

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING

THE MAGGIE WALKER INITIATIVE

The Office of Community Wealth Building held a Virtual Town Hall meeting in September of 2016. At this meeting a call to action was issued to all service providers, faith leaders, elected officials, policy makers, funders and residents to participate in the creation of a Community Wealth Building model that provides a pathway for folks to move from Crisis to Thriving. The first part of this exercise was to **attend focus group sessions related to their interest and work.**

The first session we held was focused on jobs because a living wage job is a critical rung in the ladder to self-sufficiency. To that end, the OCWB played a major role in attracting businesses such as CoStar and Owens and Minor to downtown Richmond that provide living wage jobs. CoStar's Richmond location will employ more than 700 people and the salaries range from the \$30,000 up to \$100,000 plus. CoStar's economic impact on Richmond is estimated at \$250 million.

NETWORK FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS CONVENED TO DATE

November 10, 2016	Jobs (workforce development)
November 17, 2016	Education (Child Care, Preschool, Children's Education, Out of School Time and Adult Literacy)
December 6, 2016	Transportation
December 21, 2016	Housing and Legal Services

FOCUS GROUP MEETING ATTENDEES

4-H	Home of VA	RVA Future
Adult Alternatives Program	Humankind	Salvation Army
Alliant Global Strategies	Job Corps	SCAN – Stop Child Abuse Now
AmeriCorps	Life's Dream Music School	Serenity
Better Housing Coalition	Mama Ree's DayCare	Southside Community Development & Housing Corporation
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond	Neighborhood Housing Services of Richmond	St Joseph's Villa
Caritas	Neighborhood Resource Center – Fulton	Thriving Family Network
Church Hill Activities & Tutoring	Next Up RVA	Trinity Family Life Center
Circles Ashland	OAR of Richmond	United Way –Greater Richmond & Petersburg
Commonwealth Catholic Charities	Partnership for Housing Affordability	Urban Hope
Communities in Schools	Peter Paul Development Center	VA Department of Education
CPDC – Community Preservation & Development Corporation	Rebuilding Together Richmond	VCU Discovery
Friends Association	Rescare Workforce Services	Virginia Department of Social Services
Girls for a Change	Resource Mothers	Virginia Housing Development Agency
GRASP	Richmond Behavioral Health Authority	Virginia Preschool Initiative
Groundwork RVA	Richmond Public Schools - Early Head Start	Virginia Supportive Housing
Habitat for Humanity	Richmond Public Schools - Head Start	Virginia Department of Aging & Rehabilitative Services
Hands Up Ministries	Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority	YMCA
Home Again	Richmond Region Energy Alliance	YWCA

OCWB LISTENING SESSIONS



In August of 2016, we extended an invitation to the community to come talk to us on Friday afternoons. We have been listening to folks nearly every Friday since and will continue to do so as long as necessary. We have heard from residents, faith leaders, community leaders, researchers, service providers, private sector employees and fellow city government employees. Below is a list of organizations and individuals with who we have met. We incorporate what we learn into our Community Wealth Building strategy.



Adult Alternative Program	Jobs for VA Graduates
Amita, Inc	Juvenile Justice Grant at VCU
Bainbridge Fire Department Non-Profit Organization	K-12 Collaborative, The Bonner Center for Civic Engagement, University of Richmond
Blue Sky Fund	Living Cities
City of Richmond Department of Budget and Strategic Planning	Management Consultant
City of Richmond Public Libraries	NCRC (National Community Reinvestment Coalition)
College Assurance Partnership	NextUP RVA
CPDC (Community Preservation and Development Corporation)	Oak Grove-Bellemeade, Hillside and Afton Courts, Jefferson Trace communities
Destiny Community Church in South Richmond	Operation Wake-up, Inc.
East District Family Resource Center	Prison re-entry program
Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church	Psychologist and former school board member
Experiential Learning as high impact educational model	Public Housing Resident
Family Lifeline	Resident and CWI participant
Focused Outreach in Richmond	Uber
Girls for a Change	United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg
Good Neighbor Initiative (Housing Advocates Initiative)	University of Richmond class on social, economic and racial justice
HARRYCO LLC	Various Community Activists
Human Service Innovation	VCU Division of Community Engagement
	VCU School of Nursing

