

WILLIAM L. ADAMS
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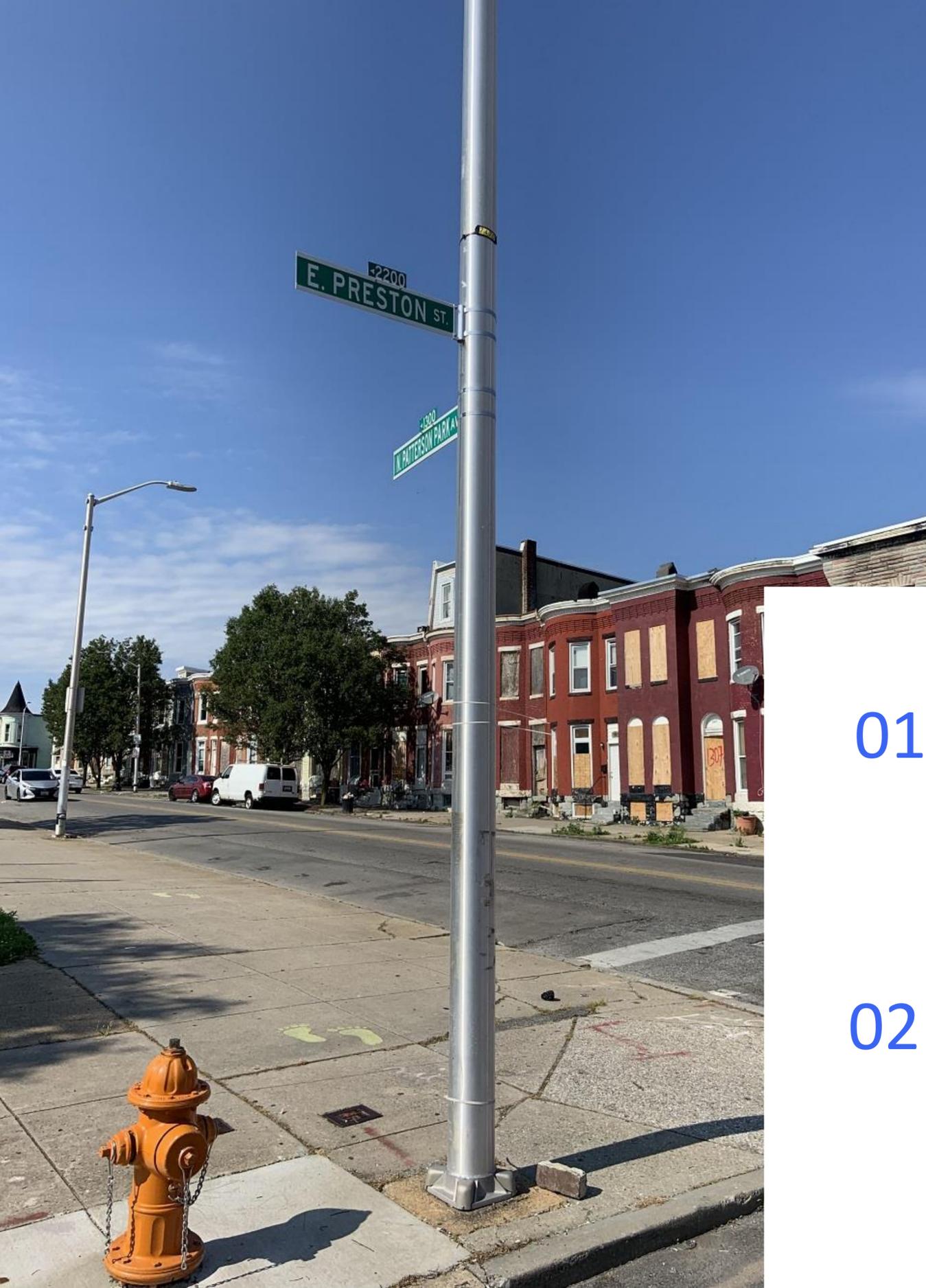
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My neighborhood, the Biddle Street community, is dying. And there is no other way to frame our situation without losing emphasis of the severity of the conditions we live in.

