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## RESEARCH REPORT

### POVERTY AND INCOME: INSECURITY IN THE PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN AREA

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### POVERTY, VULNERABILITY, AND THE SAFETY NET

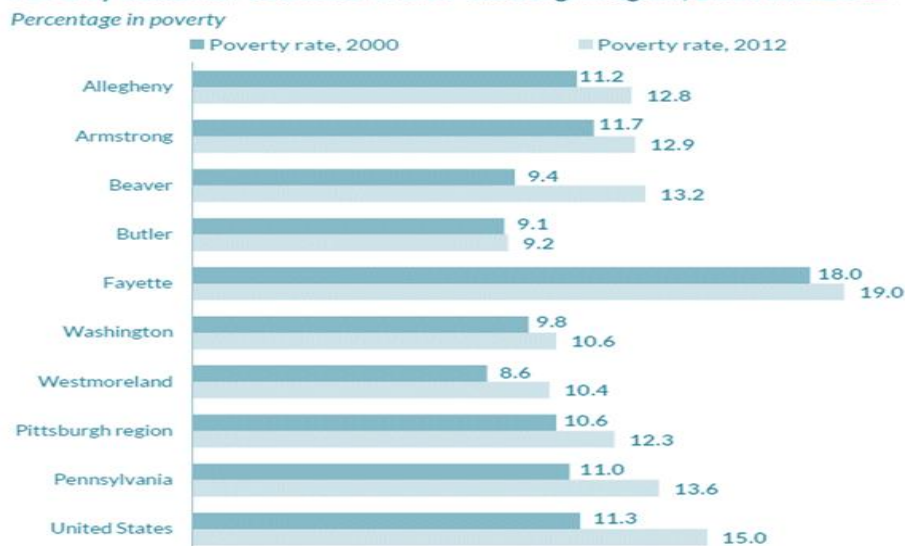
#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS

- In the Pittsburgh metropolitan area, poverty rates have steadily risen from 10.6 percent in 2000 to 11.5 percent in 2007, and they reached 12.3 percent in 2012.
- In the Pittsburgh region, there are more than 1,600 nonprofit health and human service organizations providing a wide range of services such as food distribution, domestic violence shelters, housing for seniors, job training, adult education, mental health treatment, utilities and heating assistance, pregnancy support, and more.
- Roughly two-thirds of the region's nonprofit health and human service providers are concentrated in or near the city of Pittsburgh, making access to services potentially problematic for residents in rural areas.
- Most nonprofits in the region are small. About two in five organizations operate on budgets of less than \$250,000; fewer than one in ten have budgets of \$10 million or more.
- It is the poor and the near-poor who continue to struggle in this post-recession economy.
- Most individuals need an array of services, not just one, to get them on their feet so they can achieve self-sufficiency.
- About one in eight residents (or 284,000 people) in the Pittsburgh metropolitan area had incomes below the official US poverty level in 2012.

#### POPULATIONS IN POVERTY

- National numbers: Child poverty varies by race; nearly 9 out of 10 children living in a chronic state of poverty are African American (Corcoran 2001). Further, children that grow up in poverty are more than six times more likely to be poor in their mid-twenties (Corcoran 2001).
- By 2012, nearly 83,400 children in the region were living in poverty.

FIGURE 1  
Poverty Rates for Counties in the Pittsburgh Region, 2000 and 2012



Sources: US Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2010–12 American Community Survey. The 2012 US poverty rate is from the US Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2013 Annual Social and Economic Supplement.



TABLE 3

**Number of Children under Age 18 in Poverty by County, 2000–12**

| County                   | 2000   | 2007   | 2012   | Percent change, 2000–07 | Percent change 2007–12 | Percent change, 2000–12 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Pittsburgh region</b> | 78,832 | 76,128 | 83,383 | -3.4                    | 9.5                    | 5.8                     |
| Allegheny                | 42,275 | 41,574 | 41,697 | -1.7                    | 0.3                    | -1.4                    |
| Armstrong                | 2,566  | 2,344  | 2,831  | -8.7                    | 20.8                   | 10.3                    |
| Beaver                   | 5,485  | 4,941  | 7,120  | -9.9                    | 44.1                   | 29.8                    |
| Butler                   | 4,397  | 4,278  | 4,312  | -2.7                    | 0.8                    | -1.9                    |
| Fayette                  | 8,701  | 9,304  | 7,947  | 6.9                     | -14.6                  | -8.7                    |
| Washington               | 5,955  | 5,108  | 6,036  | -14.2                   | 18.2                   | 1.4                     |
| Westmoreland             | 9,453  | 8,579  | 11,428 | -9.2                    | 33.2                   | 20.9                    |

Source: US Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2005–07 and 2010–12 American Community Survey.

