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LETTER TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS



Dear Stakeholders:

On behalf of YNDC, it is my pleasure to present our third quarter Performance Report of 2015 to you, our valued stakeholders. As the summer of 2015 comes to a close, YNDC is on track to complete its largest volume of work in a one year period since the organization began. The work is getting done!

The highlights of YNDC and its many partners' hard work in the third quarter include: the awarding of multiple significant grants of which several are from new funding partners; the addition of a new full time Housing Construction Team Member, Tony Wylie; the addition of three AmeriCorps VISTAs: Sarah Conkle, Latoshia Miles, and Rikki Queener; the addition of thirteen AmeriCorps REVITALIZE members: Andre Bankston, Cherise Benton, Michael Childs, Anttwon Dent, Keymonnie Harris, Michael Harvey, James Parker, Elena Rapone, Alvin Robinson, Derek Sanders, Deon Shuler, Delante Simms, and DeTwan Walker; the addition of three YSU interns: Teddi Bloom, Mike Dulay, and Ryan Emborsky; the completion of the largest blight fighting workday in recent history at the United Way Day of Care in the Cottage Grove neighborhood; Youngstown's first better block project along the Mahoning Avenue corridor; the completion of neighborhood action plans for the Greater McGuffey Corridor and Upper West Side; and many other programmatic achievements outlined in this report to improve neighborhoods and further the fight against blight across the city.

Once again, thank you to all of our partners in revitalization; and to those of you that have yet to get involved, I encourage you to find a way to join us in the fight against blight and in our work to create neighborhoods of choice for all across the City of Youngstown. As I continue to say repeatedly, the ultimate success of our collective work in neighborhood revitalization is contingent on you and our ability to come together to get the work done and increase our collective impact. Here's to a great final quarter of 2015!

REVITALIZE,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Ian Beniston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ian Beniston
Executive Director

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NEW FUNDING & AWARDS

YNDP Quarter 3, 2015 Grant Awards

US Department of Health and Human Services Community Economic Development, REVITALIZE Project - \$420,000
Centers for Disease Control, Youth Violence Prevention (YNDP Portion) - \$201,500
Citi Bank, Housing Counseling - \$100,000
The Burton D. Morgan Foundation, Small Business Development - \$40,000
City of Youngstown Planning - \$25,000
The Youngstown Foundation, AmeriCorps REVITALIZE - \$20,000
AmeriCorps VISTA Support Grant - \$15,000
J. Ford Crandall Foundation, 45 Oneta Improvements - \$15,000
Bank of America Foundation, Housing Counseling - \$10,000
City of Youngstown Waster Water, 45 Oneta Improvements - \$10,000
Fibus Family Foundation, 45 Oneta Improvements - \$5,000
Huntington Bank, Healthy Homeownership - \$5,000
AmeriCorps NCCC Cedar 2 Team, September 23 – November 5

YNDP Awarded \$420,000 Health and Human Services Community Economic Development Grant for Expansion of the REVITALIZE Project

The \$420,000 Health and Human Services Community Economic Development grant will enable YNDP's REVITALIZE Project to grow and further develop a viable business model that both figuratively and literally builds people and neighborhoods in the City of Youngstown. For the REVITALIZE depth (people) strategy, YNDP will remove both the personal and community barriers that prevent Youngstown residents with low-income from obtaining and holding jobs and successful careers by providing case management and linking employees to supportive services through community partnerships, including legal assistance, family and financial counseling, transportation, and other critical services. For the REVITALIZE breadth (pipeline) strategy, YNDP will build a pipeline of work across a range of skills and construction related activities in to improve Youngstown neighborhoods, including the rehabilitation of vacant housing and other stabilization activities.

A total of \$420,000 in HHS CED funds will be used to increase the scale and impact of the existing REVITALIZE program by hiring of an additional Construction Site Supervisor/Trainer to allow for the creation of an additional construction team, a Program Coordinator/Case Manager to provide case management and service coordination to low-income employees, and purchasing additional equipment and supplies needed to increase the volume of work to a level that will sustain 21 new construction team members, creating a total of 23 jobs over a three year period.



