

2025 IMPACT REPORT

Message from the President & CEO

This year marked a powerful beginning for Life Changing CDC. With the official launch of our organization and the successful attainment of our 501(c)(3) status, we laid a strong foundation for meaningful, community-centered impact. Our work is centered around our three pillars: Affordable Housing, Education, and Economic Development.

In our first year, we invested in scholarships for three HBCU students, helping remove financial barriers and supporting their journey toward academic and professional success. We also advanced our affordable housing mission by providing gap funding support to developers, strengthening the pipeline of quality, attainable housing in underserved communities.

Additionally, our financial literacy courses equipped families with practical tools to navigate credit, budgeting, and homeownership, empowering them to build stability and long-term wealth.

This year's achievements reflect the strength of our mission and the belief of our partners, donors, and supporters who joined us from day one. Life Changing CDC was built to close gaps, expand opportunity, and transform lives, and in our inaugural year, we proved what intentional action can accomplish.

Thank you for believing in this work. The best is yet to come!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Leysath". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "J" and "L".

Jonathan Leysath
President & CEO





Men participating in a financial literacy workshop focused on budgeting, credit, and long-term stability.



Families participating in our financial literacy workshop designed to build confidence and knowledge.

OUR MISSION

Life Changing Community Development Corporation (CDC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building stronger, sustainable communities in Jacksonville and beyond.

Anchored by the pillars of Affordable Housing, Education, and Economic Development, we are reshaping lives and neighborhoods through strategic initiatives that create real, lasting change.

From helping families achieve homeownership, to delivering financial literacy programs, to empowering entrepreneurs with tools for success, Life Changing CDC is equipping individuals and communities with the resources they need to thrive.

When communities are empowered, lives are transformed and futures are changed forever.

OUR **PILLARS**



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Expanding affordable housing through strategic partnerships, education, innovative development, and Down Payment Assistance programs.



EDUCATION

Offering financial literacy workshops, mentorship programs, and high-quality learning experiences that drive educational and economic mobility.



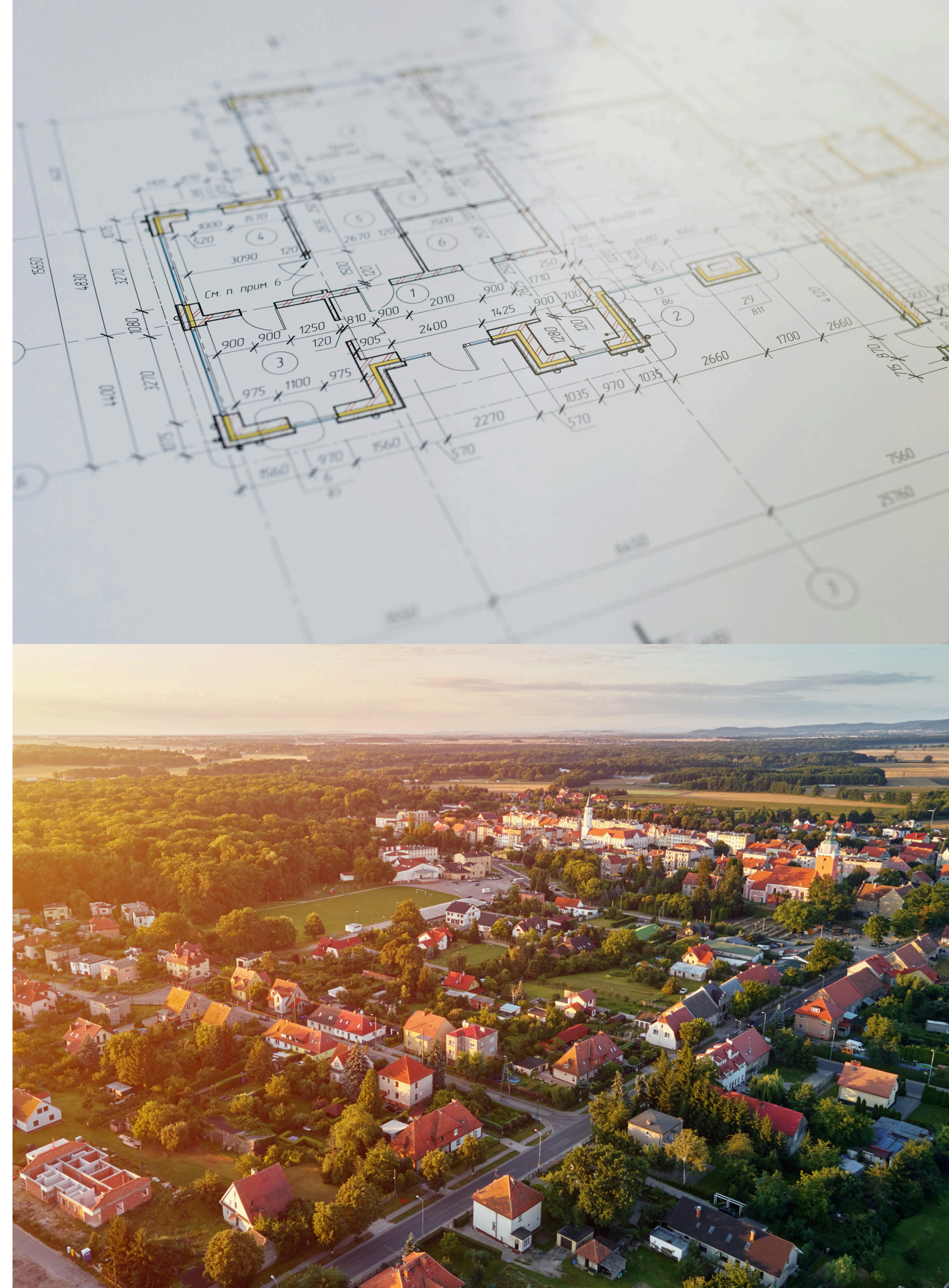
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Supporting small businesses, promoting access to capital, and championing community-driven economic growth for lasting prosperity.

