

# NEWSLETTER



*"A helping hand for people"*

**50 YEARS SERVING THE COMMUNITY**

Join us to our Gala/Dinner Celebration on June 22, 2023.

MISSION



The ABCD, Inc. is committed to improving the quality of life of people through Economic Community Development, Energy Conservation, Housing Development and Transportation.

VISION



The ABCD, Inc. strives to become a self-sufficient Community Development Corporation, which utilizes innovative and creative approaches to reduce poverty, to foster self-reliance and to bring about the empowerment of the communities that we serve.

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# 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

## I. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- Sponsored a successful Annual Meeting with Commissioner Kevin Boyce as the keynote speaker.
- Supported the Black College Classic activities and the O'Jay's concert.

## II. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Supported the following organizations:

- Urban League Black and White Ball.
- Stark County Minority Business Association Golf Outing.
- WATOES

## III. COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- A Facilities Committee was formed to oversee the Crystal Park Revitalization Project. When the project is completed, it is expected that 50 jobs will be retained and 120 new jobs will be created.
- Sponsored the demolition of the buildings on Harrisburg Road.
- Sold Sold 2318 - 13th St NE. via land contract.

## IV. ENERGY CONSERVATION

Received grants from the following:

- Marathon Foundation \$10,000
- Key Bank \$10,000
- Huntington Bank \$15,000
- UMC-GBGM \$10,000

These grants, along with others, enabled the replacement of 1,000 furnaces and 1,100 hot water tanks, as well as the insulation of ten houses.

## V. HOUSING

Entered into partnership with Pivotal Housing Partners to develop a tax credit finance project in Liberty Township that will provide 43 units of affordable housing for seniors citizens in the area.

## VI. TRANSPORTATION

- Obtained 4 new vehicles along with operating funds from FTA 5310 program.
- Continued the contract with Stark County Department of Jobs and Family Services which enabled an average of 75 people daily to get to dialysis treatments and other medical appointments.
- Obtained new contracts in Workforce Development and with Aultman Hospital in Alliance.

THE ABCD INC. INVITES YOU TO  
THE 48TH ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER

**2022 RECAP  
ANNUAL MEETING**

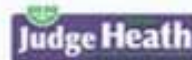
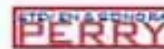
# Ready. Set. GROW!



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**KEVIN BOYCE**

Franklin County Commissioner

Chairman & Founder | Adelphi Bank

## 2022 HELPING HANDS AWARDEES

- Dennis Saunier
- Rodney Dennis
- Msgr. Lewis Gaetano
- Leila Green Alliance  
of Black School Educators

**Doors Open At 5pm  
\$50 Per Person  
Cash Bar**

**WEAR SOMETHING  
COLORFUL!**

DOUBLETREE  
320 MARKET AVE S  
DOWNTOWN CANTON

**JUNE 23, 2022  
5:30PM**

FOR EVENT & TICKET INFO VISIT [THEABCDINC.COM](http://THEABCDINC.COM) OR CALL 330-455-6385



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# 2022 RECAP ANNUAL MEETING



# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2022





BOARD MEMBER

# SPOTLIGHT



## JOHN RAMOS III

NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

Experienced Product/Sales Manager with a demonstrated history of working in the Wholesale industry. Skilled in Sales, Purchasing, Team Building, Administration, and Account Management. Great communicator that excels through hard work, determination, and calculated risk-taking.



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## VIVICA WILLIAMS

DIRECTOR OF ENERGY  
CONSERVATION & OFFICE  
MANAGER



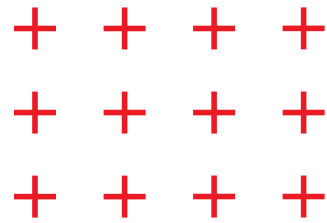
Vivica Williams has been with ABCD, Inc. for over 26 years, starting as a receptionist in June 1996; she currently serves as our Energy Conservation Coordinator.

Vivica has a deep compassion and a sincere heart of assisting others where needed. She not only considers her employment as "just a job", but also "A Ministry".



