

COLLABORATIONS

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Gaining Momentum

Happy new year! 2021 was a great year! And the board and staff are looking forward in anticipation and expectation to what 2022 may bring. We are purposefully considering and seeking direction and setting goals to more strategically reach the desired outcomes for the year ahead. We're thankful for your support in 2021 and hope you're onboard as we continue forward. Wishing good health and prosperity to you and yours.

Proud Grant Recipient

We are thrilled to be a recipient of the *first* Building an Inclusive Economy Grants awarded by the Black Philanthropy Initiative (BPI) of Winston-Salem. The Do School is one of 10 recipients of this new program.

To read the entire press release: <https://www.bpiws.org/latest-news/bpi-announces-first-building-an-inclusive-economy-grant-recipients-in-a-record-grantmaking-year>.

The Black Philanthropy Initiative (BPI) is a 100% Black-led initiative of The Winston-Salem Foundation launched in 2007 that explicitly, not exclusively, focuses its grantmaking and programming on needs identified in the local Black community. Over the past 14 years, BPI has provided over \$518,000 in program grants.

For more information on The Winston-Salem Foundation and the Black Philanthropy Initiative, visit [bpiws.org](https://www.bpiws.org).

"I have learned to be more accountable, confident, communication skills and more. I also learned about the type of materials needed to build a house."

"It makes me feel like I can and did accomplish some life goals."

"I will self-motivate others and show them what I have learned as a Do School student."

"I'm knocking down anything that stands in my way in life (demolition). I will be able to lead better and/or help those in need."

Message from the Executive Director

Dear friends,

Thank you for an incredible year of amazing accomplishment for thedo-school.org. We have surpassed every initial goal that we set out to achieve. We've stayed true to mission and model. We have recognized and confronted our weaknesses, and expanded on our strengths. We listened to our partners and cemented collaborative relationships. We've written our own grants. We've created a training pathway for our cohort using existing resources that support empirical data to the effectiveness of our design. We are inculcating a culture. Our foundation is solid and our future appears to be illuminated with the promise of workforce development change for underserved communities here and elsewhere!

All that is seen and much that is not, is the product of this incredible Board of Directors of Doers! I thank each of you individually and I salute the combined, collaborative success that is the village, better known as The Do School!!!

Buckle up. Let's go hard and insure that our first graduating cohort will be the beginning of a legacy that we all proudly share in.

Very Best Regards,
Jerry W. Anderson
Founder/Exec Dir

A Look Back, A Step Ahead

The history of the first learning lab

This conventional style, 1-story, 2 BDRM, 1 BA house was originally built in 1928. Two additions were completed in 1980. And the property has been vacant and boarded in recent years.

The Do School is looking forward to completing the renovation of the property and identifying the new owners. This major transformation (inside and out) should provide a place for growth, peace, security for a couple, or veteran, any single person or small family. We're sure this friendly community would welcome them.

In November, the demolition began. The 4-person Can Do Crew worked steady and strong to take the ceiling and walls down. The roof will come down and floors will eventually come up, also. Framing will be the next step, along with the work the licensed trades will bring: plumbing, electrical and HVAC. **Many thanks** to Sutton Brothers, Johnson's Modern Electrical and Superior Mechanical. Lots and lots of learning opportunities right in our very own learning lab. Stay tuned for the transformation.

The work COLLABORATIONS continue and others are being discussed.

Helping hands. Paying it forward. Building knowledge, skills and relationships. Strengthening families and communities. The Do School. Transforming lives, homes, and communities.



Learning Lab pictorial: At possession, during and after the initial demolition phase.

★ Donor Display

We are so honored and humbled to be the recipient of generous donations from the following companies:

- CollegeNET, Inc.
- Frank L. Blum
- Remedy Consulting[^]

Note: We are just as thankful for the donations we have received from individuals and families. **THANK YOU!**



[^]Board & Crew receiving check from Ginger Salt, Piedmont Federal on behalf of Remedy Consulting.



TDS Board

We are grateful for the leadership of our Board. Pictured back row: Bill Ball, Jerry Anderson and Clement Little. Seated: Williette Moore and John Lenham. Inset photo: Jim Wolfston. To learn more about our board, visit: www.thedo-school.org/board-of-directors.