However, my organization has been executing a working solution, which is actively creating real-time change in a myriad of ways.

Firstly, I will provide you with context as to the harsh realities of my neighborhood. I will then give you insight into our working solution, in hopes that you find it both compelling and worth supporting.





We live in a dying neighborhood that has no driving economic infrastructure in place. This chronic condition has manifested a culture of crime, violence, substance abuse, and poor moral standards. Forty percent of the buildings in our community are vacant. This includes homes, schools, churches, and a vacant grocery market.

01 In 2019, 69.5% of youth between the ages of 16 and 19 were unemployed.

02 The crime rate is currently over 40% above the Baltimore City average.

03 The median income in our community is only \$33,000.

04 In our neighborhood, over 48% of children live with parents who do not have secure employment.

CONTEXT

The environment we live in produces the most destructive psychological and physical outcomes for children including . . .

- Juvenile delinquency
- Substance abuse
- Educational failure
- Homelessness
- Incarceration



. . . and a very destructive dependency-based psychology resulting in low moral standards, poor decision making, emotional instability, and a diminished sense of self worth.

INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE

THE PHYSICAL LANDSCAPE.

Our multi-tiered solution includes recycling the presently vacant properties, and converting them into usable, productive, and privately-owned institutions. These institutions offer opportunities for healing, learning, and cultural development.



SOLUTION

SKILLS TRAINING & CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Engaging the local youth that have the most influence on the neighborhood culture and training them to display a positive example of the character traits necessary for personal and professional success.



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OUR MODEL OF SUCCESS



COOR

HEALTH INSTITUTE

Completed in
2017

We successfully raised \$450,000 in donations to finance the construction costs of a new facility community fitness and martial arts facility. This new space has increased our capacity to offer more educational programs and facilitate more collaborative activities with community partners. The building has a dedicated space for administration & management, classroom activities, exercise classes, martial arts training, and general purpose space for additional activities.

We utilized 4 vacant properties – 3 homes and a bar, to repurpose for our organizational mission of improving the neighborhood. This development served as a positive disrupter to a previous occurrence of local drug activity.



We purchased 4 city owned properties

The construction process took two years to complete, in accordance with the pace of our fundraising accomplishments. Initially, we only had \$80,000 reserved for this project.



We created a safe space

Now this building houses the only African American owned Karate studio in Baltimore City. It serves as a safe haven for youth living in the violent environment of the E. Biddle Street community.

P R O C E S S



Our work

During our construction process, we leveraged every possible source of help we could find including monetary donations, material donations and in-kind professional services.

