

COLLABORATIONS

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Building Upward Mobility

It was in **October 2020** that “the team” started meeting and planning to establish The Do School (TDS) as an entity that would change lives and uplift communities. TDS uses a collaborative model that continues to impact the circle of lives involved for years and years to come. In the first six months, the legal work was completed, submitted and approved, some generous donations were received, we purchased our first “learning lab” property, and the 501(c)3 tax-exempt, nonprofit status was awarded.

“This is a headline-grabber for Winston-Salem.”

~David

Partner Power!

Several industry leaders, licensed trade professionals and community organizations have agreed to partner with TDS. This great show of support is truly collaboration in action!!

Our partners include:

- Frank L Blum Construction Co.
- Windsor Commercial
- CollegenET
- Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County
- Hart Law PLLC
- Boston-Thurmond United
- Focus for Health
- Johnson’s Modern Electric
- Lowe’s Home Improvement
- Piedmont Federal Savings Bank
- Sir Speedy
- Superior Mechanical Inc.
- Sutton Brothers
- Winston-Salem Foundation
- Winston-Salem Tees
- Womble Bond Dickinson
- Goodwill Industries of NW NC
- Center for the Study of Economic Mobility
- Impact Solutions of the Triad

“A very exciting project!

Very weighty from a

social impact

standpoint.”

~Sandra

“I’m really excited for

this new opportunity!”

~Montel

Training Needs

Though we are off to a great start, we are still in need of additional training facilitators and part-time site supervisors. To inquire or express interest, please email info@thedo-school.org or leave a message at 336-934-1295.



The team who worked to form and shape the vision. Pictured above is Jerry Anderson, Betty A. Dent, and Willette Mosby-Reynolds.

Message from the Executive Director

The certain goal of community service and nonprofit work is to, in some way, enhance the lives of women, men, and families. A very succinct yet informed approach.

The vision of The Do School is to demonstrate the transcendent effects of collaboration in every facet of life. Transcendent collaboration is the model. Our mission is to inspire and promote that model in our efforts to train a capable and sustainable workforce in our underserved communities.

We believe that this model enables other service providers, philanthropy, individuals, evangelical bodies, banks, educational institutions, EVERYone, to contribute to the upward mobility of our underserved citizens. The Do School is just one idea, that is powered by a committed board, staff and community partners, determined to make a difference using construction trade training as our vehicle. Please join with us to help our city respond to the need.

We appreciate your encouragement and ask for your support!☺

Jerry W. Anderson
Founder/Exec Dir

Board of Directors

- Chair—**John Lenham**, Project Manager, Windsor Commercial
- Treasurer—**Bill Ball**, CFO and Partner with Frank L. Blum Construction Co.
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- Vice Chair—**Jim Wolfston**, CEO and Founder of CollegeNET and Executive Producer of the RIGGED Documentary
- **Jerry Anderson**, TDS Founder and Executive Director

Clean-up Day Supporters



Community partners participating with Directors on October 16 were:

- Boston-Thurmond United, Regina Hall
- City of W-S North Ward, Zina Johnson
- The Ezrah Foundation, Lisa & Kevin Miller
- FTCC, Chris Martin
- Goodwill Industries of NW NC & Project Re-Entry, Michael Thomas
- Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County, Kelly Mitter
- Johnson's Modern Electric, Butch Bryant
- Piedmont Federal, Michele Mitchell
- Superior Mechanical, Joe Millikan
- Sutton Brothers Plumbing, Jim Sutton

Clean-up Day Event Highlights

Saturday, **October 16, 2021** was a beautiful morning! It was the perfect weather to be outside! And it was the day we joined hands with the communities throughout Winston-Salem, well, actually they joined hands with us in a great display of support of the vision and mission of The Do School. On this morning, we met at the site of our first “learning lab” and cleaned it out so that we can further assess the work needed to renovate and put this property back in the community as an asset, affordable housing and a home for some deserving first-time home buyer. And before it reaches that phase, some other deserving, hard working individuals will have increased their skills and knowledge-base and be on their way to earning a sustainable living wage. We had approximately 30 people offering words and hands of encouragement to us — young and old, male and female, kindred spirits.



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