

WESTEND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (Westend CDF) ~ 061520

Westend Community Development Foundation (Westend CDF) is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit serving the Westend and entire community in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Formed in June 2020 to inspire a generous culture of philanthropy and service in which people work collaboratively to build a thriving and caring community now and forever. The Westend CDF directs the development of public and private funds to exceed community goals and expectations.

ABOUT WESTEND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (Westend CDF)

Our **Mission:** Improve the quality of life and erect a “**Westend Community Empowerment Center**” which promotes the health and well-being of the entire community. The Center provides opportunities for persons of all ages to participate in recreational, social, educational, cultural, and community activities.

Our **Vision:** Create a strong sustainable community where disadvantaged children, families and businesses achieve their highest capacities.

Our **Goal:** Revitalize the community and create economic growth through strategic and relevant programming out of a centralized location, which offers cohesion, unity, and opportunity for all residents and empowers our youth and young adults to build productive futures.

Our **Promise:** An unwavering commitment to community.

In 2025, we commence construction of the **Westend Community Empowerment Center (WCEC)**, a youth recreational and economic empowerment community center. The project includes a youth recreational facility and an economic empowerment center designed to meet the core needs of opportunity in a disadvantaged community, where the cycle of poverty and the opportunity gap experienced by low-income families has historically prevailed.

ABOUT Westend Community Empowerment Center (WCEC). Our rich & proud heritage of the Westend and Southend of New Bedford is a story that needs to be told, displayed, and archived. The families, the heroes, the culture, the accomplishments past, present, and future...provide vision, hope, and direction for each new generation. The WCEC is a must stop attraction for tourists visiting Southeastern Massachusetts.

WCEC Vision: *Building Stronger Community ~ foster a sense of community pride and provide a platform for extraordinary events.*

Overall WCEC Goals:

- *Create Legacy, Empowerment & Pride*
- *Provide A Place for Community Gathering & Experience*
- *Showcase Historical Events, Achievements, and Community Heroes*
- *Archive & Preserve Westend and Southend Community History*



Westend Community Empowerment Center (WCEC) merges residential and commercial properties into a place that gives our community revitalized character. WCEC creates a great opportunity for our community members and leaders to mobilize and make strategic investments of time, talent, and treasure to meet the needs of the Westend and New Bedford Community entire.

Once you choose hope, anything is possible. – Christopher Reeves