Note: The data for 2007 and 2012 are based on a three-year average of the American Community Survey.

OLDER POPULATION

- By 2012, about 31,000 older individuals lived in poverty—down from 36,800 in 2000.

TABLE 4

**Number of Adults Age 65 and Older in Poverty by County, 2000–12**

| County                   | 2000   | 2007   | 2012   | Percent change, 2000–07 | Percent change 2007–12 | Percent change, 2000–12 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Pittsburgh region</b> | 36,789 | 33,299 | 30,971 | -9.5                    | -7.0                   | -15.8                   |
| Allegheny                | 19,520 | 18,752 | 16,736 | -3.9                    | -10.8                  | -14.3                   |
| Armstrong                | 998    | 999    | 974    | 0.1                     | -2.5                   | -2.4                    |
| Beaver                   | 2,323  | 2,197  | 2,583  | -5.4                    | 17.6                   | 11.2                    |
| Butler                   | 2,205  | 1,494  | 1,613  | -32.2                   | 8.0                    | -26.8                   |
| Fayette                  | 3,532  | 2,798  | 2,240  | -20.8                   | -19.9                  | -36.6                   |
| Washington               | 3,050  | 2,413  | 2,313  | -20.9                   | -4.1                   | -24.2                   |
| Westmoreland             | 5,161  | 4,646  | 4,512  | -10.0                   | -2.9                   | -12.6                   |

Source: US Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2005–07 and 2010–12 American Community Survey.

Note: The data for 2007 and 2012 are based on a three-year average of the American Community Survey.

- About one in three people age 65 and older relies on Social Security to stay out of poverty (George Washington University 2012).

## FEMALE-HEADED HOUSEHOLDS

- Households headed by single women are almost twice as likely to live in poverty as married-couple households.
- Large increases in the number of female headed households in poverty were not unusual. Nationally, there was a 41 percent increase between 2000 and 2012.

TABLE 5

### Number of Female-Headed Households in Poverty by County, 2000–12

| County            | 2000   | 2007   | 2012   | Percent change, 2000–07 | Percent change 2007–12 | Percent change, 2000–12 |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Pittsburgh region | 27,977 | 28,544 | 32,142 | 2.0                     | 12.6                   | 14.9                    |
| Allegheny         | 16,495 | 15,911 | 17,349 | -3.5                    | 9.0                    | 5.2                     |
| Armstrong         | 743    | 805    | 971    | 8.3                     | 20.6                   | 30.7                    |
| Beaver            | 1,947  | 1,779  | 2,651  | -8.6                    | 49.0                   | 36.2                    |
| Butler            | 1,106  | 1,470  | 1,686  | 32.9                    | 14.7                   | 52.4                    |
| Fayette           | 2,646  | 3,327  | 2,547  | 25.7                    | -23.4                  | -3.7                    |
| Washington        | 1,914  | 2,004  | 2,549  | 4.7                     | 27.2                   | 33.2                    |
| Westmoreland      | 3,126  | 3,248  | 4,389  | 3.9                     | 35.1                   | 40.4                    |

Source: US Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2005–07 and 2010–12 American Community Survey.

Note: The data for 2007 and 2012 are based on a three-year average of the American Community Survey.

## POPULATIONS OF COLOR

- People of color are more likely to encounter poverty than whites, but more whites live in poverty at any given time. Research shows that poverty is particularly pervasive and persistent in the African American community.
- African Americans make up almost 80 percent of the region’s poverty population.
- The African American poverty rate has remained fairly constant at roughly 30 percent for more than a decade, suggesting deep and persistent poverty in this community.
- These new minority residents (Hispanics & Asian) are likely to bring a different set of cultural expectations and needs to their communities. Businesses, schools, health providers, and a host of other public and private service providers may encounter new opportunities and challenges as they adapt to serving a more diverse clientele.

## PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Households that have someone with a disability are more likely to enter poverty since income may be constrained by the type and quantity of work an individual with a disability is able to do.

