

Making Neighborhoods Whole

2013 Annual Report



Whole. Complete. Full.

What does success for a Christian community development ministry look like? Is it constructing a new affordable home? Is it a teenager landing her first job? Is it a child being promoted to the next grade? Is it developing local leaders? Is it people being reconciled to God and one another?

It's all of the above and more! Christian community development (CCD) exists to see neighbors and neighborhoods experience the wholeness that God desires. The Boston Project Ministries focuses on a 13-street neighborhood called the Talbot-Norfolk Triangle (TNT) in Dorchester on the south side of Boston. Our vision is for our community to be known both by its neighbors - and regionally - for the presence of God's shalom. Such a neighborhood is forged and developed when "the people work with all their heart" (*Nehemiah 4:6*). Your support has a significant impact on those who live, work, worship, and play here.

2013 was amazing! We were recognized nationally as one of the first emerging Eco-Innovation Districts being redeveloped in an older, urban neighborhood. We hired and trained 45 teenagers in a variety of careers paths. We provided community-connecting activities for 450 youth and their families during the summer. And we mentored over a dozen young people who decided they wanted to follow Jesus Christ.

Making neighborhoods whole builds upon what is already strong and restores what is broken. Our CCD work is rooted in our Christian faith and the belief that God has great love and concern for people and their neighborhoods. Caring for greenspace, youth employment, homework help, community organizing, leadership development, and Bible study are all expressions of The Boston Project's wholistic ministry in TNT.

As you read our highlights, we invite you to dream with us about what can still happen and how you can be involved. It was 19 years ago that the vision for The Boston Project Ministries was birthed, and we have a very clear sense that our best days are still ahead!

Thank you.

~ Paul Malkemes,
Executive Director





Making Neighborhoods Whole

Volunteers

In 2013, we made a stronger commitment to engage and depend upon volunteers and church partners to accomplish our neighborhood mission. As a result, we hired Damaris Taylor and Kristi Ellens as our new **Volunteer Engagement Team**. Today, volunteers include neighbors, church partners, and friends from around the corner and across the country. We have 16 church partners, with the goal of adding 9 more in the next two years. Contact us to volunteer or to explore becoming a new church partner.



Highlights from Volunteer Programs:

- **Neighbor Leaders.** Some of our best volunteers are neighbors who donate their time, talent, and food to build a strong community. Twenty (20) adult neighbors dedicated 570+ hours in leadership roles and as decision-makers for **TNT Neighbors United** and **Parents United**, and dozens more volunteered for at least a day, improving their own community.
- **Mission Trips & Service Days.** This year we had over 553 teens, college students, and adults serve with us for at least a day. They bring a burst of energy to tackle important projects, whether raking leaves for seniors, playing with kids at the Elmhurst Park, or adding the finishing touches to a new community garden. All together, they generously gave 8,370 volunteer hours!

Volunteers

Community

"In order to get a real sense of community, you have to get involved. With The Boston Project, I can be part of the possibilities for my own neighborhood."
- Norine, neighbor volunteer

Community Development

Our community development work is rooted in God's heart for justice. As neighbors become leaders and work together, we are able to advocate for neighborhood improvements that impact the quality of housing, jobs, healthy food access, transportation, small business development, and public safety. Tackling these important issues will have an immediate impact on our daily lives and generations to come.



WHAT IS SHALOM?

"Shalom" is a Hebrew word found in the Bible, which is often translated as "Peace" but means so much more: Salvation. Hope. Justice. Wholeness. Shalom is the way God intended and still desires the world to be.



CELEBRATED

10 years

since the start of the Talbot-Norfolk Triangle Neighbors United, our neighborhood group

HOSTED

553 volunteers

gave over 8,370 hours of service in the city: that's the equivalent of \$66,960 (at minimum wage)

Our mission is the model of Neighborhood M

Our Mission: The Boston Project engages neighbors and volunteers to build and nurture strong communities, characterized by God's shalom.

Youth & Family Ministries

Our commitment to wholistic ministry means that we care about the physical, social, academic, economic, and spiritual needs of young people and their families. What keeps us from being overwhelmed?

Our place-based approach helps us to focus primarily on the 525 families that live in our small neighborhood. All of our activities build toward having a peaceful community, yet at times our families still feel the sting of violence. In 2013, we began to operate our programs from a trauma-informed approach, and continued to participate in public safety coalitions.



Highlights from Youth & Family Ministries:

- **Summer Park Program.** Over 100 children participated in our free, summer program at Elmhurst Park, made possible by your gifts to the Miracle Goal Campaign. Children loved the ReadBoston storymobile, gymnastic lessons, Bible Club, arts & crafts, sports and our new free lunch program!
- **Ball for Peace Tournament.** Over 100 teenagers from different neighborhoods came to the basketball court to play ball and rally for peace. This event was youth-inspired, youth-organized, and youth-led by our **TNT Youth Council**.
- **Youth Jobs & Training.** We hired 45 young people in training or employment programs, while increasing partnerships with local businesses. One exceptional opportunity was our partnership with **Crossroads Community Café**, a start-up social enterprise promoting good food, good company, and good news.
- **Spiritual Commitments.** At least a dozen young people committed to following Jesus Christ this year. In 2014, we are launching a **Neighborhood Life Group** for adults (i.e. Bible study/small group) and will work with local church partners to strengthen our outreach to youth.

