

Unity In The Family Mission Statement

UITFM a 501(c) 3 organization that developed and embraces a model for community partnership. Our mission is to assist underserved communities by providing assistance in social justice, economic development, job training, and an advocate on issues related to environmental and climate justice. UITFM offers training resources in at-risk youth, cultural diversity and human relations intervention.

UNITY IN THE FAMILY MINISTRY REACHING OUT TO HELP



Unity In The Family Ministry Propose

Unity In The Family Ministry, Inc, is a 501(c) 3 tax exempt nonprofit organization that was established to give individuals in our community the ability to reconcile relationships with their families and community. This reconciliation will occur by men and women regaining power over their life controlling problems such as drugs, sex, alcohol, food, gambling, compulsive behavior, work, emotional or social dysfunctions, or any substance and/or behavior that they cannot stop in spite of the negative consequences created in their lives.

Unity In The Family Ministry Collaborates with Deep South Center for Environmental Justice

The Deep South Center for Environmental Justice's (DSCEJ) connection to the Environmental Justice Communities in Pensacola spans over 25 years. DSCEJ work in the community began in 1994 with Citizens Against Toxic Exposure, led by the late Ms. Margaret Williams in her struggle for community resident relocation. These relationships were rekindled after Hurricane Ivan & Katrina and solidified even more after the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. These struggles for environmental justice brought the Center and Pensacola communities together again.

In 2015, Unity In The Family Ministry (UFM) in conjunction with the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, started conducting an Environmental Justice project funded by the Kellogg Foundation. The project is entitled HBCU/CBO Gulf Coast Equity Consortium. The communities that are being targeted for the Pensacola project are Olive Heights, Wedgewood & Rolling Hill.

The affected communities are quiet African-American neighborhoods where most residents own their own homes since the 1950's. Fast forward to present day and you will find these neighborhoods surrounded by thirteen Barrow Pits and Construction & Demolition Landfills. The Pits are used for mining dirt and sand, and the Landfills is where toxic construction debris is dumped. This destructive behavior has been prevalent for over 25 years .

The work being conducted by the HBCU-CBO Gulf Coast Equity Consortium in Pensacola in 2019:

1. Residents created community asset maps
2. Conducted Community Health Survey
 - A. Create health profile to become aware of health disparities and mortality issues.
 - B. Conduct Legal Option Workshop concerning relocation and remediation of community
3. Meet with Regional Planning Board and convince them not to build a Road through the community
4. \$13 Million Dollars that was set aside for the road construction has been reallocated by the County Commission toward the relocation and remediation plan.

In response to community interest in creating employment opportunities for residents in cleaning up environmental hazards, Unity In The Family Ministry (UFM) in conjunction with DSCEJ developed and has conducted worker health and safety training since 2015. UFM's Environmental Career Worker Training Program (ECWTP) prepare people in underserved communities for occupations in environmental remediation and restoration, emergency response, construction, asbestos removal, mold removal, lead abatement, and hazardous materials/waste handling.

Environmental Career Worker Training Program (ECWTP)

(Register now for 12 Week Training January 7 - March 20, 2020)

The Environmental Career Worker Training Program focuses on delivering comprehensive training to increase the number of disadvantaged and underrepresented minority workers in areas such as environmental remediation/restoration, construction, hazardous materials/waste handling and emergency response.

BASIC SKILLS

The Basic Skills instruction provides trainees with personal and interpersonal skills development to help with everyday life and to obtain and sustain employment. Classes include study skills, math, intro to hazardous materials, computer & life skills, job readiness, & physical fitness. Individual & group counseling is provided to help with personal problem solving.

TECHNICAL TRAINING

Technical training can include the following :
40 hour—Construction
40-hour—Weatherization
16-hour—Lead Abatement
32-hour—Asbestos Abatement
40-hour—Hazardous Waste Worker
16-hour—Mold Remediation
30-hour—OSHA

Once participants receive state and national certifications the staff provides placement and career development assistance.