# The ABCD, Inc

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## ABCD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Lydia Lee, Chairperson
- Tomier Davenport, Vice-Chairperson
- LaToya Dickens-Jones, Secretary
- John Cihon, Treasurer

## ABCD BOARD MEMBERS

Evelyn Byrd  
Nate Chester  
Mike Farmer  
Natalie Haupt  
Lisa Johnson  
Kent McClelland  
Yvonne Parks  
John Ramos III  
Ray Sales  
Chris Smith  
Jenny Terrell  
Ron Young

## ABCD MANAGEMENT TEAM

Will Dent  
President & CEO  
Homaundre Pender  
Chief Operating Officer  
Darlene Knott  
Chief Financial Officer  
Vivica Williams  
Dir. of Energy Consv. & Office Mgr.  
Ashley Herring  
Transportation Manager  
Katherine Rivera  
Social Media Intern



# BECOME A SPONSOR FOR OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY

## **Title Sponsor**

- VIP Reception, recognition & presentation
- Special plaque from ABCD, Inc.
- Logo on the welcome banner and all signage
- Full-page ad inside the cover of our 2023 event annual report
- Website and social media recognition
- Recognition on the 2023 ABCD-HOF parade float
- Premier seating (16 tickets) to the 50th Anniversary Gala
- Opportunity to promote your company at the 50th Anniversary Gala

## **Platinum Sponsor**

- VIP Reception
- Special plaque from ABCD, Inc.
- Logo on the welcome banner and all signage
- Full-page ad on back, inside cover of 2023 event program/annual report
- Website and social media recognition
- 8 tickets to the 50th Anniversary Gala

## **Gold Sponsor**

- VIP reception
- Special plaque from ABCD, Inc.
- Full-page ad in the 2023 event program and Annual Report
- Website and social media recognition
- 6 tickets to the 50th Anniversary Gala

**SCAN THE  
SPONSORSHIP FORM**



# BECOME A SPONSOR OF OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY

## **Silver Sponsor**

- VIP Reception
- Half-page ad in the 2023 event program and annual report
- Website and social media recognition
- 4 tickets to the 50th Anniversary Gala

## **Bronze Sponsor**

- VIP Reception
- 1/4 page ad in the 2023 event program/annual report
- Website and social media recognition
- 2 tickets to the 50th Anniversary Gala

## **Helping Hands**

- VIP Reception
- Name listed in the 2023 event program/annual report
- 1 ticket to the 50th Anniversary Gala

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# NEW PROJECT

CRYSTAL PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT



**Walter Williams**  
O'Jays

**Phil Stevens**  
SOS Contract Services

## Rotunda Bank Branch to be renovated for ABCD and its' lease partners

Construction of a Training Center and Vehicle storage garage

Construction of 24 units of housing to be known as the "Stephen Perry Lofts"

Commercial Space

A first-class restaurant



ASSOCIATION FOR BETTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INC.

# ABCD IN ACTION



Walter Williams, O'Jays & Will Dent, ABCD



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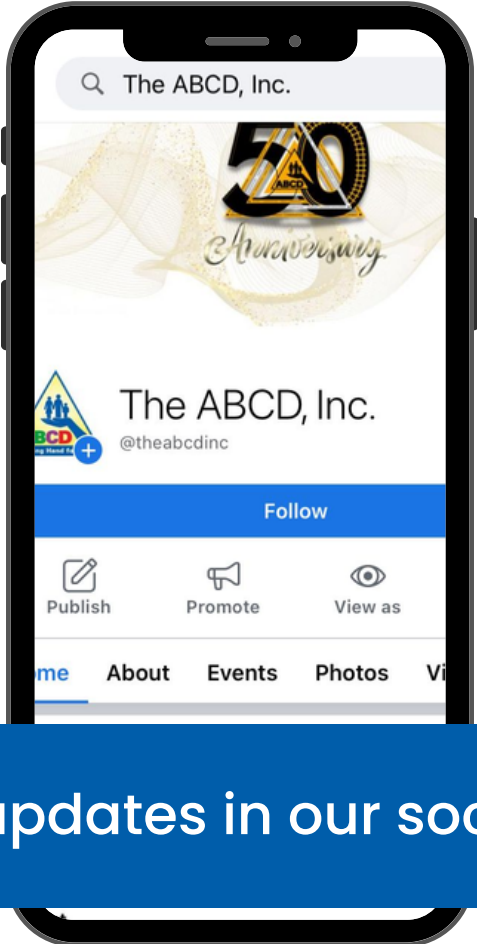
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MORE ABOUT US?**

The ABCD, Inc



Weekly updates in our social media

COMING SOON



FACEBOOK  
ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL  
BE IN ENGLISH AND  
SPANISH



COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES



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**TRANSPORTATION ■ HOUSING ■ ENERGY CONSERVATION ■ COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**THE ABCD, INC. OFFICERS** Lydia Lee | Chairperson ■ Tomier Davenport | Vice-Chairperson  
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