STAFF



New AmeriCorps Revitalize Team Begins One Year Term Of Service

On Wednesday, September 2, thirteen city residents began a one year term of service from September 2015 through August 2016 on YNDC's AmeriCorps REVITALIZE team. The AmeriCorps REVITALIZE team will spend the next year building existing skills, learning new skills, and serving full time to fight blight throughout Youngstown. The new team is composed of Andre Bankston, Cherise Benton, Michael Childs, Antwon Dent, Keymonnie Harris, Michael Harvey, James Parker, Elena Rapone, Alvin Robinson, Derek Sanders, Deon Shuler, Delante Simms, and DeTwan Walker.

The AmeriCorps REVITALIZE Team is made possible through an operational grant provided by AmeriCorps and facilitated by ServeOhio. The City of Youngstown is also supporting the project by providing materials to complete the projects.

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps Team, Cedar Two Arrives in Youngstown

On Wednesday, September 23, an AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) Team, Cedar Two arrived in Youngstown to spend the next six weeks working with YNDC on neighborhood improvement projects. The team will begin work assisting with better block projects and then transition to vacant home board ups and clean outs. The team is composed of young people age 18 to 24 from across the United States. The team includes: Spencer Liechity, Carson Smith-Saunders, Elizabeth Munyan, Jean Laney, Joye Bowen, Mike McCaslin, Regan Naughton, Shane Sandoval, and Syllas Walker. We welcome them and are grateful for their service to YNDC and Youngstown.



CONFERENCES & LEARNING EXCHANGES

YNDC Housing Director and Land Bank Executive Director Present at Ohio Land Bank Conference

On Wednesday, September 23, YNDC Housing Director Tiffany Sokol and Mahoning County Land Bank Executive Director Debora Flora presented a session entitled Working With Community Partners at the Ohio Land Bank Conference in Cleveland. Strategic partnerships are vital to both effective land bank operations and targeted community development efforts. In the session, the two discussed how their organizations are partnering in the City of Youngstown, leveraging the strengths of both organizations to realize their respective missions. The pair provided concrete examples of their joint work together in neighborhood stabilization, land reuse, and housing, as well as explained why this multifaceted partnership has been and continues to be beneficial for both groups and the communities they serve.



NEIGHBORHOOD WORK DAYS

Volunteers Battle Blight in Fosterville

On Saturday, July 18, volunteers from Victory Christian Center, Idora Neighborhood Association, Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation, and AmeriCorps VISTA boarded up 22 vacant homes in the Fosterville neighborhood. Volunteers also assisted with a YNDC vacant home rehabilitation project by demolishing kitchen and bathrooms walls and floors to be replaced during the rehabilitation. REVITALIZE.

YNDC Partners with YSUscape for Wick Park Workday

On Saturday, July 25, YSUscape led a workday to clean up and board ten vacant homes in the Wick Park neighborhood. YSUscape is a student association dedicated to convene university and citywide organizations in the movement to revitalize & beautify Youngstown through various projects. More than 50 volunteers participated in the clean up event. The volunteers removed 30 tires, 55 bags of trash, 28 cubic yards of debris, scraped 280 linear feet of sidewalk, and installed 106 boards on ten vacant homes.

YNDC provided tools, vehicles, and other logistical support to YSUscape to complete the workday. Other community and student organizations also participated in the workday including: the YSU Men's Basketball Team, Alpha Phi Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Tau Gamma, Delta Zeta, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and Cityscape.

Volunteers Battle Blight Along Greater Glenwood Corridor

On Saturday, August 15, volunteers from Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Victory Christian Center, the Idora Neighborhood Association, AmeriCorps VISTA, and YNDC cleaned up and boarded up five vacant properties along the greater Glenwood Avenue Corridor. Several of the properties will be demolished and one historic property will be rehabilitated pending acquisition.

YSU Students Battle Blight in Wick Park Neighborhood Adjacent to Campus

On Saturday, August 29, more than 70 YSU students and volunteers cleaned up and secured 19 vacant properties in the Wick Park neighborhood adjacent to YSU's campus. The clean up was organized by YSUscape in collaboration with YSU's Center for Urban and Regional Studies and YNDC. Many student groups participated in the event, as part of a day of service to begin the fall semester.