### INCOME DISTRIBUTION

Most of the gains in income growth over the past 20 years were in the top 1 percent of earners (Saez 2013). Today, the top 1 percent accounts for 20 percent of all income, compared with 10 percent in 1980.1

Income of the top 1% grew by 31.4 percent while that of the bottom 99% grew by only 0.4 percent. Hence, the top 1% captured 95 percent of the income gains in the first two years of the recovery” (Saez 2013, 4).

Findings from a survey of human service agencies that belong to the Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Partnership show that previously middle-income individuals have fallen on hard times and are seeking assistance—many of them for the first time (Luk and Kehoe 2008).

### NON-PROFIT SECTOR

There are about seven health and human service charities per 10,000 residents—slightly higher than the national average.

TABLE 9

**Types of Health and Human Service Providers in the Pittsburgh Region, 2012**

| Health and human service category                | Number of registered nonprofit providers | Percentage of registered nonprofit providers | Number of providers filing Form 990 with the IRS | Percentage of providers filing Form 990 with the IRS |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Community and economic development               | 344                                      | 21   | 145  | 17   |
| Emergency assistance and homeless services       | 90                                       | 5  | 57   | 7  |
| Family services                                  | 156                                      | 10   | 77   | 9  |
| Housing and group homes                          | 242                                      | 15   | 136  | 16   |
| Physical, mental health, and disability programs | 128                                      | 8  | 88   | 10   |
| Senior and elder services                        | 162                                      | 10   | 124  | 14   |
| Work readiness programs                          | 84                                       | 5  | 52   | 6  |
| Youth and teen programs                          | 176                                      | 11   | 84   | 10   |
| Multipurpose programs                            | 256                                      | 16   | 100  | 12   |
| All health and human service providers           | 1,638                                    | 100  | 863  | 100  |

**Source:** The Urban Institute, National Center for Charitable Statistics, Core Files (Public Charities, 2012); the Internal Revenue Service, Exempt Organizations Division, Business Master File (2013).

**Note:** Multipurpose human service organizations provide a broad range of social services and include organizations such as the Salvation Army, Urban League, and YMCA. Percentages may not sum to 100 because of rounding.

Although the aggregate totals are substantial, most nonprofits in the region are small. About two in five (41 percent) operate on budgets of less than \$250,000 annually. In contrast, fewer than 1 in 10 (8 percent) have budgets of \$10 million or more. The large organizations, however, account for most of the health and human service expenditures. The Pittsburgh area’s nonprofit health and human service sector showed considerable growth since 2000. Not only did the number of organizations grow, but so did revenues, expenses, and assets.

## HOMELESSNESS

### **ACTION- Housing Inc.**

ACTION-Housing has a long standing history of real estate development designed to address emerging community needs, and serve the community's most vulnerable populations. Since 1985, ACTION-Housing has developed or assisted in the development of over 4,500 units of house, both single family and multifamily, for the elderly, person with disabilities, homeless veterans and working families. Most of these units were created in collaboration with community-based partners, such as local development corporations and supportive service providers.

ACTION-Housing has also provided Social Services and Programs for its entire history. It seeks to improve the vitality and vibrancy of communities by offering essential supportive services and programs for Western Pennsylvania residents. The organization currently provides programs for single-family home weatherization, in-home accessibility, mortgage and foreclosure assistance, youth aging out of the foster care system, and homeless families.

Link: [www.actionhousing.org](http://www.actionhousing.org)

### PROGRAMS

**Accessibility Program** makes accessibility modifications to the homes of people with permanent physical disabilities.

**Family Saving Account Program** helps low-income people move toward greater self-sufficiency by accumulating savings and purchasing long-term assets.

**First Time Homebuyers** assists potential homeowners in the home buying process through credit repair, education, and document review.

**Homeless Family Services** Addresses a broad range of problems and needs of homeless families and individuals throughout Pittsburgh and Allegheny County who are at various stages of the homeless cycle.

**MyPlace Youth Program** provides scattered site apartments and intensive case management services to young people who have aged out of the foster care system.



## WOMEN & HOMELESSNESS



Bethlehem Haven believes that a secure home is an essential foundation for women to achieve stable mental and physical health, as well as personal empowerment. It provides a variety of services including emergency shelter; transitional housing; permanent supportive housing; medical, dental, obstetrics and mental health services; as well as employment services to women in the Pittsburgh area. The Haven also provides some medical, mental health and employment services to non-residents, including homeless men.

