



WEST CENTRAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Spring 2025



Poster Contest lifts up young artists

The fifth annual West Central Poster Contest is underway, highlighting the talents of the children in the neighborhood. The local schools are enthusiastically promoting the contest, in conjunction with the WC Development Project, to help adults have a vision of the community through their children's eyes. The contest also encourages students to explore their creativity and to pay attention to the world around them in new ways. The WCDP uses Asset-Based Community Development in their work, so identifying the assets of residents of all ages is vital to our work. We also appreciate our neighborhood collaborations, which include the West Central Community Center, Spark Central and Jolly Mart.



Central Library displays students' art

Last year, the downtown library displayed all the Poster Contest entries during the month of May, enabling the whole community to see how talented our children are and to celebrate their giftedness. The library staff has welcomed a repeat of this popular exhibit this year. Development Project volunteers made the massive exhibit possible - at the library and then at the Neighbor Day event in Cannon Park on June 7. The entries were also displayed during the school year at the WC Community Center, Spark Central and the MAC.



None of our activities would be possible without the support of our generous donors.

BUSINESS & CREATIVE EXPO

The Boone Team, one of the “villages” in West Central, put on our third annual Business and Creative Expo on Saturday, March 8 at the West Central Community Center. This year, the group decided to include artisans and crafts people as exhibitors, since West Central is home to a large concentration of artists, who tend to be less visible to residents than businesses with storefronts. Vendor displays, children’s activities and free food drew a large group of residents interested in finding out about local businesses. Business owners and artists also had the opportunity to network with each other and explore potential collaborations.



Spirit Pruners, a WCDP partner business, displays a combination of art and arborist services.



Neighbors engaging neighbors

LISTENING SESSION DRAWS DOZENS OF NEIGHBORS

In conjunction with the Spokane Alliance, the WC Development Project hosted a listening event in which West Central residents were invited to share a meal and gather around tables to express their hopes and dreams for the neighborhood. The brainstorming sessions led to a long list of areas to address and concrete things to do to improve community life. Transportation, including bike lanes and crosswalks, was a common issue, something that’s being addressed by the WC Neighborhood Council and the Spokane Alliance. One of the ongoing WCDP practices is to listen to West Central residents and connect them to others with the same interests.



**West Central
Development Project**

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Our Purpose

We are committed to working alongside people experiencing poverty to develop leadership skills and connect assets to improve lives through development instead of charity. Residents and non-residents from all economic situations are a part of this effort.