NEIGHBORHOOD WORK DAYS

Crandall Park Neighborhood Action Team Fights Blight on the North Side

On Saturday, September 12, residents of the Crandall Park neighborhood and surrounding communities joined together to FIGHT BLIGHT and beautify vacant homes and lots on Crandall, Norwood, Ford, and Lora Avenues. Three highly overgrown vacant homes were cleaned up along with adjacent vacant lots. Approximately 60 cubic yards of brush and overgrowth were hauled away, along with approximately a dozen tires and 15 bags of trash. The event was planned and coordinated by members of the Crandall Park Neighborhood Action Team; representatives of Crandall Park South Neighborhood Association, Crandall Park North Neighborhood Association, the Upper North Heights Neighborhood Association, and the Fifth Avenue Boulevard Neighbors participated in the event. This is the third community workday that has been coordinated by the Action Team since the summer of 2014, and an additional event is currently in the works. The City of Youngstown Street Department contributed a dump truck team to assist with hauling brush for the event. This community workday was held as part of the greater Citywide Cleanup and Tire Recycling event sponsored by Green Youngstown.

Like its counterparts across the city, the Crandall Park Neighborhood Action Team is a group that consists of neighborhood leaders, city officials, and community stakeholders that works to accomplish the goals and objectives of the publicly-adopted Neighborhood Action Plan. The Plan identifies vacant homes throughout the neighborhood that need boarded up and cleaned up to improve housing conditions. YNDC and YSUScape partnered to board up over half a dozen houses on these streets as part of a community work day held at the end of August. These combined efforts have led to significant progress at improving quality of life on these streets; stay tuned for more work to come!



Volunteers Prepare for Mahoning Avenue Better Block

On Saturday, September 19, volunteers from Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Victory Christian Center, and the Mahoning Valley Young Professionals worked to construct street furniture for the Mahoning Avenue Better Block, which took place on Saturday, September 26. Volunteers made benches, coffee tables, bike racks, art display boards, signs, and a book shelf out of donated wooden pallets. These items were used in the pop-up cafe and art galleries at the Better Block.



NEIGHBORHOOD WORK DAYS

Day Of Caring: Youngstown's Largest One Day Battle Against Blight

On Friday, September 4 over 400 volunteers descended on a three by four block impact area in the Cottage Grove neighborhood on Youngstown's south side. Participants boarded up 80 homes, collected hundreds of tires, removed hundreds of cubic yards of trash and debris, and began the demolition of ten homes.

This is the third year the United Way, City of Youngstown, Green Youngstown, YNDC, and many other community partners have come together to battle blight in a big way on the United Way's annual Day of Caring. This year's event was the largest and the largest neighborhood clean up in recent years in Youngstown. Please consider joining us at a workday. Stand Up Fight Blight!



IRON ROOTS URBAN FARM

Iron Roots Urban Farm

Summer production on the farm is starting to wind down, with tomatoes and peppers still coming out of the hoophouses but most outside crops done for the season. The farm crew is setting up season extension and planting greens for winter harvest. Planning is also underway for new products, including season extension kits and a focus on plant sales in 2016.

Iron Roots Apprenticeship Program

In 2015 the farm welcomed a total of eleven apprentices over the course of the season. Apprentices learn every aspect of farm operations and marketing, from customer service to harvesting and washing vegetables. Seven of the 2015 apprentices are continuing into the fall and early winter this year to prepare the farm for 2016 operations.

Idora Neighborhood Farmers' Market

The market on Glenwood is closing down a successful season at the end of September. In its second year, the market significantly increased the number of visitors and utilization of the Double-Up program. While the Glenwood location is closing for the winter, the market is moving to the YNDC Demonstration Kitchen for Fall. The market will be held from 6pm-8pm on Tuesday nights and 3pm-5pm on Friday afternoons.



COMMUNITY LENDING

Bright Idea to Business Plan Classes Begin

On Tuesday, September 22, YNDC held the first in the fall series of Bright Idea to Business Plan classes. Over 30 people crowded the Cultivate Cafe space on Elm Street in Youngstown to learn how to start a small business. Speakers at the first class included Stephanie Gilchrist of the Youngstown Business Incubator and Danny Catullo of Catullo Prime Meats. The classes will run until November 3.

Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation is pleased to present the program designed to help new and established entrepreneurs reach their business goals. This program has three components:

Bright Idea to Business Plan: This course is a FREE intensive business planning course geared to help those starting small businesses in the City of Youngstown.

Financial Counseling: Any existing or aspiring business owner living in the City of Youngstown is invited to enter financial counseling to help them resolve credit issues, reach financial goals, and prepare them to seek financing for their new business.

Small Business Microloans: YNDC is able to provide small loans at favorable terms to low-income individuals who have developed a viable business plan.



