

Confluence Ministries Presents...



Church Initiative

“To instill hope in the neighborhood and the future of the people living in under resourced neighborhoods in Denver, it is crucial to come alongside and build them up. Extreme Community Makeover will bring hope to the neighborhood and allow families to take ownership in their community.”

– Mark Lopez, Pastor of Westside Christian Fellowship

Purpose: The primary purpose of the Metro Denver Extreme Community Makeover (ECM) is to serve the people of Denver neighborhoods through practical, hands-on helps such as yard work, house repair, painting, graffiti removal, general clean up, and other improvement activities. By building relationships with community residents through meeting tangible needs, we are also able to assist in meeting other physical, spiritual, or emotional needs through connecting people with local ministry resources.

Through the initiatives of Confluence Ministries, a coalition of volunteers from churches and faith-based groups, businesses, civic organizations, and others will be assembled to serve home owners and others who need and want assistance.

Goals:

- For the churches involved to build lasting relationships in the community.
- For Confluence to serve as a bridge connecting the neighborhood to ministry resources.
- For churches around the city to show up in Denver neighborhoods.

Plan: Organizations and individuals will be recruited to provide volunteers for a Habitat for Humanity building project or the OB/OC/OD project; that is, One Block/One Church/One Day. The initial community that will be served by the Extreme Community Makeover initiative is bounded on the north by Colfax Avenue, on the south by 6th Avenue, on the east by Federal Boulevard, and on the west by Sheridan Boulevard.

1. **Habitat for Humanity Building Project:** A group of churches are working together to provide volunteers and resources to build a duplex at 7th and Lowell. Churches, companies, groups, and individuals are invited to participate.
EXPECTED TO BEGIN APRIL 2008
2. **One Block/ One Church or Company/ One Day:** Churches, companies, and other groups are invited to serve the homeowners in the community by “adopting” a block on one scheduled Saturday. The group will be assigned to various projects as determined ahead of time by the community residents. They will include, but not be limited to, painting, yard work, fence repair, graffiti removal, and other needed fix up projects.
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Call to Action: With either option, every group will be given specific instructions, both verbally and written, on how to proceed. Materials and other supplies will be provided through donations and fundraising. The projects will begin around April 1st, 2008. Each participating group is requested to decide on their day(s) of involvement and schedule with the ECM project coordinator as soon as possible.

For more information on the Extreme Community Makeover or to have your church partner in this initiative, please contact Angela Bomgaars at angela@extremecommunitymakeover.org.

Our city is in need of a makeover...be a part of it one block at a time!