

Good Neighborhoods Locations



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The Skillman Foundation's Good Neighborhoods program is a 10-year \$100-million program that provides full-scale support to six Detroit neighborhoods where 65,000 children live.

Cody/Rouge Community Goal:

All children live in a village where they are safe, healthy, educated and have access to unlimited resources.

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Olivet College, through the National Civility Center, has been involved with the work of the Foundation in the Cody/Rouge neighborhood to engage citizens and business leaders with youth. By establishing meaningful connections with corporate and community leaders, youth will be empowered to change the culture in the Cody/Rouge area.

Olivet College – founded in 1844 – has a guiding principle to provide students with the means of intellectual, moral and spiritual improvement, and to teach them the Devine art and science of doing good to others. The National Civility Center is a not-for-profit organization established in 2000 to help people make their communities better places to live. They believe a comprehensive approach to community improvement can help community members and organizations before more effective at solving tough social issues.

Working together with a \$40,000 grant from the Foundation, the two will implement new partnerships through a series of discovery dialogues among youth, teachers, parents, business leaders and community members to work toward overall community improvement for this neighborhood. Partnerships are developed through a dialogue process that is designed to be solution-oriented.

Brightmoor

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Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc. is a Michigan nonprofit, the largest provider of free legal services to the indigent in Michigan, and one of the largest in the United States. Its mission is to provide comprehensive, aggressive legal advocacy and representation for residents of metropolitan Detroit.

Understanding the legal system and an individual's duties and rights is crucial to the development of youth into lawful, civically engaged advocates for justice. Therefore, Legal Aid and Defender Association will commit itself to a year-round, after-school program for youth, ages 14-17, modeled on the nationally respected Street Law program.

The Foundation has made a 2-year \$125,000 grant to support a comprehensive neighborhood law-based, after-school program that will teach young people to practice critical thinking, problem-solving and peer-mediation training. Youth and their families will be versed in their legal rights and responsibilities. Positive experiences with law enforcement and the legal system can and will result in an empowered, safer community.

Cody/Rouge



Cody/Rouge's 1st Annual Family Fun Day - held at St. Suzanne Faith & Friendship Center in Detroit-- was a glorious success as witnessed by sisters Vazhane Sawyers, 10(L) and Tahja Sawyers, 8.

Brightmoor Community Goal:

All Brightmoor youth will have access to and participate in a range of year-round programs during non-school hours that encourage academic growth and positive social development.

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