



Portraits of HOPE

2024 Community Impact Report



OMEGA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



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A LETTER FROM OUR President



Dear Friends and Supporters,

Since 1997, Omega CDC has been dedicated to transforming the lives of thousands of children and families throughout the Dayton community. Founded by Omega Baptist Church, our story is deeply rooted in faith and hope—envisioning a brighter future where the community of Northwest Dayton thrives, and our neighborhoods are vibrant, safe, and empowered.

Over the years, we have been steadfast in fostering private, public, and philanthropic partnerships. We have always understood that true change cannot be achieved alone—but together, we can make the difference we all seek.

As we present the 2024 Impact Report, we reflect on our collective journey and the power of hope—hope that ignites action and fuels transformation. This year's theme, "Portraits of Hope," serves as a poignant reminder that behind every number is a story—a story of resilience, determination, and families working tirelessly to create a better future for themselves and their community.

Through the establishment of a 17-neighborhood Hope Zone in Northwest Dayton, we are working alongside churches, nonprofits, schools, and

families to create pathways toward sustainable living. Thanks to your unwavering support, Omega CDC has directly reached 1,632 children and 2,046 households—transforming lives, unlocking potential, and strengthening communities.

Beyond our direct impact, our partnerships have allowed us to reach a total of 5,211 children as of August 2024, surpassing our initial goals. With this momentum, our 2027 goal of reaching 6,700 children and 3,400 families is well within reach. These ambitious efforts are driven by the resilience of those we serve and the collective power of a community united by hope. Your continued support is the foundation of this mission.

Northwest Dayton is leading a two-generation, place-based movement to reshape outcomes for children and families who have long been underserved. We are not merely improving conditions—we are building a thriving community where families choose to move to, rather than away from. A place where opportunities are abundant, where housing and education do not just meet expectations but exceed them, setting a new standard for what is possible.

Behind every statistic in this report lies a portrait of courage: a mother furthering her education to secure a brighter future for her children, a student discovering the joy of learning, a family achieving stability through access to vital resources. These stories remind us that our work is not just about programs and services—it is about empowering people to transform their lives and their communities.

As we share the story of this past year, we invite you to look beyond the numbers and see the humanity they represent. Together, we can continue to create portraits of hope and turn visions into reality for generations to come.

With heartfelt gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Vanessa Ward'.

Vanessa Ward
Omega CDC President

Honoring Our Mission

Breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty by catalyzing change in Northwest Dayton through our four pathways to self-sufficiency: Community Engagement, Education, Economic Stability, and Health & Wellness.



Living Our Values

We are RESILIENT

We model EXCELLENCE

We act in LOVE

We stand in INTEGRITY

We rise TOGETHER

We EMPOWER others

We are OMEGA CDC



Hope Zone Promise Neighborhood



THE HOPE ZONE PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD IS FUNDED THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

The Hope Zone Promise Neighborhood provides comprehensive services to address the educational, economic, community, and health needs of children and families. Through partnerships and targeted programs, we work with the community to create meaningful change.

5,211
CHILDREN
REACHED BY
HOPE ZONE
PARTNERS

67%
OF ALL
CHILDREN
& FAMILIES
SERVED BY
OMEGA CDC

Reside in the Hope
Zone.

30,818
SERVICE
DELIVERIES
COMPLETED BY
OMEGA CDC



233%

INCREASE IN MATH & ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS PROFICIENCY

for Third Graders at Fairview Elementary School, an increase from 8.9% to 29.6%.

43.4%

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM RATES

Dropped from 75% for sixth graders at Fairview Elementary School.

71%

OF WORKGROUP ATTENDEES

Reside in the Hope Zone.

32%

OF WORKGROUP ATTENDEES

Are under the age of 18.

Hope Zone Partners

Omega CDC's impact is fueled by strong partnerships. Each year, our network grows, expanding resources and opportunities for the community we serve. From local organizations to national institutions, these collaborations make our work possible, proving that lasting change happens together.

- Abundant Life Church
- Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS)
- Be Home in YOU
- Bottom Line
- Brunner Literacy Center
- City of Dayton
- Dayton Children's Hospital
- Dayton Christian Center
- Dayton Leadership Academy
- Dayton Metro Library
- Dayton Public Schools
- Dayton Urban Young Life
- Five Rivers Health Center
- Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley
- Greater Edgemont Solar Garden
- Harvard Ed Redesign Lab
- Help Me Grow Brighter Futures
- Learn to Earn Dayton
- Mathile Family Foundation
- Miami Valley Child Development Centers
- Miami Valley Meals
- Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission
- Miami Valley Urban League
- MinedXAI
- Mini University
- Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners
- Montgomery County Juvenile Court
- Omega Baptist Church
- Preschool Promise
- Revival Center Ministries
- Sinclair Community College
- Spectrum New Beginnings
- The Dayton Foundation
- ThinkTV
- United Way of Greater Dayton
- University of Dayton
- West Dayton Caravan of Churches
- William Julius Wilson Institute at Harlem Children's Zone
- Wright State University Moms2B
- Wright-Patt Credit Union
- YMCA
- Young Ladies Aspiring Greatness



