Oakland Portraits: A Snapshot of Progress

Annual Report 2012/2013

Oakland Planning and Development Corporation
2012/2013: Strength in Numbers
42 residents connected to bilingual services, case management, housing and other services through our community organizing program

1,793 volunteers participated in Keep It Clean, Oakland! volunteer projects

$2,935 in private donations leveraged in the Harris Parklet beautification project

3,243 visitors viewed the Oakland 2025 Master Plan on OPDC’s website — from Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York City, Boston, Chicago and more

15 high-efficiency heat pumps and air conditioning units, 10 ENERGY STAR refrigerators, and 14 ENERGY STAR light fixtures donated and installed by Duquesne Light in our rental properties

3,819 hours dedicated by volunteers to Oakland community projects

3.05 average School 2 Career student’s Grade Point Average over four quarters

14 new City of Pittsburgh bike racks installed on S. Craig Street

39 student groups participated in Adopt-a-Block cleanups

7 “Top Ten Problem Properties” returned to code compliance through Oakwatch: The Oakland Code Enforcement Project

5,018 training hours logged by School 2 Career students

1,683 bags of trash collected by Keep it Clean, Oakland! volunteers

94% of our residential rental units are affordable by being at or below the Allegheny County Fair Market Rate as established by HUD

5 resident associations represented in Coalition of Oakland Residents, Oakland’s new resident alliance

50% of our properties subsidized to make quality housing affordable for those with special needs and/or low incomes

2,457 job-shadowing and volunteer hours logged by School 2 Career students

$2,000 in City of Pittsburgh Love Your Block funds leveraged for Oakland public space improvement projects

140+ invasive trees removed by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy from Bates Street Hillside and replaced by 42 native trees

41 educational seminars attended by S2C students

76.5 hours of work by 27 volunteers to revitalize Harris Parklet

63 new trees planted in Oakland

125 job seekers enrolled in the JobLinks Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and Home Health Aide (HHA) courses

740 pounds of litter removed from Harris Parklet

2 murals created through a partnership between the Oakland Green Team, landlords, and Moving the Lives of Kids Community Mural Project

18 tons of garbage collected during student move-in through the Keep it Clean, Oakland! Dumpster Project

135 new “likes” on our Facebook page and 588 new followers on our Twitter page

$1,000 donated by Oakland property owners to create new murals on Semple Street

100% of School 2 Career students were accepted into college and graduated eligible for Pittsburgh Promise scholarship funds
Thank you for your interest in OPDC’s work to support and enhance the Oakland community.

As we go to press, over three hundred urban leaders from both sides of the Atlantic came together in Pittsburgh for the Remaking Cities Congress. They shared best practices and new strategies for the revitalization of post-industrial cities in the next twenty-five years. OPDC was privileged to be a delegate. A central theme of the conference was inclusivity, engagement, and doing things in new ways with scarce resources. This resonates with us — this is also our commitment to the Oakland community and to all of our partners and stakeholders. Our continued focus is to ensure that all voices are heard and that our entire community benefits from the wealth of opportunities, innovation, and investment in Oakland.

With your valuable input this year, OPDC completed a strategic plan that nests within the Oakland 2025 Master Plan to create a coordinated strategy for neighborhood growth and improvement. Within this annual report, we share the themes of our strategic plan and a revised set of purpose, vision and value statements. With a focus on impact and measurable outcomes, the strategic plan guides our work going forward. We invite you to read about the programs we are engaged in and the outcomes we have achieved in the past year. We are making steady progress toward our collective goals. Thank you for your interest, support, and engagement in our work to build a better Oakland.

Nathan Hart, President,
OPDC Board of Directors

Wanda E. Wilson
Executive Director

Our Commitment to Oakland
our values:

We value Oakland’s neighborhoods as places of true **COMMUNITY**.

We value **INCLUSIVE** planning, with **INPUT** from as many neighbors as possible.

We value giving people access to **OPPORTUNITIES** and tools for success.