Every woman who lives at Bethlehem Haven is linked to supportive services, specifically designed for their individual needs. Bethlehem Haven helps clients identify an action plan to achieve self-sufficiency and permanent housing. The organization provides emergency shelter and housing for homeless women for up to 60 days; transitional housing for women; permanent housing and supportive services for women who have multiple episodes of mental health-related homelessness; and aftercare serves formerly homeless women for 6 months past the signing of a housing lease, working to prevent future homelessness and assisting with community reintegration.

Link: [www.bethlehemhaven.org](http://www.bethlehemhaven.org)

### PROGRAMS

#### Housing Programs

- Emergency shelter provides housing for homeless women for up to 60 days.
- Transitional housing for women.
- Permanent housing and supportive services for women who have multiple episodes of mental health related homelessness.
- Aftercare serves formerly homeless women for 6 months past the signing of a housing lease, working to prevent future homelessness and assisting with community reintegration.

#### Supportive Services

- Soar (Safe Oasis & Residence)
- Aftercare
- Housing Intervention Program
- Miryam's Day Program
- Health & Wellness
- Uptown Legal Clinic



## BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

### THE AHA! PROCESS

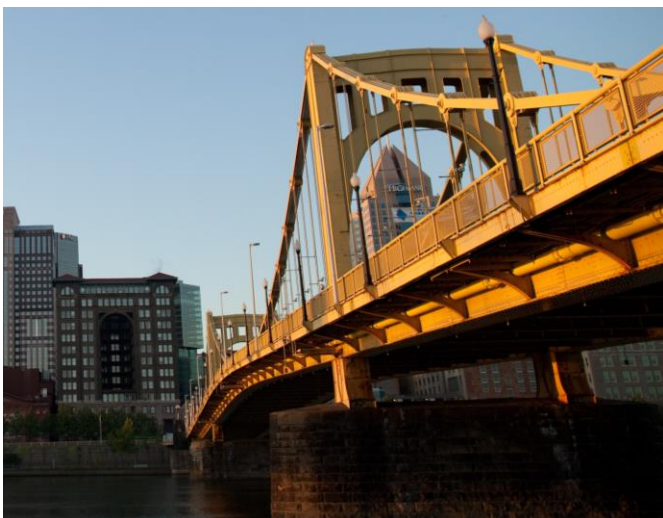
<http://www.ahaprocess.com>

Annual expenses: \$1.3 M

Community served: National, with Pittsburgh chapter

The aha! Process is an initiative created by Ruby Payne, Ph.D., who is a coauthor of the book *Bridges out of Poverty*. The aha! Process is a for-profit corporation that provides information and education to nonprofit organizations that are working to build bridges out of poverty.

The process is based on reducing the social costs of poverty, strengthening the workforce, and building a more prosperous and sustainable community. Aha! Process's Bridges Out of Poverty community support program provides a family of concepts, workshops, and products to help employers, community organizations, social service agencies, and individuals address and reduce poverty in a comprehensive way.



### PROGRAMS

There are two agencies that utilize the Bridges Out of Poverty methodology in the southwestern Pennsylvania area:

#### LIGHT OF LIFE RESCUE MISSION

Light of Life, located in the North side of Pittsburgh, meets the immediate needs of the poor and homeless and works to strengthen and empower families. In addition to the Emergency Food and Shelter, the organization offers Women and Children's programs that embrace single mothers and their children who have experienced homeless as well as a Men's Residential Program, which works to assist men who have faced addiction, poverty, or mental health issues. All programs are intended to assist individuals with regaining health, happiness, and working toward self-sufficiency.

#### WESTMORELAND COMMUNITY ACTION

Westmoreland Community Action helps struggling families improve their standard of living and become more self-sufficient. In addition to housing, mental health and emergency assistance programs, Westmoreland Community Action strives to educate the community and local employers in order to raise awareness of the plight of the lower income families in the area. Among WCA's several programs are Free Tax Preparation, which assists low- to moderate- income individuals with preparing and filing their taxes, employment readiness programs, which provide TANF recipients with education, skills training, work activities, and job placement services, and Mothers Making More (M3), which assists and supports single mothers through college so that they can earn a family-sustaining income and secure financial independence.

## YOUTH & EDUCATION

### **COL** center of life

Center of Life is an outgrowth of the Keystone Church of Hazelwood; a community based mission that has aided member of the greater Hazelwood community for over 30 years. The Center of Life is a faith-based community empowerment organization that serves to strengthen families, create opportunities for micro-enterprise and encourage homeownership by providing families and youth with the life skills, education, training, and resources necessary to be strong and to make their communities strong.