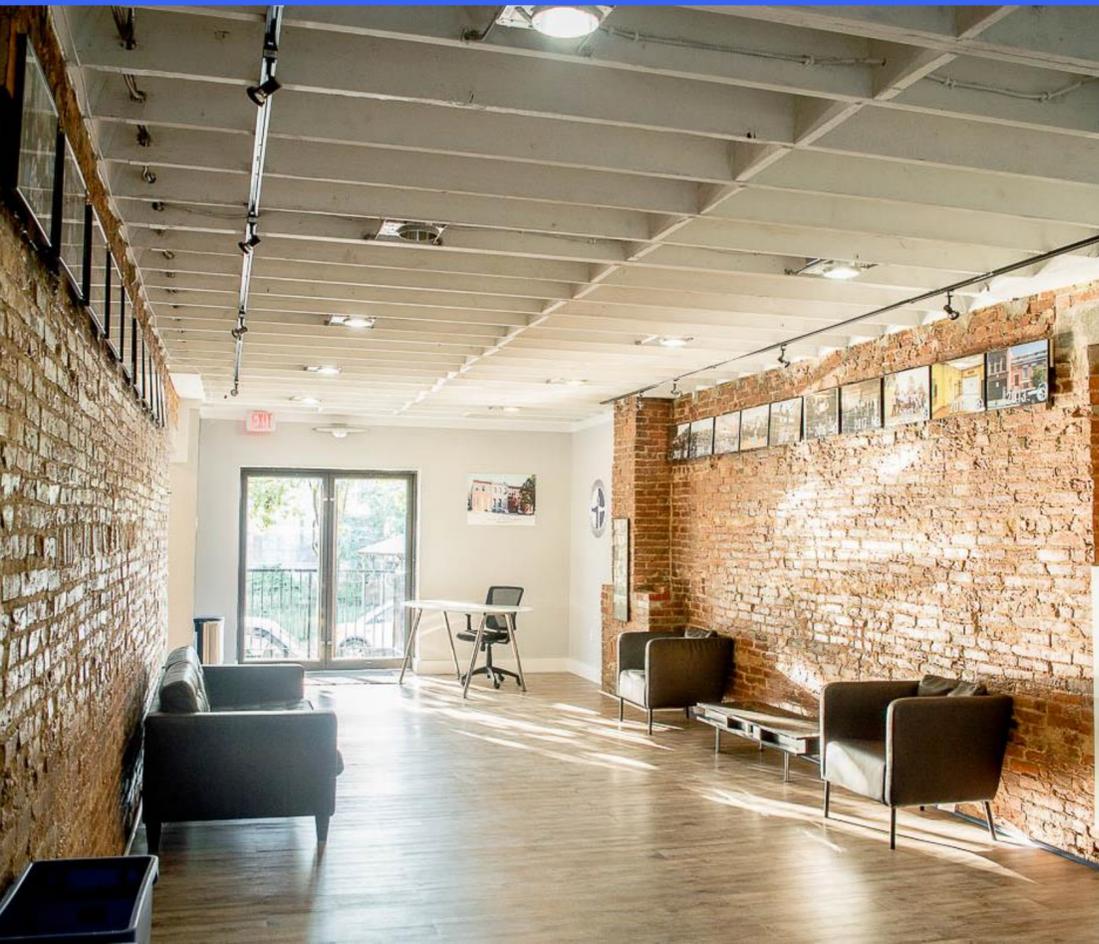
We also employed the labor of several local citizens and utilized the assistance of volunteers for various construction-related tasks.



6000 sq/ft of multi-purpose space for community development



A community-oriented approach to construction development



A 1200 sq/ft Karate dojo offering classes in Shotokan Karate, Tai chi and other healing arts.





