-growth and teamwork. I love the open sharing of ideas,” says **Abdalla Khatir**, originally from Sudan, who is employed at Common Threads and attends classes at The Hope Center.

“Whether our roles are small or big, we work together and help each other for the better. They have a vision and a good message,” he adds.

He recently became a U.S. citizen with support from The Hope Center, where he is pursuing his GED. He was also the first student enrolled in The Hope Center’s Adult Basic Education class, which he knows will serve as the bridge to more employment opportunities in the future. “My dreams include starting a business and providing support to my home country through clean and renewable energy,” says Abdalla. “The Hope Center is a fascinating idea, and they are doing a great job giving people a chance to discover themselves,” he adds.





"When I visited The Hope Center after graduation, I could not believe there was now a place that had all of the resources refugees need," says **Jewel Yokie**, The Hope Center's Family and Career Development Manager.

Jewel first met our team as a 7-year-old refugee from Liberia. Despite her English skills, the adjustment was difficult. Through BHITC's tutoring program, where she met other refugee kids and amazing volunteers, her "fear turned into confidence."

The seeds planted during those years led to a college degree for Jewel and a desire to serve the refugee community. She now leads its career program, connecting newcomers to resources and sharing her own story for encouragement. "Working at THC has helped me connect with my community again. What better job could I ask for?," says Jewel.

GOSPEL HOPE INVESTS IN PEOPLE

FLOURISH *in community*

Communities where all people are valued and understood helps generate creativity and resilience.

OUR GOAL:

Deepening BHITC's capacity to reach refugees, immigrants and residents of Clark-Fulton and Stockyards with the love of God, unleashing their capacity to thrive.

INVESTMENT NEEDED: \$1,000,000

INVESTED AS FOLLOWS:

\$550,000 for **The Hope Center** facility renovations and added programs.

\$450,000 for expanded programming in Clark-Fulton and Stockyards, as well as developing faith leaders citywide.

"May people flourish in the cities like the grass of the field."

PSALM 72:16



CAMPAIGN RESULTS:

The Hope Center becomes a stronger, fully functional international welcome center thanks to the completion of facilities upgrades including:

- All new commercial kitchen
- Renewed nursery and childcare area
- Renovation of Gathering Space, including new lighting, flooring, HVAC
- Updated restrooms

Expansion of **The Hope Center's** outreach programs by establishing a new international church and enhanced adult education and employment programs.

Equipping of Hispanic leaders, pastors and residents on the near west side for community leadership.

Activation of hundreds of Clark-Fulton and Stockyards residents to join BHITC in addressing community challenges and building upon their strengths!

The organization's move to the Stockyard neighborhood early in 2020 represented a pressing call from the Spirit to invest deeply for the sake of people and places misunderstood, avoided or feared by others. "We sensed this call seven years ago when we opened The Hope Center," says **Brian Upton**, BHITC's Executive Director. "We incarnated there around the cultures of refugees and immigrants. The Lord continues to bless that work profoundly, as we partner to build capacity and open pathways for refugees to move forward with their hopes and dreams. Similarly, our relocation to Stockyards signifies what we believe is God's blessing upon our housing and community development efforts in Cleveland's Ward 14. We are, once again, going where He leads us to work alongside residents, organizations, and churches."

FLOURISH CAMPAIGN GOAL

\$6 MILLION

(\$3.6 million secured as of July 2022)

\$4,350,000 to be invested in major capital projects and new initiatives

\$1,650,000 to be invested in program expansion and outreach

Join these efforts with a gift or pledge today to see our city and our brothers and sisters **FLOURISH** in the ways God intended, knowing He used **YOU** to help achieve it!





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Pledges may be made for up to 5 years.



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Date

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