Homebuyer Utilizes Community Loan Fund to Purchase Home Rehabilitated in Conjunction with Mahoning County Land Bank

On Friday, August 21, Christian Roland, a first-time homebuyer, purchased a home revitalized by YNDC in conjunction with the Mahoning County Land Bank in the Idora neighborhood on Youngstown's South Side. Christian participated in the organization's HUD-approved housing counseling program to prepare for homeownership and was approved for a loan from YNDC's Community Loan Fund.

STRATEGIC ACQUISITION & REHAB

Land Bank and YNDC Partner to Revitalize Tax Delinquent Vacant Homes

In early 2015, YNDC and the Mahoning County Land Bank began a partnership to rehabilitate tax delinquent vacant homes throughout the City of Youngstown. Through the partnership the Land Bank acquires the property through tax foreclosure. The property is then rehabilitated by YNDC and sold to a homeowner. The first property completed was 778 Sherwood Avenue, which was rehabilitated this spring and recently sold. The second property located at 3215 Neosho Road is currently being rehabilitated and many more tax delinquent vacant homes are in tax foreclosure and will be renovated by YNDC once the Land Bank acquires them.

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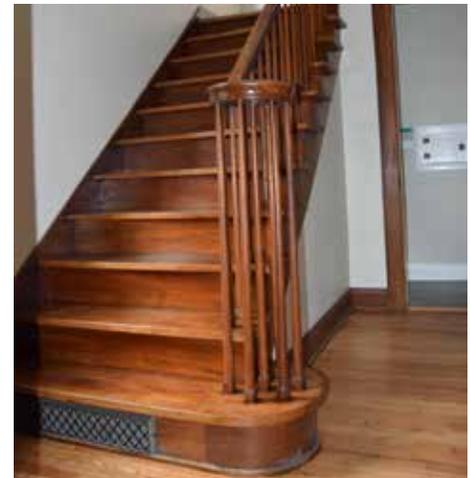
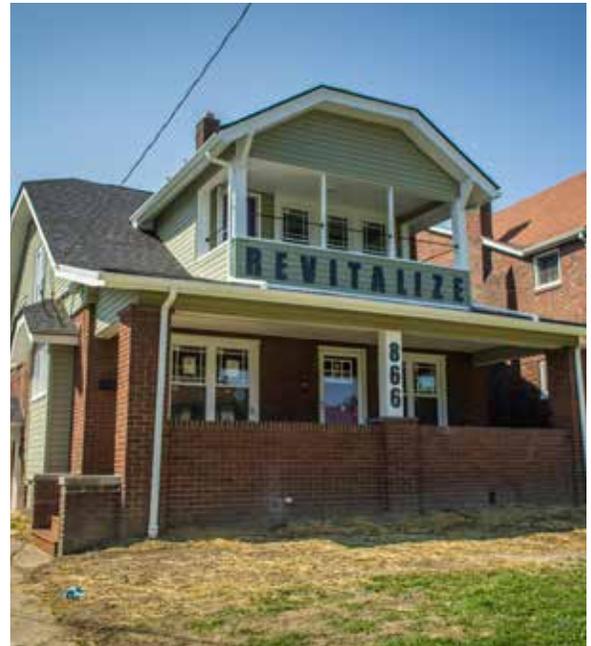
- 866 Canfield RENTED
- 3225 Neosho SOLD
- 3215 Neosho FOR SALE

In Progress

- 650 Clearmount
- 728 Linwood
- 928 Canfield
- 1166 Park Hill
- 3309 Glenwood
- 3402 Lenox
- 3636 Glenmere

Acquisition

- 1166 Park Hill
- 3309 Glenwood



PAINT YOUNGSTOWN



25 Willis: Roof, Gutters and Downspouts, Paint



Limited Repair Projects Completed

- 25 Willis
- 335 Breden
- 465 Sunshine
- 630 West Heights
- 638 Parkcliff
- 562 Parkcliff
- 1964 Bancroft
- 2060 Thalia

YNDC has completed outreach for its Paint Youngstown limited-repair program for the 2015-2016 grant period. Four projects have been identified in each of the City of Youngstown's seven wards, and eight of these projects have been completed to date. The program is funded by an allocation of CDBG funds from the City of Youngstown, which will be utilized to leverage additional funding from the FHLB NIP program provided through Talmer Bank & Trust to increase impact.



