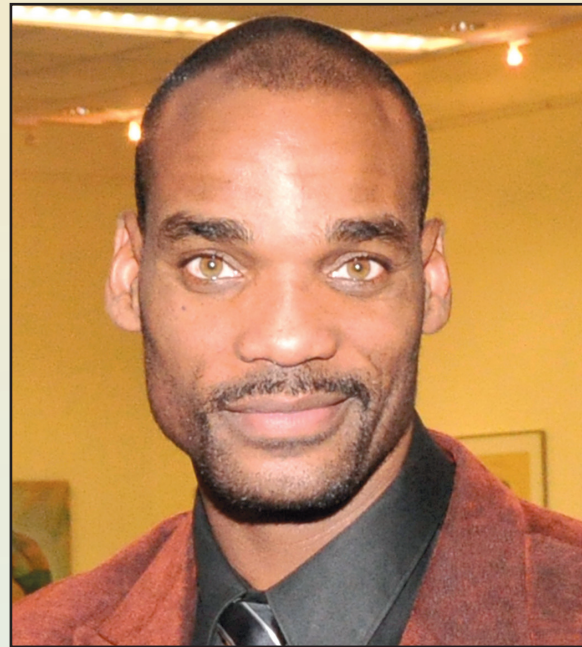




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The Kresge Foundation, under their Innovative Project Grant, funded Black Family Development, Inc. (BFDI) \$150,000 to work in collaboration with community residents to transform the physical appearance of the Osborn Community (zip code 48205) through the mobilization of over 5,000 volunteers for a six-day omnibus community clean-up during the week of August 3 – 8, 2015. Kresge funding will allow for needed resources and the purchase of equipment, tools and supplies to complete the six-day major clean-up and fix-up campaign. Funding will also support the development of short and long term, block-by-block land use plans for Osborn neighborhoods, as described in the Detroit Future City Framework.

BFDI, in partnership with Life Remodeled, Osborn neighborhood block clubs and associations, and Osborn Neighborhood Alliance (ONA), will expand the six day clean-up into a yearlong community revitalization campaign, which includes remodeling homes, remodeling Osborn High School, eliminating blight, and providing on the job training for youth volunteers.

The commitment to strengthen neighborhoods like Osborn, empower residents to partner in managing their community, and improve outcomes for children, began 10 years ago with major investments from The Skillman Foundation's Good Neighborhoods Initiative. "It began 10 years ago with a vision, commitment and major goal established by residents of the Osborn Community

which stated: 'Families will have all the support and resources they need to make their children successful in life', and the goal was expanded with the infusion of the Promise Neighborhoods vision: 'All children in the Detroit Clark Park/Osborn Promise Neighborhoods will have access to excellent schools, positive youth development opportunities, graduate from high school on time, and be prepared for college without the need for remediation courses; and, families will have all the support and resources they need to make their children successful in life,'" states Alice G. Thompson, CEO, Black Family Development, Inc.

Black Family Development, Inc., since its inception in 1978, has remained committed to reviving the spirit of community in our neighborhoods, building community capacity to respond to the needs of the neighborhoods, and improving outcomes for children and families. Neighborhoods can significantly influence the vision of who one is and what they may hope to become. A child's physical environment – the actual neighborhood in which they live and those who reside within it – may create the initial impression of their prospects for the future. "We desire for children in Osborn to have a greater vision of themselves in a world full of potential and opportunity," states Alice G. Thompson.

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