



About Avenue CDC

Avenue CDC is an award-winning non-profit with a long track record in developing affordable housing and economic opportunities for low-income households. Avenue CDC has leveraged over \$35 million of investments in our target community through the development of 55 single-family homes, 321 rental units, and 78,000 square feet of commercial space.

Avenue CDC was founded in 1991. The staff includes seven full-time employees, and the Board of Trustees includes 16 community leaders. Avenue's mission is to revitalize our community by developing affordable housing and economic opportunities, while preserving our area's cultural, economic, and historical diversity.

Avenue CDC operates in the greater Houston metropolitan area. Avenue focuses in the neighborhoods north and northwest of Downtown. Avenue CDC is not a builder. Avenue CDC partners with builders, and we regularly seek builders interested in bidding on new construction and renovation projects. Interested builders should email us at curtisw@avenuecdc.org, or call Curtis Wilson at (713) 864-8099, extension 226.

Avenue provides a holistic revitalization program in one of Houston's oldest and most diverse inner-city communities. We emphasize homeownership and financial empowerment through the development of quality single-family homes for purchase by low- and moderate-income households, and by providing free homebuyer education and counseling services as well as training and tutoring in financial literacy. We save and "recycle" older homes renovated under our *Move Home* and *HouseSave* programs, and we develop energy-efficient new homes. We also provide a range of rental housing and resident services to very-low-income families earning less than 60% of area median income. In 2000, Avenue successfully developed a 74-unit affordable housing complex, *Washington Courtyards*, minutes from downtown Houston.. We recently completed the redevelopment of the historic Jefferson Davis Hospital as 34 loft-style apartments in partnership with Artspace. We provide supportive services to apartment residents, including computer classes, GED, after-school and summer activities programs. Avenue has a strong track record in environmental protection, including "recycling" older homes, reclaiming brownfields, and promoting environmentally sound new construction techniques. Historic preservation is an important aspect of our programs, and we have received 3 "Good Brick" awards from the Greater Houston Preservation Alliance. Finally, cultural and economic development is a growing area of Avenue's activities. Our annual auction, *Art on the Avenue*, raises funds for our programs while supporting our local artists. We partnered with Lagniappe Enterprises to purchase and renovate the Winter Street Studios, which provides 50 working studio spaces for area artists.

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