

Communities First, Inc.

Empowering People, Building Communities



Who We Are

- **Communities First, Inc., (CFI) is 501(c)3 non-profit community development corporation**
- **Founded in Flint in 2010**
- **Guided by equity, innovation and collaboration**
- **Responding to immediate community needs**
- **Prioritizing health and human-centered design**

Our Mission

To build healthy, vibrant communities through economic development, affordable housing, and innovative programming.

Our Impact

- **Serving Michigan and Indiana**
- **Approximately 35,000 individuals served annually**
- **Over 500 units of safe, affordable housing**
- **Generated more than \$60 million in community investments**
- **250 team members volunteer 5,000+ hours**

Engaged Communities

Innovative Arts, Culture, and Environmental Programming



Movies Under the Stars

Flint | Saginaw | Detroit



African American Film Series

Flint & Virtual



Culture Shock



Step-Up Pick-Up

ARISE DETROIT
Be Part of the Change

14TH ANNUAL
NEIGHBORHOODS DAY

Clean-Up

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 1, 2020
9 AM - 11 AM**

Meeting at:
12801 Kercheval Ave.
Detroit, MI 48215

Limited to 10 participants
Bring own mask or
PPE provided

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 For more information visit
communitiesfirstinc.org.



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**EARTH WEEK
CFI KICK-OFF**

GET THE MOST STEPS IN & TRASH
TO BECOME A LITTER CHAMPION!

★ MEET US AT BELLE ISLE

★ MEET UP



DETROIT RIVER

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0 500 ft 1000 ft

YOU'RE INVITED!

WHAT: EARTH WEEK CLEAN UP
STEP-UP ACTIVITY

WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021
11:00 AM EST

REGISTER:

MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED.
PEDEOMETERS AND SUPPLIES PROVIDED.

Civic Engagement



ELECTION DATE:
November 2nd, 2021

- Check your registration
- Receive information about races on your ballot
- Get reminders of important dates
- Find polling place information
- Receive information about voting by mail

PLEASE VISIT
OR SCAN TO
REGISTER



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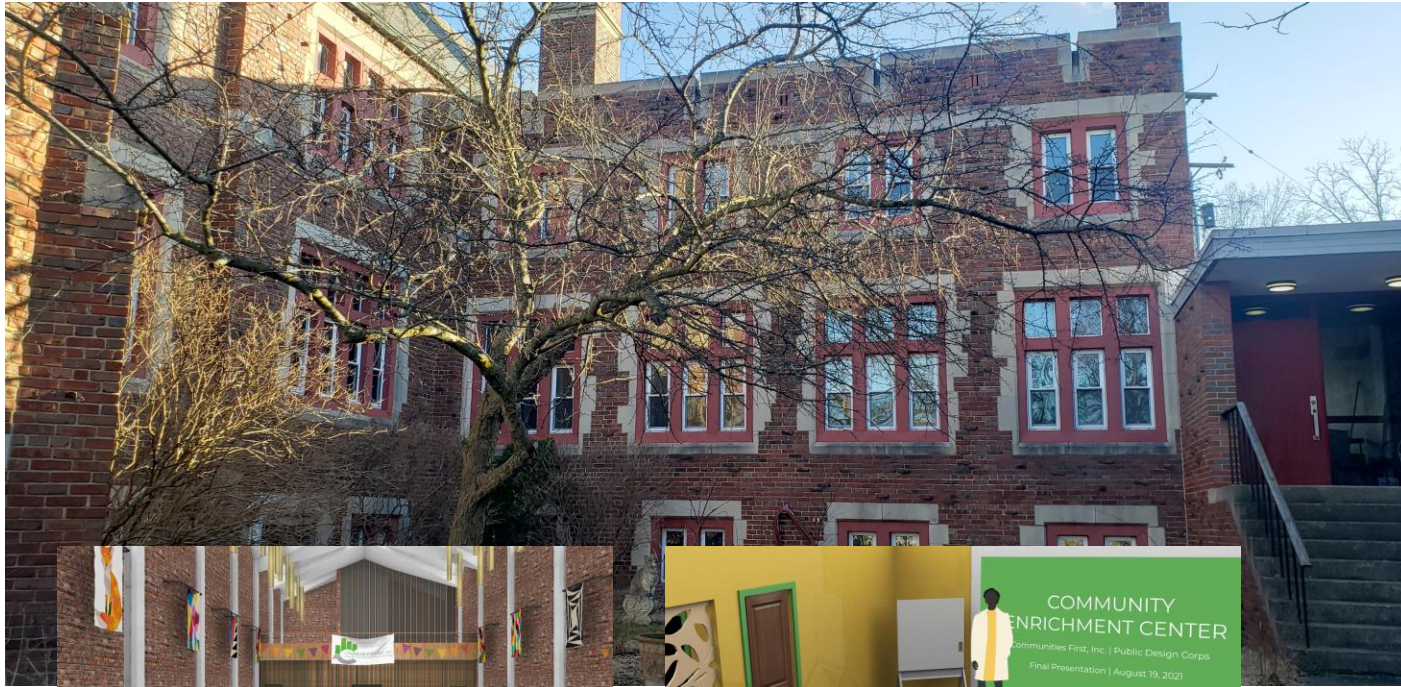


Tenant Programs



Community Enrichment Center (CEC)

Under Renovation



Economic Mobility

Financial Literacy, Resiliency, and Small Business Support



Community Candor



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RENEE KENT
MODERATOR
Special Project Manager,
Communities First, Inc.