501(C)(3)
Status Acquired

2025 **ACHIEVEMENTS**

The official launch of our organization and the attainment of our 501(c)(3) status represented a defining milestone in our journey. This achievement formalized our mission, strengthened our organizational structure, and opened the door to expanded funding opportunities, partnerships, and community engagement. With this foundation in place, we are positioned to grow our programs, increase our reach, and create lasting, measurable impact in the communities we serve.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

50+
Families Served

COMMUNITY IMPACT

We advanced our affordable housing mission by providing gap funding support to developers, helping strengthen the pipeline of quality yet attainable housing in underserved communities.

Alongside this work, our financial literacy courses equipped families with practical tools for credit, budgeting, and homeownership, empowering them to make informed financial decisions and build long-term stability.

\$3,000
Invested in
HBCU STUDENTS

EDUCATION ACCESS OPPORTUNITY

In our inaugural year, we awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to HBCU students, easing financial burdens and affirming our commitment to educational access and opportunity. These scholarships represent more than financial support; they are an investment in the potential, leadership, and future impact of each student.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
Voorhees University



REBECCA WILLIAMS
Founder/Board Member

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

FRUIT OF BARREN TREES



Fruit of Barren Trees Pipeline Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization focused on the holistic revitalization of low-income neighborhoods into desirable, thriving communities through housing, workforce development, and environmental stewardship.

Through its partnership with Life Changing Community Development Corporation, the organization has advanced its affordable housing efforts by expanding its network of partners, funders, and donors while accelerating the rehabilitation of a three-bedroom, two-bathroom single-family home. This home is currently used to house teachers from Duval County Public Schools International Cohorts at Mt. Herman Exceptional Student Center, supporting both workforce stability and community revitalization efforts.

FROM VISION TO RENOVATION

In Q2 2026, Fruit of Barren Trees Pipeline Inc. will continue its partnership with Life Changing CDC to equip teachers and other working professionals with financial literacy education and resources designed to support mortgage pre-approval and pathways to homeownership.

This initiative will serve the 32209, 32208, and 32206 zip codes, targeting individuals earning 80%–120% of Area Median Income (AMI). By prioritizing rehabilitation as an alternative to new construction, the organization aims to expand elevated affordability while supporting the transition from low-income to mixed-income neighborhoods and promoting long-term financial stability.



Before: Property condition prior to renovation.



After: Completed rehabilitation supporting workforce housing.

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

JACKSONVILLE POLICY ENGAGEMENT GROUP



Life Changing Community Development Corporation has supported the Jacksonville Policy Engagement Group (JPEG) since its founding. By providing us with funding for supplies and attending our local events, LCCDC has been a consistent friend and collaborator to ensure we can accomplish our mission.

The supplies and food needed for our strategic planning session was especially helpful. We spent the day brainstorming ideas for JPEG, revising our mission, and assigning roles to our 12 team members. Without the support of LCCDC, we would not have been able to accomplish all we did and kept our team motivated and engaged. Ultimately, LCCDC is aligned with JPEG in reaching and serving more community members through action and civic engagement.

RHIANNA SCYSTER
Founder



Jacksonville Policy Engagement Group Team



LOOKING AHEAD

Our 2026 Goals

BUILDING ON OUR FOUNDATION

5 GAP FUNDING PROJECTS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

We seek to support at least five affordable housing developments through gap funding, helping move projects forward and strengthen access to quality, attainable housing in underserved communities.

HBCU TOUR

We aim to launch HBCU campus tours to expose students to educational, professional, and leadership opportunities while fostering early awareness of financial literacy, career pathways, and community impact.

\$5,000 IN SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

In the coming year, we plan to increase our scholarship investment to \$5,000, expanding access to financial support for HBCU students and continuing our commitment to reducing barriers to higher education.

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*Together, we're building stronger
neighborhoods, transforming lives, and
creating lasting change.*

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