

LISC

Indianapolis

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2008 HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES

Great Indy Neighborhoods Initiative (GINI) – Indianapolis LISC’s *Building Sustainable Communities* program operates in six target areas: Southeast, Near Eastside, Near West, Northeast, Northwest and West Indianapolis. Quality of Life plans have been completed for each area and are now being implemented with support from LISC. We have continued our traditional work in housing and commercial development, and also expanded into newer program areas like family asset building and education.

Building Family Income & Wealth – Over the past two years, LISC has built a network of five Financial Opportunity Centers (known locally as Centers for Working Families) that offer three core services – employment placement and career improvement, financial education and coaching, and public benefits access – to help put families on the path to financial stability. Thus far, the centers have served over 400 families, with 50% benefiting from at least two services.

Improving Access to Quality Education – LISC has become more involved in supporting educational programs that help shape the learning that occurs inside the classroom and out in the community. This includes a community school that connects children to service providers who can help mitigate non-academic barriers to learning and a new creative writing program that works with teachers to help get elementary students excited about writing.

Planning for Neighborhood Stabilization – Responding to the impact of foreclosures and vacant properties, LISC collaborated with the Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership and the City to create a strategy for utilizing the City’s \$29 million allocation of federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds. At LISC’s urging, Mayor Ballard organized a redevelopment advisory committee that eventually chose four target areas where NSP resources will be directed; these areas overlap with four GINI neighborhoods.

Attracting 2012 Super Bowl – In 2008, LISC worked with local civic leaders to incorporate the Near Eastside Quality of Life plan into the city’s successful bid for the 2012 Super Bowl. The neighborhood is now the focus of the Legacy Project, an effort by the NFL to create long-lasting, positive community impact for the host city. The Legacy Project will help advance housing, economic, youth and neighborhood development goals set by the Near Eastside community. Thus far, the Legacy Project has resulted in a commitment of nearly \$10 million for improvements in the neighborhood.

BY THE NUMBERS CUMULATIVE (LISC and Affiliates)

Total Investment
\$124.2 million

Dollars Leveraged
\$505.2 million

Commercial Space
3.2 million sq. ft.

Homes & Apartments
5,264 - LISC
783 - Affiliates
6,047 Total