



MISSION STATEMENT

Central Dallas Ministries seeks to share the love of God in word, action and attitude while building genuine community in the neighborhoods where we live and work.

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Central Dallas Ministries looks forward to a day when every resident of the neighborhoods where we live and work would benefit from being a vital part of a fully functioning community where opportunity, fairness, hope and overall well being is available to everyone.

OUR PHILOSOPHY: BUILDING BLOCKS OF COMMUNITY

Our vision and our mission are informed by philosophical principles that are extremely important to us.

- **We believe in the ability of people to solve their own problems when given access to opportunity and resources.**
- **We believe the resources within a community are adequate to *initiate* genuine renewal and redevelopment.**
- **We devote ourselves to the discovery and mobilization of individual and community resources and capacities.**
- **We believe in partnership and collaboration, and therefore hold all of the resources at our disposal with an open hand.**
- **We believe racial reconciliation is a prerequisite for genuine community renewal.**
- **We believe that our walk with God will always lead us into the community around us.**
- **We accept people where we find them, and, as friendships develop, we work to engage human potential with new opportunity.**
- **We believe “re-neighboring” will be an important part of community development and renewal. As a result, a number of our team will always live in the communities where we work.**
- **We believe charity must be replaced by compassionate community building as a basic strategy.**
- **We believe for community to thrive the institutions that make genuine community possible must be renewed, including the primary “foreground” institutions of home, school and communities of faith.**
- **We believe the public, private and faith and community-based organizations of a city must all play important roles in community redevelopment.**
- **We believe it better to teach a man to fish rather than to give him a fish, but best of all is “pond ownership.”**
- **We believe in the value of both chaos and ownership. Chaos allows room for lively faith. Ownership brings the correct players together to affect change in a community.**