Programs at COL focus on music & arts, athletics, and education. Our vision is to empower and equip families to bring economic revitalization to their communities. Our mission is to provide families and youth with the life-skills, education, training, and resources necessary to be strong and to make their communities strong. We believe this is achieved through building sustainable partnerships locally, nationally and internationally. At COL we believe everything is about people.



#### PROGRAMS

##### FUSION

- Out of school learning opportunities focusing on rigorous academic instruction combined with parent and family engagement. Offered at the Hazelwood Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Fusion provides homework help, literacy activities, educational games and college preparatory resources for student in grades K-12. In 2013, 250 students participated in the Fusion Program.

##### CROSSOVER

- Using athletic competition, strong leadership from two life-long Hazelwood residents, and play to mentor participants in accountability, *The Crossover Program* builds teamwork, discipline and maturity. Participation in the program is dependent on academic success and students must engage in and succeed in the Fusion program and maintain a preset grade point average in order to participate.

## FOOD PANTRY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT



CHS seeks to enhance people's lives and strengthen communities by providing opportunities to develop individual potential and by delivering comprehensive services that maximize the health and well-being of those it serves in South Oakland and the greater Pittsburgh area.

Started in the 1970's as a community support organization, CHS has grown to be a sprawling tree providing a wide range of services not only in the South Oakland community, but throughout the greater Pittsburgh area.

All CHS programs are built upon the foundation that extends the notion of care and celebration to places where people live and work, rather than operating from one central location. These "new" systems that mix professionals and indigenous persons to provide services reflect a need in our culture to mix informal community rituals with the more formal supports and interventions. Such a system integrates people and helps reestablish community while assisting persons at risk.

### PROGRAMS

#### Homeless Assistance Program

- Assist individuals and families in a housing crisis obtain and remain in housing.

#### Oakland Community Food Pantry

- The Oakland Community Pantry serves anyone who meets the income guideline of 150 percent of poverty level.

#### Bite Café

- Bite Cafe provides a place for people to enjoy a freshly made meal at no cost, ensuring that every person has access to nutritious food.

#### Mental Health Residential Program

- Provide multiple levels of care for individuals in need of a supervised living arrangement including in-patient and out-patient services

#### Wood Street Commons

- A residential shelter located in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh, Wood Street Commons is home to 258 residents.

#### Health Services

- *Health Station* is a nurse-based community clinic that serves individuals participating in CHS programs, neighbors and visitors to the Lawn Street Community Center.



## CHILDREN & HOMELESSNESS



Homeless Children's Education Fund advances the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness in Allegheny County by providing educational programs and services; serving as a trusted advocate; sharing expertise; and facilitating collaborative relationships that maximize the collective impact among community partners.

The Homeless Children's Education Fund was established in 1999 to supplement federal funding for the educational needs of local homeless children. Over the years, HCEF's role in the community has developed and expanded to meet these needs. HCEF Founder Dr. Joseph Lagana serves as advocate before numerous local and governmental constituencies and as an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees.

As local government and nonprofit agencies throughout Allegheny County struggle to serve the various physical and familial needs of children who are homeless, they must also ensure the access of these children to a free and appropriate public education. HCEF serves as a community advocate for these service providers, building coalitions of support among corporations, foundations, institutions of higher education, religious and service organizations, and government agencies. In short, HCEF seeks to leverage community resources toward serving an urgent community need.

Link: [www.homelessfund.org](http://www.homelessfund.org)

### PROGRAMS

#### Learning Centers & Resource Libraries

- Learning Centers and Resource Libraries within county homeless housing facilities to provide kids with access to the same educational tools that their classmates enjoy in their homes.

#### Mini-Grants

- Mini-Grants for Educational Enrichment and Field Trip Grants provide homeless housing providers with funds that may be spent on educational programs, projects, materials, and community excursions.

#### Enrichment Program

- Through partnerships with Pittsburgh's leading arts, cultural and educational organizations, hands-on learning activities foster creativity and critical thinking

#### Building Blocks

- Daily on-site learning and enrichment programs for k-8 student directed by qualified teachers and volunteers.



