Meet Our Community Partners

Since 2008, McAuley Ministries has awarded $15.2 million to Hill District Community Partners:

- Acculturation for Justice Access & Peace Outreach (AJAPO)
- ACH Clear Pathways
- Amani Christian Community Development
- Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh (St. Joseph House of Hospitality)
- Center that C.A.R.E.S.
- Daisy Wilson Artist Community
- Extra Mile Education Foundation
- Neighborhood Resilience Project
- Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania
- Grounded Strategies
- Higher Achievement
- Hill Community Development Corporation (CDC)
- Hill Dance Academy Theatre
- Hill District Consensus Group
- Hill District Education Council
- Hill House Association
- Hug Me Tight Childlife Centers
- Macedonia Family and Community Enrichment (FACE)
- Ozanam, Inc.
- Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy
- Reading is FUNDamental
- Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh
- Schenley Heights Community Development
- SLB Radio Productions
- Small Seeds Development
- Strong Women Strong Girls
- Student Conservation Association
- The Citizen Science Lab
- Tickets for Kids Foundation
- Trying Together
- United Way of Southwestern PA
- Urban Innovation21
- Venture Outdoors Pittsburgh
**Hill House Transition**

In April 2019, the Hill House Association announced its plan to dissolve the organization, and transition its remaining programs to other community partners. Four Hill House properties were sold to E Properties, a private developer, and the Hill Community Development Corporation (Hill CDC). Macedonia Family and Community Enrichment (FACE) will assume responsibility for senior services. Those services have been relocated to the Thelma Lovette YMCA. The Kaufmann Auditorium and related arts programs will be transitioned to ACH Clear Pathways, an arts-based, out-of-school time program. The facility which previously housed senior services will be sold to the Neighborhood Resilience Project (formerly FOCUS Pittsburgh). The Urban Redevelopment Authority through tax credits and public funding. *To date, McAuley Ministries has invested $100,000 in planning*

**New Granada Theatre**

The Hill CDC plans to develop the New Granada Theatre and surrounding block as a mixed-use development featuring 40 units of affordable housing, retail space fronting Centre Avenue, office space to house the University of Pittsburgh’s Community Engagement Center, a 926-seat flexible performance and event space, a 100-seat flexible theater and community space, and a food hall. To date, this $46.4 million project has received commitments of $29.5 million.

**Lower Hill Development**

The City of Pittsburgh gave the Pittsburgh Penguins the development rights for the Lower Hill District as part of the negotiations for a new hockey arena. The URA board gave preliminary approval to Inter-gen, a Hill District-based developer, to begin construction in the first quarter 2020 on a mixed-use development that will include a music venue, retail, parking garage, and 288 units of housing. Work has already begun on a three-acre park, the I-579 “Cap” Urban Connector Project, that will connect Bigelow Boulevard and Centre Avenue. It will include pedestrian and bike paths, rest areas, and an outdoor classroom, plus provide improved storm water management with increased green space and the installation of six new rain gardens. *In July 2019, McAuley Ministries awarded a $442,500 grant, payable over three years, for a project administrator to facilitate the implementation of the community’s negotiated agreement with the Pittsburgh Penguins and City of Pittsburgh to ensure that development in the Lower Hill is consistent with equitable development principles outlined in the Hill District Master Plan.***

*What’s New in*
## Hill District Facts

- 10,014 residents
- 72% African American
- 6% Foreign-born
- 18% age 0-17; 19% age 65+
- 20% reporting a disability
- 73% renter-occupied housing
- 74% of students eligible for free/reduced price lunches
- Average family income: $49,416
- 63% of population below 200% of poverty level
- 20% bachelor’s degree or higher
- 15% with no high school diploma
- 46% of children in grade 4 whose reading skills tested proficient or better

(Source: Trinity Health System Community Health Assessment Report)

### Selected Community Partners’ Outcomes

**McAuley Ministries: Investing in the Hill District Community since 2008**

### Health & Wellness

**Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh and Nazareth Housing**

made repairs and improvements to 62 homes owned by low-income residents, seniors, or veterans. Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh leveraged an additional $756,554 to make more extensive repairs where indicated.

**Neighborhood Resilience Project (previously FOCUS Pittsburgh)**

provided weekend meals in each of two school years for 300 children facing food insecurity.

**The Thelma Lovette YMCA**

provided subsidized memberships to 83 families. Ten percent (10%) averaged eight visits/month; 60%, 4.5 visits/month; and 30%, 2.5 visits/month. These rates compare favorably to a national average of two visits/month.

### Education

**Reading is FUNdamental (RIF)** served 1,560 children in 15 Hill District sites. RIF loaned 4,550 books and gave away 4,900 books. They matched an average of 37 students with an average of 34 adult Reading Buddies. 95% of parents, 93% of teachers, and 74% of mentors reported that participation improved students’ reading skills. 94% of children reported that their Reading Buddy helped them with their reading skills.

**After-school Programs:** Students attending McAuley-supported, after-school programs had a significantly higher average school attendance and higher average GPA compared to their African American peers; McAuley participants’ average school attendance and GPA were on par with the school district and target community peers. McAuley participants exceeded the comparison groups for eligibility for the Pittsburgh Promise. 90% percent of McAuley participants had zero suspensions during the 2017-2018 school year.

### Community & Economic Development

**Travelers Aid**

provided bus passes and gasoline debit cards to 189 participants in workforce development programs. Those receiving transportation support were less likely to drop out from their program and more likely to attend job interviews, secure employment, and reach 180 days of retention on the job.

### Capacity Building - Capital Investments in the Hill District: 2008-YTD

- Catholic Charities: Sprinkler and security system at St. Joseph House of Hospitality
- Center that CARES: Jeron X. Grayson Community Center
- Clean Slate E3: Nature-based play area for ABK Learning and Development Center
- Hill Community Development Corporation: MOKA Art Gallery
- Hill House Association: Facility improvements
- Hill House Association: Grocery store
- Hill House Association: Senior center
- Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy: August Wilson Park
- Schenley Heights Community Development Program: Security access and warm system
- YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh: Thelma Lovette YMCA

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