SPEAKERS:

DAVID G. WATKINS
PANELIST
Community Development Officer
Level One Bank

GLENN WILSON
PANELIST
President & CEO,
Communities First, Inc.

TOPIC: Learn to Spot A Scam

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020
12:00PM – 1:00PM

The sessions will be presented live
on the Communities First, Inc.

REGISTER HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/cfibuildingwealth>

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Renee Kent, Director of Special Projects

Demetra Liggins

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Foodie Commons @ the Flower Shop

Ongoing programs and active renovation planning



Flint Masonic Temple

Under Renovation



Equitable Real Estate

Community Development, Affordable Housing, and Rehabilitation



State of Housing in Michigan

- **We see today dramatic shortages of housing in our state.**
 - **Today our state is short 190,000 units of housing needed to meet the demands of our current population.**
 - **48% of Michigan renters and 18% of Michigan homeowners pay too much for housing (over 30% of their income).**
 - **The average number of building permits for new construction issued between 2016 and 2020 is less than half of what it was between 1986 and 2006.**
 - **8,997 Michiganders are experiencing homelessness.**
 - **1,335 experiencing unsheltered homelessness.**

State of Housing in Michigan

- **The impact of the housing shortage is real and measurable:**
 - From 2013-2021, the average sale price for a home in Michigan grew by 84%.
 - The number of homes for sale in Michigan decreased by 42% from 2010 to 2019 (compared to 33% nationally).
 - The number of homes for rent decreased by 40% from 2010 to 2019 (compared to 15% nationally).

Coolidge Park Apartments, Flint

Rehabilitation & New Construction



Oak Street Apartments, Flint

Rehabilitation



Swayze Court Apartments, Flint

Rehabilitation & New Construction



Berkley Place Apartments, Flint

Rehabilitation & New Construction



The Grand on University, Flint

Rehabilitation



Georgia Manor Apartments, Flint

Rehabilitation



Avon Park Apartments, Flint

Acquisition



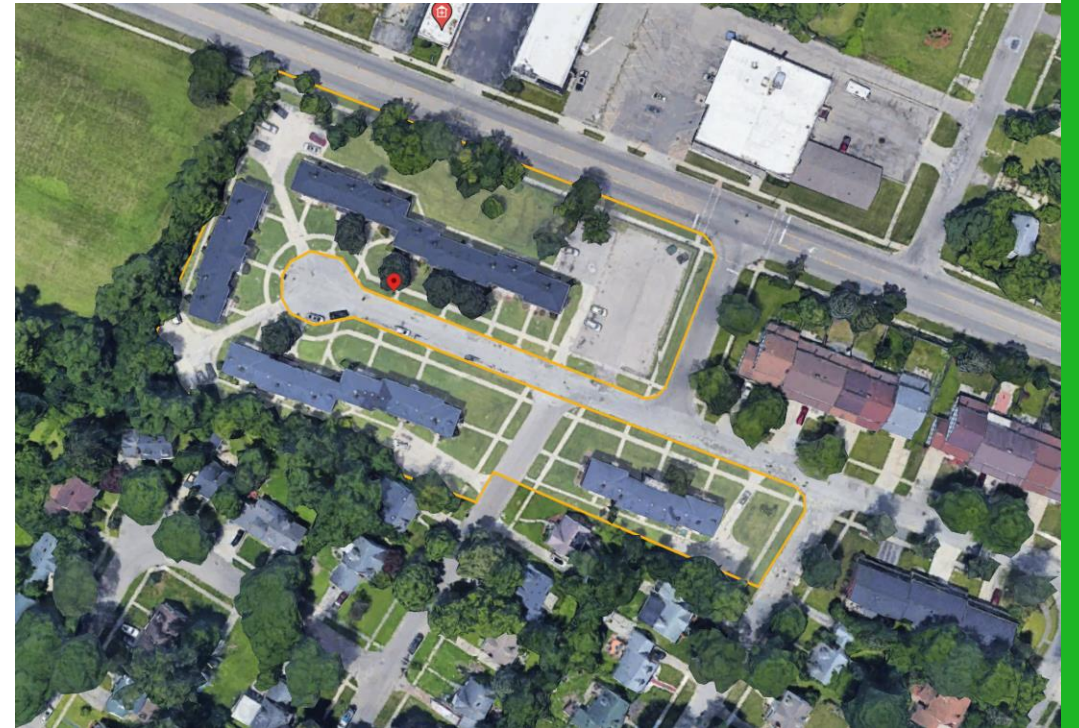
Phillip-Dean Apartments, Lansing

Acquisition



Orchard Lane Apartments, Flint

Renovation



Gray Street Apartments, Detroit

Acquisition



Orchard Lane and Orchard Manor, Flint

New Construction



Coming Soon

- **Holcomb School, Detroit (Senior Family Residence and Daycare)**
- **130 E Grand Blvd, Detroit (Mixed-Use Multi-Family Residence)**
- **11410 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc (Mixed-Use Multi-Family Residence)**
- **Marian Hall, Flint (Mixed-Use Multi-Family Residence)**

Personal Stories

- We wanted to share two brief stories of tenants and what having stable, affordable, reliable housing has done for them.
 - Antionette Buckley
 - Ken Kittel



What Would Help?

- **Strongly Support HB 4062 and 4063 – Banning Discrimination Based on the Source of Income.**
- **Land Use Reform – Many communities explicitly ban the most affordable types of housing, driving up construction costs and ultimately, rents and sales prices.**
- **Additional funding**
 - **Median sale price of a home in Michigan is \$246,800. Even in lower cost metros like Flint, construction costs for single family homes regularly approach or exceed \$300,000.**

Thank you.

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