465 Sunshine: Roof, Gutters and Downspouts, Paint, Chimney Stabilization



Additionally, YNDC has identified 7 owner-occupied full rehab projects. One project will be completed in each of the City of Youngstown's seven wards this year. The program is funded by an allocation of HOME funds from the City of Youngstown, which will be utilized to leverage additional funding from the FHLB NIP program provided through Talmer Bank & Trust to increase impact.



630 W. Heights: Roof and Paint



PAINT YOUNGSTOWN



638 Parkcliff: Roof



1964 Bancroft: Roof and Paint



2060 Thalia: Roof, Gutters and Downspouts, Paint, Chimney Stabilization



PLANNING & PARTNERSHIPS

Taft School Micro Plan Catalyzes Immediate Neighborhood Improvement

Since the creation of the Taft Elementary School Micro Plan in October 2014, much work has been accomplished in a short time. The plan identified priorities for improving conditions for both residents and students, including addressing blighted homes, deteriorated infrastructure, and safety concerns. Soon after the plan's completion, nearby residents and volunteers came together on Martin Luther King Day in January 2015, to clean up and secure 13 vacant properties immediately around the school. Throughout the winter, YNDC staff collaborated with the Youngstown City School District, Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, and City of Youngstown departments to prepare a grant application to ODOT's Safe Routes to School program, which funds infrastructure improvements near schools to increase safety and encourage students to walk and bike to school. The city's application was approved for \$200,000 and improvements will be made in 2018.

As part of the program, the City's Health Department gave a safety presentation to students and bicycle helmets, provided by ODOT, were distributed to students on National Walk and Bike to School Day. The school operates a 4H program, which received funding from the Raymond John Wean Foundation's Neighborhood SUCCESS Grant program to transform a vacant lot across from the school into a community garden and during the spring, YNDC's AmeriCorps VISTA members worked with the 4H club to get the garden ready for planting. In order to address blighted homes around the school, the City formed an innovative partnership with the 910 Airlift Wing of the Air Force Reserve to demolish 12 abandoned structures. This partnership is not only the first of its kind in Youngstown, but likely the first in the nation.

Welcome to the Glenwood Corridor Sign Installed

YNDC has installed a large Welcome to the Glenwood Corridor sign at Midlothian Boulevard and Glenwood Avenue to welcome travelers entering the City of Youngstown. The sign continues the ongoing improvements that have taken place along the Glenwood Avenue Corridor over the past four years. The sign was funded by the Ohio Capital Impact Corporation's Place Based Strategies Fund.

Two New Splash Pads for Youngstown Parks

A new splash pad has been installed in John White Park, on the East Side, just off of McGuffey Rd. Construction will soon begin on a second splash pad in Homestead Park, on the South Side. The splash pads include water features, such as jets, that shoot water, providing a place for kids to play during the hot summer months. The splash pads are ADA-accessible and can be used by children regardless of ability level. YNDC and the City of Youngstown worked together to submit a grant application to the Hine Fund, administered by the Youngstown Foundation, which was funded for \$35,000.



Citywide Grass Cutting Operation on Pace to Triple Per Year Cut Totals

YNDC's citywide grass cutting operation began in late April 2015, after being contracted by the City of Youngstown to mow grass at unmaintained vacant homes. As of September 30, 2015 more than 8,000 unique cuts have been completed at vacant homes and the cutting continues. The teams are on pace to more than triple the outcome of previous years. The program successfully trained 11 at-risk young adults with skills in professional landscaping and provided them with gainful employment throughout the summer in partnership with Mahoning Columbiana Training Association.



PLANNING & PARTNERSHIPS

First Better Block Held on Saturday on Mahoning Avenue

The first Better Block event in Youngstown was held on Saturday, September 26, on Mahoning Avenue on the West Side. The street was completely transformed for the day with bike lanes, street trees, outdoor seating, live music, a farmer's market, a cafe, and two art galleries. The goal of the event was to show the potential of Mahoning Avenue, highlight local artists and businesses, and spur more permanent improvements in the future. Future Better Block events will be held on the North, South, and East Sides. The events are modeled after other successful Better Block events that have been held in cities across the country over the past few years. The NOMA Better Block will take place on Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3. The Midlothian Better Block will take place on Sunday, October 25, and a Better Block will be planned for the East Side in the spring of 2016.



NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION TEAMS

Indian Village Neighborhood Revitalization Efforts Gain Momentum

In winter 2013, YNDC developed the Indian Village Housing Action Plan. Since the plan was completed, the following work has been completed on Kiwatha Road, Neosho Road, Anoka Lane, and Glenwood Avenue from Canfield Road to Midlothian Boulevard: seven occupied homes have received substantive repairs, five single family homes have been rehabilitated, two additional vacant homes rehabilitations are in predevelopment, the planning for the long overdue renovation of the Clearmont Apartments has been completed, eight homes have been demolished with three more demolitions pending, five homes have been secured, and ten vacant lots have been cleaned and greened. A neighborhood welcome sign has also been installed in the neighborhood. Additional improvements are planned for the neighborhood including new street signage, banners, and other improvements to enhance the neighborhood's historic character and charm. Currently YNDC has two homes for sale on Neosho Road in Indian Village.



Upper West Side Residents Review Action Plan

On Wednesday, August 5th, Upper West Side residents gathered at the Grace Evangelistic Temple Church on Mahoning Ave. to review the action plan for the neighborhood, which was presented by YNDC and the City of Youngstown. The Upper West Side Action Plan outlines a strategy for dealing with each blighted property in the neighborhood, as well as recommendations for infrastructure improvement, crime reduction, and encouraging economic development along Mahoning Ave. Residents expressed concerns about specific vacant properties with issues, but also offered to help implement the goals outlined in the plan by assisting with community workdays and being part of the neighborhood action team.



Residents Pack House to Begin Greater McGuffey Revitalization

On Thursday, August 27, YNDC presented the McGuffey Road Corridor Action Plan at a special meeting of the Northeast Homeowners and Concerned Citizens Association at the Price Memorial AME Zion Church. More than 100 were in attendance to review the Action Plan and provide feedback. The Action Plan, developed with resident input, detailed property surveys, and data analysis, seeks to improve housing and property conditions, improve infrastructure, reduce crime, and encourage economic development. The plan focuses on McGuffey Road itself, as well as neighborhoods around MLK Elementary School, John White Park, and East High School. A site plan for the future re-use of the former McGuffey Plaza was also discussed. Residents expressed concern about the appearance of the site, quality of life issues, and specific properties needing demolition.



AMERICORPS REVITALIZE TEAM

YNDC REVITALIZE AmeriCorps Project a Success for Youngstown's Neighborhoods

From September 2, 2014 through September 1, 2015, 10 AmeriCorps members, all Youngstown residents, committed a year of service to to YNDC to board up, clean-up, repair, and rehabilitate vacant properties in our city's neighborhoods. Over the course of this year, these AmeriCorps REVITALIZE team members boarded up and cleaned up 482 vacant homes in over a dozen neighborhoods across the city and rehabilitated 13 vacant and previously abandoned housing units. Seven AmeriCorps members successfully completed their full year of service and earned a Segal

Education Award, which can help to pay for tuition at college or trade school to further their careers. Six of these members have renewed their service commitment for a second year.

The success and impact of the program's first year led both the City of Youngstown and ServeOhio to increase support for the project for the 2015-2016 program year. The YNDC REVITALIZE AmeriCorps program now hosts 13 AmeriCorps members and has an expanded scope of service. New activities include cutting grass for the city's nearly 3,000 vacant and unmaintained vacant homes and additional rehabilitation work that helps to increase the construction skills of the members and expand YNDC's capacity to rehabilitate more houses.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation Statement of Financial Income & Expense*

January 1 through September 30, 2015

	Jan 1 - Sep 30, 2015
Ordinary Income/ Expense	
Income	
Foundations & Banks	323,539.37
Direct Public Support	65,237.68
Government Grants & Contracts	1,084,199.54
Indirect Public Support	335.44
Investments	742.62
Other Types of Income	3,660.17
Program Income	756,126.84
Total Income	<u>2,233,841.66</u>
Gross Profit	2,233,841.66
Expense	
Payroll	96,363.12
Payroll Expenses	30,979.64
Facilities & Equipment	11,338.69
Operations	20,929.70
Insurance & Benefits	25,614.24
Meetings	889.25
Contract Services	35,368.25
Conferences & Seminars	6,257.80
Program Expense	1,680,773.14
Total Expense	<u>1,908,513.83</u>
Net Ordinary Income	325,327.83
Net Income	<u>325,052.83</u>

*Unearned Grant Receivables - \$1,963,279.89



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