OUR CURRENT PROJECT



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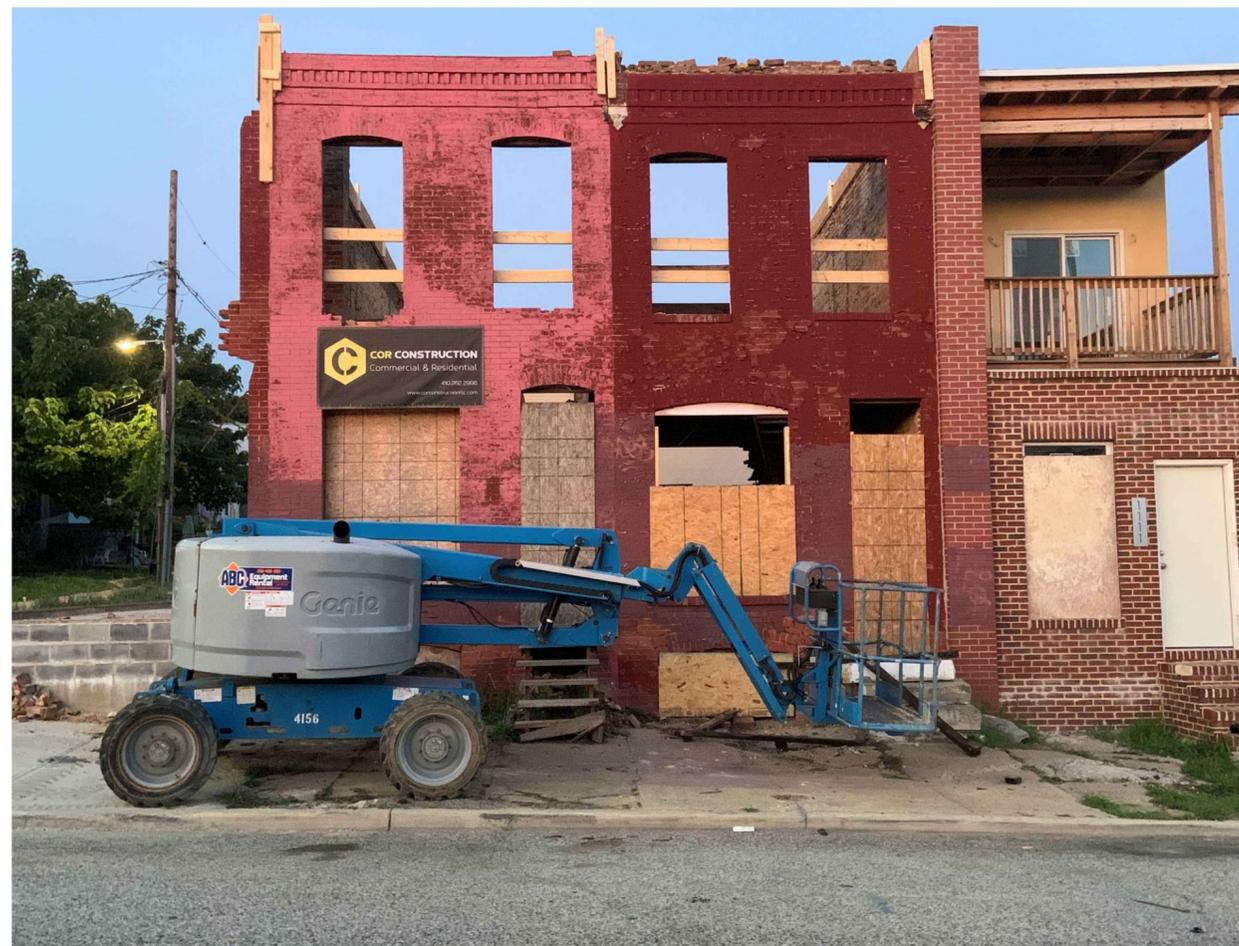
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The William L. Adams Entrepreneurial Institute is a community facility that supports professional and economic development through entrepreneurship education.