The Hope Center for Families

IN 2024, AN AVERAGE OF 133 INDIVIDUALS ENTERED THE HOPE CENTER FOR FAMILIES EACH DAY

People are actively using its resources to shape the lives they envision for themselves and their families. Through partnerships with Dayton Children's Hospital, Mini University, Sinclair Community College, Omega CDC, and MVCDC, the Hope Center provides access to education, healthcare, and workforce development.

It is the community's determination and engagement with these opportunities that bring hope to life, demonstrating the power of individuals creating their own pathways to success.



Portraits Of Hope Videos

Discover how hope transforms lives in our "Portraits of Hope" video series on the Omega CDC website, where we ask: "What does hope look like, how does hope feel, and why does hope matter?"

You can view the 3 part "Portraits of Hope" video series on our website and find a digital version of the 2024 Impact Report.



Scan the QR Code or [click here](#) to view the videos and digital report.

Community Engagement

In 2024, our programs continued to focus on bringing students and families together, fostering meaningful connections within the community. Through various initiatives, we created spaces for engagement, collaboration, and shared experiences.

Our workgroups welcomed resident leaders into key roles in 2024, and their involvement will help shape the initiatives of 2025, ensuring our efforts continue to reflect the needs and voices of those we serve.



44

ATTENDEES

Average number of attendees per work group meeting.

6,049

PARTICIPANTS

attended community events.

1,666

SERVICE DELIVERIES

provided through the Omega Senior Lofts.

Economic Stability

Economic stability is the foundation of financial success, and our programs are creating pathways to prosperity. Ready4Work, Family Coaching, and Moms With Hope provide opportunities for securing and maintaining living-wage jobs. Our family coaching team helps families set goals, solve problems, and access local resources, celebrating progress along the way. Each step forward adds to the portrait of prosperity, empowering individuals and families to achieve lasting financial stability.



187

PARTICIPANTS
engaged in the
Ready4Work
program.

123

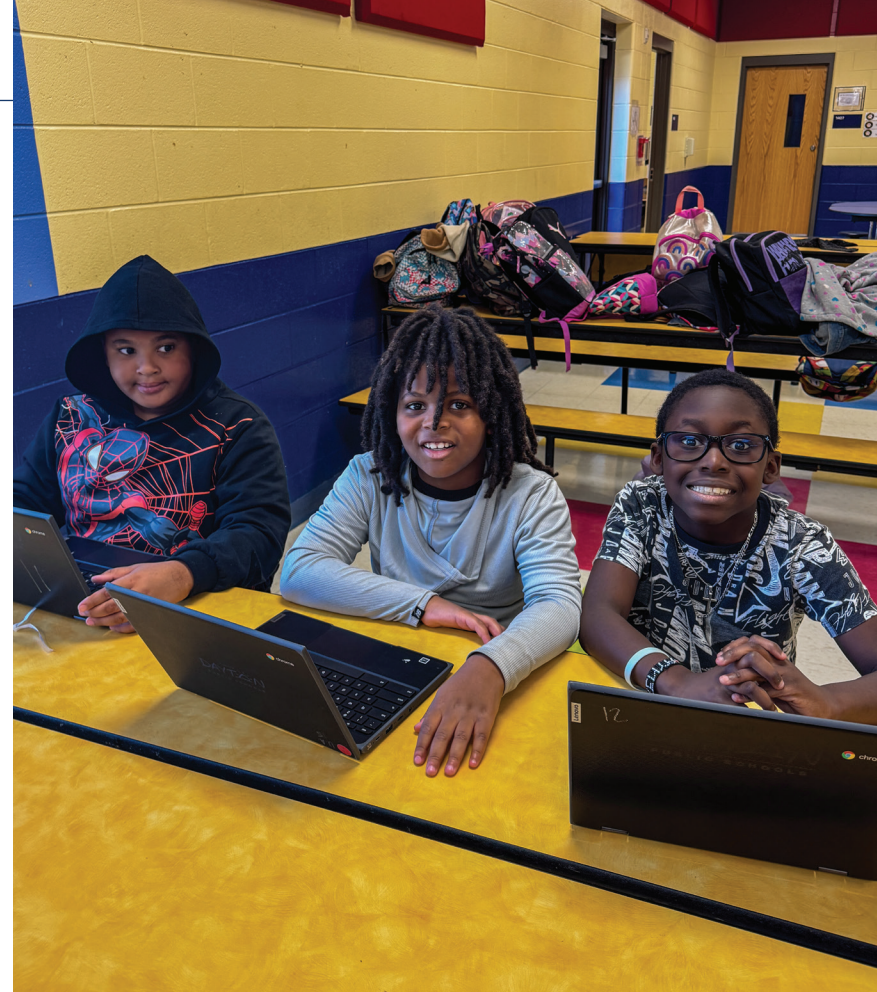
JOB REFERRALS
were made through
Omega CDC
programs.

