

As 2016 comes to an end, the CrossRoads family would like to share what we've been up to over the past several months, and to ask for your continued support of our mission to revitalize Grier Heights.



A NEIGHBORHOOD AT A CROSSROADS

Despite the controversy and divisiveness that have plagued our city and our nation in recent months, it has been a year of positive change and momentum for the Grier Heights neighborhood. Check out what the CrossRoads staff, Board Members, Grier Heights residents, our partners, and volunteers have been up to!

Don Gately, Executive Director

With the help of faithful supporters and many dedicated volunteers, CrossRoads' positive impact in Grier Heights has grown each year since our founding in 2008. We look forward to the continued expansion of our revitalization efforts, and most importantly, to the formation of more and deeper relationships within this great community.

We believe that as 2016 draws to a close, Grier Heights is A NEIGHBORHOOD AT A CROSSROADS. One way lies the status quo - a lack of economic opportunity, and development that results in the displacement of long-time residents. The other way affords increased opportunity for the almost 3,200 adults and children through mixed income housing, job training and placement services, education and enrichment for youth and adults, and a strong sense of community.

With your continued support, all of the CrossRoads family and our partners in Grier Heights will continue to work with and for the residents of this historic neighborhood. Thank you, and best wishes for 2017.



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Bulldogs do matter

The CrossRoads family enjoyed getting to know the dedicated directors of the Bulldogs Matter Program at this year's annual Christmas party. Many thanks to this talented group of educators. They work with CrossRoads to administer, plan, and teach the 60 children who attend the Bulldogs Matter after school program. Under the leadership of CrossRoads Program Director Bekah Bowen, they also coordinate enrichment programming and provide emotional support to students with the goal of enhancing their skills and empowering them to set and reach goals.



Empowering young women

In fall, 2016, CrossRoads entered a new partnership with the nonprofit Mama Hope as a site for a youth entrepreneurship program to be lead by intern Jania Massey. The teenage girls who applied and were accepted into this new initiative have spent the past 3 months bonding as a family while learning about business development, finance, marketing, legal issues, and more. Stay tuned for a planned business launch in 2017!

[Interview with Jania](#)



Opportunities for change

In partnership with The Urban League of Central Carolinas and CPCC, the Grier Heights Community Center hosted its first in a series of year-round job preparedness, high school equivalency, and computer skills classes. We congratulate and stand with the graduates as they pursue the next steps of their journeys. Much gratitude to Wells Fargo for its sponsorship of this vitally important initiative!



2016 Humanitarian Award

CrossRoads is proud to share that on December 16, Don Gately, Executive Director, was honored by the Housing Opportunity Foundation with its 2016 Humanitarian Award. Nominated by CrossRoads' housing development partner, Jim Burbank of JCB Urban, Don was recognized for his leadership, impact, and commitment to mixed income housing and the Grier Heights Community.

[Housing Opportunity Foundation Press Release](#)



Housing North Carolina Award

In October, the Elizabeth Heights development in Grier Heights was one of five housing developments to receive the Housing North Carolina Award for excellence in affordable housing. Winning developments were selected for affordability, design, sustainability, community contribution, resident services, and creative partnerships. Thank you to CrossRoads' partners Self-Help Community Development Corp. and the City of Charlotte for helping raise the level of home ownership in Grier Heights!

[Housing North Carolina Press Release](#)



Support Us for 2017!

Providing after school, mentoring, and entrepreneurship programs for youth, enrichment initiatives for children, classes for adults, and mixed income housing for new homeowners all require significant financial resources. Operating a community center, renting office space, and maintaining the staff necessary to offer opportunities that so many of us take for granted also require funding. **Please consider a generous gift to support our ongoing journey with our neighbors in Grier Heights.**

Checks can be mailed to our address below, or click on the button to make a donation via PayPal.



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