

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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# A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

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During the course of the year, we worked tirelessly to continue building a solid foundation for the organization. It was a positive and eventful year that saw growth in the number of residents we were able to engage in the community.

Our continued growth and impact is a testament to the commitment and compassion of our community partners, financial supporters and volunteers who have all contributed to MECCA throughout the years.

We are energized by the tremendous opportunities ahead. In 2019, we look forward to further develop our partnerships and capabilities for the benefit of the individuals we serve.

**latisha johnson**

FOUNDER & CHAIR

# OUR VISION & MISSION

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MECCA Development Corporation's vision is a diverse, coalition of neighbors, endeavoring for an improved quality of life for Detroit's Far East Side residents. We pursue this vision by developing innovative programs that provide opportunities to uplift and improve the lives of our residents in relevant and engaging ways.

Our mission is to empower and engage residents and businesses across MorningSide, East English Village, and Cornerstone Village with the knowledge, skills, resources, and support to revitalize our communities in a sustainable way for future generations. Our program focus areas include workforce development training, development without displacement, beautification of public spaces, crime prevention and public safety, resident empowerment and engagement with a keen focus on youth and seniors.

In all that we do, we strive to innovate – to provide more opportunities to engage more residents, expand our program offerings, and create jobs and training opportunities so residents have the financial capacity to remain in the community as cities become more attractive. We provide possibilities for donors to support the needs of residents throughout the community.

# BOARD & GOVERNANCE

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MECCA Development Corporation is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public charity in the US.

MECCA Development Corporation is overseen by a Board of Directors which is charged with establishing overall strategy, governing our operations, and monitoring our effectiveness. Among other responsibilities, the board meets regularly to oversee the organization's policies and practices to promote integrity, transparency, and accountability.

The board decided to move forward with opening the organization's first office space in 2018; a move that lends to the growth and success of MECCA's future. Our new office is housed within Bethany Christian Church located at 5901 Cadieux Rd. (Detroit, MI 48224)

## Board of Directors

- Latisha Johnson, Founder & Chair
- Kandia Milton, Vice Chair
- Vikki Seagraves, Secretary
- Tina Bibb, Treasurer
- Bee Davis, Senior Committee Chair
- Kathy Roddie, East English Village Appointee
- Monique Tate, MorningSide Appointee

*as of December 31, 2018*



# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

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**Computer Class** - Introduced a senior computer class in October where over 25 seniors learned about internet safety, video creation, and YouTube.

**Upholstery Workshop** - Third year organizing the workforce development program. We worked with ten residents to teach the art of reupholstering furniture.

**Progressive Dinner Fundraiser** - Hosted our first dinner fundraiser/home tour.

**Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway** - Provided over 40 food baskets to neighbors.

**Land + Water WORKS Ambassador** - Shared green stormwater infrastructure (gsi) resources with over 500 residents.