Highlights from Community Development:

- **National Recognition.** The Talbot-Norfolk Triangle (TNT) neighborhood was featured at the national Eco-Districts Conference as an example of an older, urban neighborhood that is becoming green, healthy, and sustainable. We also launched a program to energy retro-fit 15% of the homes in TNT.
- **Garden Purchases.** We purchased two vacant lots from the City of Boston for permanent greenspace; the Children's Community Learning Garden and the Garden for Peace.

"My summer job experience with BP showed me my great potential to be a leader. Now, I'm involved in the TNT Youth Council, growing in my leadership abilities every week."
- Giani, 17 years old

HIRED

45 youth

for summer jobs & training programs:
19 youth ages 11-14
26 youth ages 15-19

PROVIDED

100 kids

with quality summer park programming at Elmhurst Park for six weeks

READ THIS BOOK!

Making Neighborhoods Whole
by Wayne Gordon & John M. Perkins



Have you ever wondered what "makes us tick?" This is the book to read. You will learn more about us, the principles behind our work, and real stories from around the world.

is anchored in establishing a Ministry House.

Financial Statement & Contributors

Fiscal Year 2013 (January through December)

Thank you to the many people, churches, and organizations that make our ministry possible! For 19 years, we have depended on you to support our ministry through **prayer, volunteerism, donations of goods, and financial support.** We are thankful for the many ways you allowed God to use you to further his Kingdom work in Boston.

Revenue: \$558,974

Contributions 58%	\$322,571
Individuals	\$257,956
Churches	\$64,615
Foundations & Grants 18%	\$103,243
Program Fees 18%	\$102,975
Other 5%	\$30,185



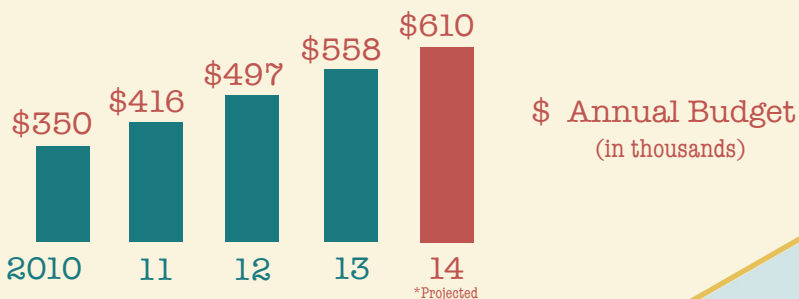
Expenses: \$504,089

Program Services 88%	\$444,026
Youth & Family Ministries	\$221,064
Volunteer Programs	\$127,906
Community Development	\$95,056
Administration 7%	\$35,518
Fundraising 5%	\$24,545

* The Boston Project also served as a fiscal sponsor for Traction House and Crossroads Community Café. Financials for these fiscal sponsors are not included in the graphs above.

Growing!

Our annual budget has grown an average of 15% each of the last four years. As a result, our neighborhood has experienced more of God's shalom. In 2014, your gift will allow us to expand the possibilities for our community - new jobs, mentoring, Bible studies, volunteering, and more.



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Thank You!

Financial Contributors in 2013

292 Contributors

Individual, family, and church contributions make up 58% of our annual budget. We want to thank the many people who gave. The average amount each individual/family gave is \$840 per year - about \$70 per month. You can see how gifts of all sizes make a difference!

Churches & Ministries

- Bethany Presbyterian Church
 - Byfield Parish
 - Calvary Baptist Church*
 - Calvary Chapel of Raynham
 - Chinese Bible Church of Greater Boston
 - CrossRoads Church
 - Danville Baptist Church
 - First Baptist Church of Raynham
 - First Baptist Church of Toms River
 - First Congregational Church of Hamilton
 - First Parish Congregational Church of York
 - First Presbyterian Church of Newport
 - Gathering Christian Fellowship
 - Global Ministries Christian Church*
 - Grace Chapel
 - Kingsley Community Church
 - Newton Junction Baptist Church
 - Parkside Christian Academy*
 - Rock Village Church
 - Second Church of Dorchester*
 - South Acton Congregational Church
 - Trinitarian Congregational Church
- * Shared Use of Building Space

Public & Private Partners

- Black Ministerial Alliance
- Boston Baptist Social Union
- The Boston Foundation
- Boston Housing Authority
- Sen. Charles Shannon, Jr. Comm. Safety Initiative
- Church Home Society
- City of Boston - Boston R.O.C.K.S.
- Evangelical Assoc. for the Promotion of Education
- Episcopal City Mission
- The Lenny Zakim Fund
- MassHousing
- Millennium 10 Initiative
- Mt. Washington Bank
- Presbyterian Hunger Program

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"Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."
Jer. 29:7