## CHILDREN & YOUTH



The mission of the Kingsley Association is to inspire and promote our community growth as a physical anchor; social, wellness, and service program provider, as well as a thought leader. The Kingsley Association has a rich history of providing needed services to children, youth, and their families. The Kingsley Association was established in 1803 for the purpose of providing services to working class ethnic families of Pittsburgh, first from the Kingsley House in the Strip District and then the Lower Hill. Kingsley facilities have been located in Larimer and East Liberty since 1919. Over the years, Kingsley has provided a variety of programs to neighborhood residents in East Liberty, Larimer, and other East End communities.

Programs have included boy's/girl's clubs, a literary society, infant care programs, music lessons, cooking and home economics classes, swimming, basketball, boxing, senior citizen classes, arts and crafts classes, camping, Office of Economic Opportunity programs, educational and career guidance, placement service and training for students at area colleges, community organizing services for citizens groups, and involvement in the construction of homes for low- and moderate-income families.

## PROGRAMS

### URBAN LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE

- Comprehensive Community Engagement Model for pre-workforce development training and urban civic engagement

### 4-H PITTSBURGH

- 4-H Pittsburgh has teamed with two long standing grass roots organizations (The Kingsley Association and Nabhi Christian Ministries) to deliver an innovative youth development program geared towards African-American males

### NEIGHBORWORKS FINANCIAL COUNSELING

- Free and confidential financial counseling in credit and budgeting, home purchasing, foreclosure prevention, debt management

### EAST END YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

- The East End Youth Advisory Council (EEYAC) is a collaborative effort between the Kingsley Association, Operation Better Block, and Seeding Prosperity and Revitalizing Corridors (SPARC).

## EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Manchester Bidwell combines many seemingly disparate elements – adult career training, youth arts education, jazz presentation, orchid and flora sales – into a dynamic whole with a proven record of positively changing the lives of underserved populations in Pittsburgh and the surrounding region.

It originated when a young, disengaged African American, Bill Strickland, met Pittsburgh Public High School art teacher Frank Ross in the 1960s. Frank mentored Bill throughout his teen years. Frank impressed upon Bill the powers of art, education and community and helped him obtain entrance to the University of Pittsburgh.

Wanting to give back to his struggling neighborhood the opportunities he had received through Ross' generosity, Bill started a small ceramics program in Manchester in 1968. The Manchester Craftsmen's Guild Youth & Arts program, as it is now called, serves public school students by offering courses in our ceramics, design, digital and photography studios.

In 1972, Bill assumed leadership of a struggling building trade school located near Manchester Craftsmen's Guild (MCG). Over the years, Bidwell Training Center evolved to offer programs in fields ranging from horticulture to medical. Currently, we are a nationally accredited and state licensed adult career training institution.

Link: [www.manchesterbidwell.org](http://www.manchesterbidwell.org)



## PROGRAMS

### Bidwell Training Center

- The center evolved from a local trade school to an accredited and state-licensed career training for adults in transition and is focused on job placement. Recently recognized as 1 of the nation's 17 "School of Excellence".

### Drew Mathieson Center for Horticultural and Agricultural Technology

- 40,000 square foot complex supports training in the plant sciences and serves as a production greenhouse producing orchids and other specialty crops for wholesale.

### Manchester Craftsmen's Guild

- An after-school ceramics program for the disadvantaged neighborhood youth. Programming includes more art studios as well as a Jazz division.

## EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



### ROSEDALE BLOCK CLUSTER INC.

The Rosedale Block Cluster, Inc. (RBC) is a grassroots organization in the far southern corner of Homewood-Brushton, a corner once known as one of the highest crime areas in the history of the City of Pittsburgh. The community refused to accept that designation, and after many years of holding vigils on crime-infested corners and being the first group to use the Nuisance Bar Statute, there was notable change in the Rosedale-Tioga Corridor. At the same time, the community identified a facility that could house the first community center in the corridor. The elders put up their social security checks to gain site control. With substantial investments from community residents, foundations, financial institutions, government and many others, RBC initiated the first economic development in 30 years. Its youth played a material role in reversing the blight by cleaning and greening more than 60 acres of crime-infested vacant and abandoned sites. The youth started cleaning lots, and their work evolved into a skilled, fee-generating social enterprise. The Rosedale Landscape, Horticulture, Agriculture, Training and Employment Program was the first in the community, along with the first center-based early childhood development program. The youths' work has been naturally diversified to include an urban farm near the truck route and the first plant production room in the community.

