



# Fresh Ministries'

# 6-Point Community Initiative

We have learned it takes a concentrated effort in 6 specific areas of a community to help transform and improve it. So, we are working to ensure everyone has access to the 6 Points, or community components, necessary for children, families and communities to grow and thrive. Our 6-Point Plan includes multiple programs and partnerships that interlock and build upon one another to create a complete solution to the "whole social crisis" affecting our communities. **Working in Jacksonville; applicable to the whole world.**

## 1 Economic Development

Leveling the playing field by lifting up those who have been left behind so all people have a fair chance at making a living.

### Beaver Street Enterprise Center

Full service small business incubator in Northwest Jacksonville helps businesses thrive. Tenants earned **\$16.5 million** in gross revenue for 2008.

### The Klutho Building restoration

Restored in 1998 to ignite the collapsed economy of the North Main Street corridor in Springfield. It now houses non-profits and small businesses also working to **restore** the Springfield area.

## 2 Education

A solid educational foundation is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty, reducing crime by creating security and stability in the community through homeownership and job opportunities, and through improved self-esteem promoted by positive mentoring and successful role models for core-city children.

### Jacksonville Hospitality Institute

Free job training for under- and unemployed adults to work in the booming hospitality industry. Classroom and hands-on training has led to **nearly 200 graduates** since the program began.

### Alternative Spring Break

College students from around the country gave their Spring Break time back to our community. Introduced **hundreds** of college students to the challenges and potential of the Jax inner-city.

### Individual Development Accounts

Partnered with local orgs to help low-income residents convert their hard-earned money into assets to help break the poverty cycle with matched savings and financial literacy education. **44 families** have graduated so far, with **over \$173,000 in matched funds**.

### Michael Bryant Youth Mentoring Program

Helped children and young adults **achieve success** in school and family life with a combination of school visits, home visits, enrichment activities, journal writing and community service.

## 3 Affordable Housing

Provide safe, affordable homes and housing opportunities to lower-income workers as part of building a strong and safe community.

### East Jacksonville Housing Alliance

Brought brand new, affordable housing to lower Eastside, stimulating local economy with job creation and by bringing families to support local businesses. Exceeded goal of 30 homes in 3 years; actually **built 41 homes**.

# 4 Family Strengthening

With over 70% of the school children we serve in the lower East Jacksonville community in foster care at some point during their childhoods, it is incredibly important to work to promote strong, caring, adult-centered families – even if these families do not represent the idea of a “traditional” family.

## East Jacksonville Neighborhood Resource Center (EJNRC)

Directly connects residents with resources for emergency assistance, education, school choice, finding jobs and job training, and health/medical needs. Services **45+ residents a day**.

## Communities Empowering Youth (CEY)

Capacity building for youth-oriented local organizations to help reduce juvenile violence, child abuse and neglect. **7 programs** helped by CEY through training and program strengthening.

## Jacksonville Partnership for Strengthening Families

FreshMinistries partners with this organization to strengthen and encourage **positive family support** and active parental and guardian participation in the daily lives of core-city children.

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# 5 Safety & Security

Safe and secure homes and neighborhoods are an integral part of ensuring families can grow and thrive.

## East Jacksonville Neighborhood Alliance

Actively engages residents in improving their community and implementing the 6-Point Community Initiative in their neighborhoods. **Monthly meetings at EJNRC**.

## Neighborhood Anti-Crime Walks

32206 neighborhood police patrol officers walk door-to-door with leaders in the community to help promote **trust, cooperation** and **neighborhood unity**.

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# 6 Health

Address environmental justice and health concerns created by housing projects constructed on old hazardous waste disposal sites, improving security, community pride and cleanliness.

Provide core-city families with direct access to the mental health, physical health and financial aid services available to them.

## Environmental Health

Was 1 of 30 organizations selected nationwide to implement an Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving grant. Partnered with UNF to **engage the East Jacksonville community** in addressing chemical contamination issues.

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