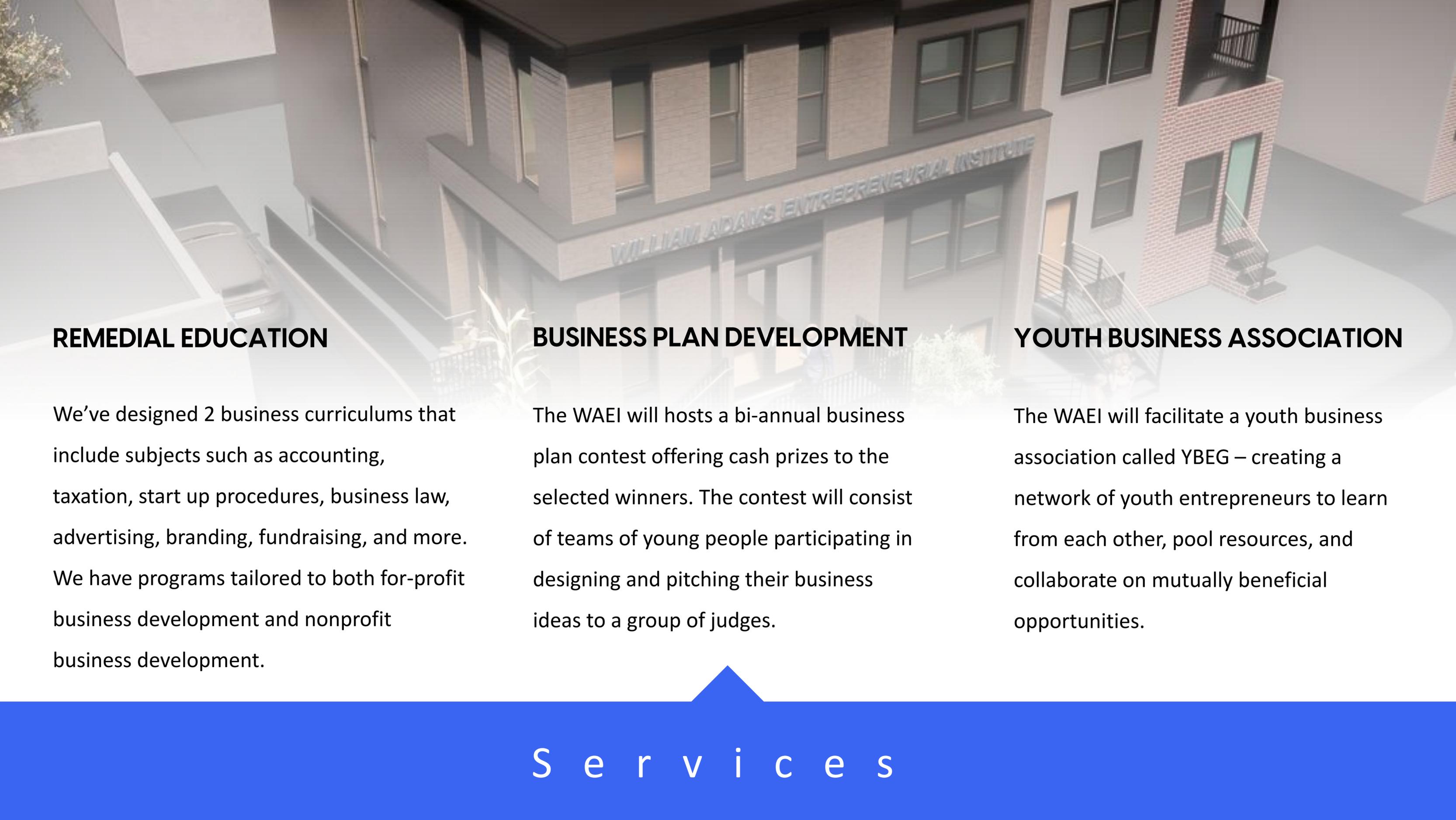
Young people, ages 15-25, receive the training and support to start community-based businesses.

VISION

The site for the William Adams Entrepreneurial Institute are 2 vacant houses (1117, 1115 N Collington Ave) that we purchased in 2017/2018. This site is just one block south of the COR Health Institute, our completed development.



Our estimated cost to complete this project is \$380,000.



REMEDIAL EDUCATION

We've designed 2 business curriculums that include subjects such as accounting, taxation, start up procedures, business law, advertising, branding, fundraising, and more. We have programs tailored to both for-profit business development and nonprofit business development.

BUSINESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT

The WAEI will hosts a bi-annual business plan contest offering cash prizes to the selected winners. The contest will consist of teams of young people participating in designing and pitching their business ideas to a group of judges.

YOUTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The WAEI will facilitate a youth business association called YBEG – creating a network of youth entrepreneurs to learn from each other, pool resources, and collaborate on mutually beneficial opportunities.

S e r v i c e s



The strategic investment of vacant properties provided the unique opportunity to build a new community infrastructure.



We utilize local human power to perform the majority of the construction work which minimize costs.



We are providing a solution to the vacant housing crisis that improves the economic value of the surrounding community.

\$380,000

Total Estimated Project Budget

\$90,000 Invested thus far into the project.

\$30,000 Cash on hand

\$260,000

Our target fundraising goal as of
February 21st 2021.

Total budget includes estimated labor and materials costs for all phases, as follows:

- Demolition & hauling
- Foundation construction
- Structural construction
- Exterior development
- Interior framing
- HVAC, plumbing, electrical,
- Drywall & painting
- Flooring
- Fixtures
- Finished carpentry



LEGACY

[William L. Adams](#) was a prominent Baltimore businessman, real estate developer, venture capitalist and political influencer. He was one of the wealthiest African American men during his prime and the driving force behind many political campaigns, and a leading figure in the entrepreneurial development of the African American community.

He co-owned a construction and real estate empire with his surviving partner Theo Rodgers. Through the Adams Foundation, Mr. Rodgers has supported the development of the COR Health Institute and has granted us permission to name the new entrepreneurial facility in the honor of William L Adams.

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