Link: [www.rosedaleblock.org](http://www.rosedaleblock.org)



#### PROGRAMS:

##### YOUTH TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

- Over a thousand youth have come through the Rosedale program. Armed with life changing and life saving skills, 75% of the youth have gone on to live fruitful lives in Pittsburgh; throughout the country

##### LANDSCAPING

- Rosedale is an award winning Enterprise that has operated in The Greater Pittsburgh area since 1999 providing commercial and residential services. We look forward to hearing from you.

##### ROSEDALE GARDENS, URBAN FARM

- Horticulture and agriculture are sciences and arts rarely if ever made available to urban youth. The farm will provide the community with more assets, skills, fresh vegetables, and plant materials that can be locally sourced.



## YOUTH & EDUCATION



Howard Heinz, the son of HJ Heinz, a prominent Pittsburgh manufacturer, founded what would become Heinz House by starting a small boys club in 1901. Originally designed to provide recreation and social opportunities for boys on Pittsburgh's North Side, almost all of whom were first generation immigrants, today's *Sarah Heinz House* is much more than just an after-school program. Sarah Heinz House, a Boys & Girls Club, affects each child in a unique and personal way. The club provides children and teens with powerful role models and a safe, fun place to go after school, on weekends and during the summer. It is our honor to help mould these future citizens with educational, artistic, recreational and community service programs. Our goal is to promote healthy lifestyles and offer an environment that is welcoming, nurturing and challenging. We seek to "build good citizens."

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



### PROGRAMS

#### Preschool & tots

- Sarah Heinz House offers tot and preschool classes in the areas of gymnastics, dance, swimming and music.

#### After school programs

- Sarah Heinz House offers over 160 programs from which to choose. Every child has an opportunity to learn something new or develop an already existing talent or interest.

#### Summer camps

- Day Camp
- Resident Camp
- Robotics Camp



## EDUCATION: LEARNING & OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS



Schenley Heights Community  
Development Program



The mission of the Schenley Heights Community Development Program is to nurture, support and develop the community through wholesome programs that address the academic, moral, cultural, health and recreational needs of the children, youth and their families in the Hill District of Pittsburgh. To meet this very important mission, SHCDP developed year-round programming that complements the School District of Pittsburgh.

Schenley Heights Community Development Program (SHCDP) is a 501(c) 3 non-profit community faith-based organization, located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It was founded in 1995 in the basement of Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church by a group of pioneers who saw the need and envisioned a program for neighborhood children that provided academic support, social skill development and a safe environment during out of school hours.

## PROGRAMS

### After School Tutorial and Enrichment Program

- Serves children in pre-kindergarten – 5th grade during after school hours. The goal is to strengthen the educational foundation of participants in all areas; particularly literacy, mathematics, health and wellness and behavior management.

### The Summer Enrichment Program

- Involves 130 - 140 participants' ages 5-14 in academic enrichment, exposure to the arts, dance and music, participation in sports and recreational activities

### The Weil After School Program

- Provides reading and math academic skill building to basic/below basic learners as identified by PSSA exams.

### NADIA (Swift) Track Club

- Provides healthy athletic activities for 8 – 18 year olds. NADIA participants travel nationally to compete in various track and field events.

## FOOD PANTRY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

### WILKINSBURG COMMUNITY MINISTRY



Wilksburg Community Ministry (WCM) is a community nonprofit that provides basic necessities, such as food, clothing and energy assistance to Wilksburg residents in need. Programs at the Wilksburg Community Ministry have alleviated hunger and provided basic necessities for residents of Wilksburg, PA for nearly 45 years.

WCM provide services to approximately 3,000 residents per year, including senior citizens, citizens with disabilities, at-risk youth, and families who are economically challenged, unemployed, under-employed or facing emergency situations.

The outcomes of our programs include reducing hunger in Wilksburg, ensuring the health and well-being of our senior citizen neighbors, helping economically-challenged families have basic necessities, such as food, diapers, and clothing, and keeping Wilksburg streets safer through partnerships with educational and after-school youth programs.

### PROGRAMS

#### Meals on wheels

- Senior citizens and citizens with disabilities are delivered nutritious meals, some on a daily basis.

#### Urban survival program

- The Urban Survival Program helps families through:
  - Emergency Food Pantry
  - Holiday Food Distribution
  - Clothing & Household Donations
  - Back-to-School Supplies
  - SNAP Assistance
  - Energy Assistance
  - Social Services

#### Youth meal partnership

- WCM's Youth Meal Partnership program partners with several local agencies to provide nutritious meals to youth in after-school, summer, and developmental health programs.