93

**ECONOMIC
GOALS
ACHIEVED**

Education

Education opens doors to new possibilities, and our programs are dedicated to creating opportunities for a brighter future. From Scholars of H.O.P.E., to Prevention with a Purpose, we equip students with the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions and build resilience. Through Family Resource Coordinators and Family Coaching, we help remove barriers to success, ensuring that education remains a driving force for personal and community growth. Each statistic tells a story—each achievement adds to the portrait of opportunity being created.



7,734

**FAMILY
RESOURCE
COORDINATOR
SERVICE
DELIVERIES**

in 2024.

368

**UNIQUE
STUDENTS**

participated in out-of-school programs, with 85% maintaining good or excellent behavior standings.

176%

**INCREASE IN
KINDERGARTEN
READINESS
ASSESSMENT
SCORES**

for Fairview students
an increase from
5.9% to 16.3%.



Health & Wellness

Happiness and strong communities are built through community-driven efforts. Through partnerships like Food Insecurity Outreach and Senior Sustainability Services, neighbors work together to ensure access to nutritious food and essential resources. Family Resource Coordinators and our Family Coaching team walk alongside families, providing support as they overcome academic barriers and build pathways to self-sufficiency. Together, we are creating a community where happiness thrives, led by the people who call it home.



38,687

FOOD DELIVERIES

in 2024 supported families with nutritional needs.

1,746

NEW PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

across programs

36%

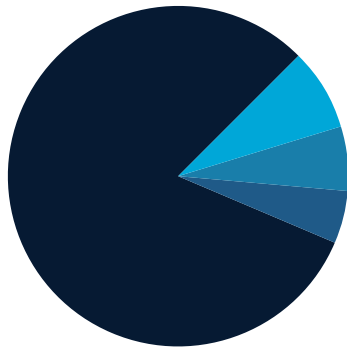
OF FAMILY & MATERNAL COACHING PARTICIPANTS

actively set one or more goals in 2024.



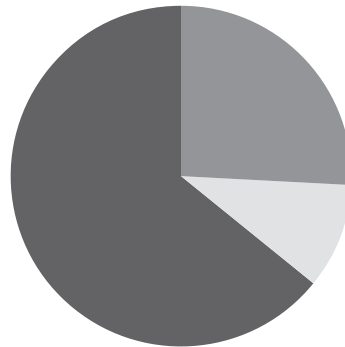
Financial Stewardship

In 2024, 81% of our revenue came from reimbursable federal, state, and local grants. While public funding is essential to our impact, we recognize the need to diversify our revenue by increasing earned income and contributions, which is currently at 13%, to ensure long-term sustainability. To strengthen fundraising efforts, we launched a Development Department focused on expanding contributions. This growth also led us to lease additional space at 118 Salem Avenue to support our growing team. By leveraging private investments and increasing community contributions, we are building a stronger, more sustainable future for our work.



REVENUE

- 81% Program Revenue
- 8% Contributions / Donations
- 6% Other Revenue
- 5% Rental Income



EXPENSES

- 64% Program Expenses
- 24% Partner Contracts
- 10% Administration Fees



Omega CDC Programs

Since our inception, we've been dedicated to creating impactful programs that uplift and empower the residents of Northwest Dayton, fostering positive change and resilience within the community.

Family Coaching

Family Resource Coordinators

Food Insecurity Outreach

Moms With Hope Project

Prevention with a Purpose

Ready4Work

Scholars of H.O.P.E.

Scholar University

Senior Sustainability Coordinator

Student Success Planning

1,632
CHILDREN
REACHED

2,046
HOUSEHOLDS
received a service
delivery from
Omega CDC, including
1,632 children.



— PORTRAITS OF TOMORROW —

Looking Ahead



Northwest Dayton, through the work of community partners, national partners, community members, and Omega CDC, is a national model for ending intergenerational poverty. Through dedication and collaboration, we are shaping a portrait of a better future.

To our partners, supporters, and community, your commitment fuels this work and brings hope where it's needed most. Together, we are building a tomorrow filled with possibility and progress.

The Hope Zone Promise Neighborhood will continue using data-driven strategies and collaboration to create measurable results, ensuring that every portrait of tomorrow reflects growth, opportunity, and lasting impact.



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