DESIREE STREET FAMILY
You continue to amaze us with your faithful support and prayers! We would like to acknowledge a few of our many supporters for their continued impact.
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OUR MISSION
To love our neighbor by revitalizing under-resourced neighborhoods through spiritual and community development.

SPECIALTY COACH Angie Winn
“Angie is phenomenal. Not only did she challenge me to be better, but our entire team at TMC. She helped every individual realize their own value and expertise that they bring to our organization to make it great! Thank you for the training, teaching, wisdom and follow up. Thank you so much, Mrs. Angie Winn & Desire Street!”
- Charles Lee, That’s My Child
(Montgomery, AL)

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT
Is there a matching gift program at work? Tap into it to maximize your impact! Call us at 678-681-3979 for help with getting a match set up.

2021 ANNUAL REPORT
Despite the ongoing pandemic in 2021, your support enabled continued coaching and care for both current and alumni ministry leaders throughout the year! Here are highlights...

MISSION OF DESIRE STREET
By Danny Wuerffel, Executive Director

According to EarthSky, the North Star is famous for holding nearly still in our sky while the entire northern sky moves around it. Metaphorically speaking, an organization’s North Star is its mission statement. It’s a dependable, fixed point in a changing world.

Urban ministry is filled with an over-abundance of never-ending needs. And the gravitational pull of ministry leaders is to meet too many of them. Only God has an endless supply of resources—the rest of us have to prayerfully determine what things we can and should help with, where to focus our efforts. That’s why an organization’s mission is so important.

Our mission at Desire Street is... to love our neighbor by revitalizing under-resourced neighborhoods through spiritual and community development.

To Love Our Neighbor: Our mission begins with an all important motivation of WHY we do what we do: it’s tied to what Jesus described as the greatest commandment. To Love God with all our heart and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We like to narrowly define neighbor. Who lives in the house next to me? In my neighborhood? Jesus radically redefines our neighbor in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Anyone who is hurting is our neighbor.

By Revitalizing Under-Resourced Neighborhoods: A few years ago we began using the term, ‘under-resourced’ rather than ‘impoverished.’ For a variety of reasons, most of the residents in a typical Desire Street neighborhood do live at or below the national poverty line. But we truly believe one of the main reasons is they don’t have access to enough adequate resources to thrive—lack of access to quality education, healthcare and healthy food to name just a few. We believe our neighborhoods are amazing places, and with the right access to resources, the residents will be in a great position to thrive.

Through Spiritual and Community Development: Community development is a broad term used to cover much of what I just described—healthcare, housing, economic development, education, youth development etc. It is vital, but it is not enough. Wholistic change can’t only come from changing the external circumstances in life. Access to all the resources in the world doesn’t always equate to healthy individuals and communities. True transformation, for all of us, must include a change formed deep within our souls. Our inner lives must be challenged and developed. All of the partners of Desire Street believe and teach about the transforming love of God through Jesus. Spiritual development is a staple of all things Desire Street. When we love people in word and deed, making efforts to develop hearts and neighborhoods—spiritual and community development—we are doing our part to bring wholistic, beautiful and eternal changes to the world.

God Bless you,
Danny

» Your gifts provided direct support for our leaders as you helped us surround them with training and encouragement; mentorship through specialty coaches and services; as well as opportunities to connect with each other and disconnect from the pressures of ministry through three retreats in 2021!

» Thanks to your generosity in 2021, we onboarded four new ministry leaders and transitioned four leaders to alumni status! These new leaders focus on mentoring and tutoring students; providing housing and resources for young Moms; and feeding their communities.

» Your support is helping us reach our goal of developing 20 new leaders by 2025! Thank you so much for your contributions and prayers as we continue to revitalize under-resourced neighborhoods together.

» While many leaders are still navigating the “new normal” of serving their neighborhoods, your giving enables us to continually adjust and come alongside our ministry partners as they serve and support their neighbors.

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LEADERSHIP RETREAT:  
A GREAT START TO 2022!

It is incredible to witness our community of leaders encouraging and connecting with one another at our annual Leadership Retreat.

We couldn't support these amazing leaders without YOU!  
Follow our partners on social media to stay connected with the work God is doing in their neighborhoods.

OUR VISION

“...having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.” - John 13:1b

One could argue that few things are needed more in 2022 than adaptability. The pandemic over the last few years inserted new variables regarding social distancing, gatherings, and how to do life. All of us have had to adapt. Those living and serving in under-resourced communities were facing wild and ever-changing variables long before Covid arrived. Poverty, in and of itself, creates instability and invites a certain layer of chaos. During Covid, our ministry partners at Desire Street have had to discover new ways to provide education, tutoring, food, and safety to the youth in their neighborhood, their families, and their own staff. As John 13:1 demonstrates, part of our calling as Christians, is to love people to the end. This means that we love and labor alongside them, meeting their various needs as they arise. **Our vision is to “partner with leaders to develop thriving and sustainable urban ministries.”** To do this, we are seeking to remain adaptable to assist with the various and shifting needs of our partners. We are grateful to all of our donors who continue to “love us to the end” as we seek to do the same for our amazing partners.