We value **COLLABORATION** among neighbors and prioritize partnerships.

We value **SUSTAINABILITY** in all our programs and practices.

our vision:

Oakland is a beautiful, well-designed, sought-after neighborhood, in which a diverse mix of residents and visitors flourish.

our purpose:

We build a better Oakland and help neighbors thrive.
Executive Summary

Financial Sustainability  OPDC will strengthen our financial position by raising more funds from more diverse sources and evaluate funding for each OPDC program.

Environmental Sustainability  OPDC will model best practices for reducing energy consumption and storm water runoff for properties we own. We will lead tree plantings and greening initiatives in the neighborhood and connect property owners to resources to capture storm water and increase energy efficiency.

Oakland 2025 Implementation  OPDC is steering implementation of the Oakland 2025 Master Plan through our programs and the work of many stakeholders to achieve the vision of healthy neighborhoods connected to multi-modal transportation options.

Workforce and Youth  OPDC will open opportunities for people to gain and retain jobs and help people build wealth for ongoing financial stability. OPDC’s School 2 Career program will exhibit high demand from young people, be widely recognized for achieving high performance outcomes in the areas of academics and career exploration, and be attractive to a diverse group of funders.

Metrics  Outcomes tracking will be a priority for each program; we will use the information to tell OPDC’s story and inform effective program delivery.

Organizational Culture  OPDC staff and board will embody the organization’s values of collegiality, transparency, active engagement, social capital, and respect for the individual. Our organizational culture will encourage each person to recognize and be responsible for his/her role in accomplishing the goals of OPDC’s strategic plan.
OPDC recently completed a new organizational strategic plan. Guided by input from over 100 neighborhood stakeholders who completed surveys, and fortified by board and staff input, the plan will guide our work for the next three to five years. Survey respondents represented Oakland’s diverse sectors—residents, people who use transit or cycle through our neighborhood each day, property owners, businesses, college students, OPDC funders and partners, and people who visit Oakland for its recreational and cultural amenities—all shared different insights with us. We appreciate the input we received during this process and are happy to share some of it below.

**I think OPDC is doing a stellar job.**

Looks to me like you’re batting 1000.

I personally think OPDC is doing a great job of doing outreach into the community and is seen as a leader in community planning and development.

**Doing commendable work.**

Thank you!

I think OPDC does a terrific job. Keep on holding community residents accountable for our neighborhoods, for calling 911, reporting problems, being proactive!

**You all are doing a great job continuing the legacy started years ago.**
Keep the Green Team strong. Love the Bates and Louisa projects.

OPDC is carrying out its mission effectively.

I've been very happy to see OPDC focusing on the blight in North Oakland. I think with some of the projects going on in the neighborhood, the Centre - Craig corridor is poised for growth.

OPDC is organizing and getting feedback from the people!

I honestly can’t think of anything that needs to be tackled that OPDC is not already addressing in some way.

I appreciate OPDC’s efforts to support the continuation of home-ownership in West Oakland through acquisition, rehab and resale.
“Ever since I can remember, Harris Parklet was covered with nothing but ugly weeds and vines. The clean-up was hot and dirty work, but I enjoyed the camaraderie and shared the pride in the end result of our labors. It has really improved the look of a point that serves as a gateway to North Oakland.”

Janice Lorenz, North Oakland resident/volunteer

OPDC believes that social connections in a neighborhood have value — relationships with our residents are fundamental to our work. We take pride in linking people to resources, opportunities, and to each other.

Connect and Engage

By strengthening neighborhood networks, we help residents tackle complex issues cohesively and effectively. We engage hundreds of community members annually in diverse programming and volunteer opportunities to make their collective vision for the neighborhood a reality. In doing so, we build trust. We reduce isolation. We help those in crisis. We plan for a strong future.
Connect and Engage

Over the past year, we’ve strengthened ties with residents and provided the framework for the creation of Coalition of Oakland Residents (COR) and the South Oakland Neighborhood Group (SONG). We build civic engagement in all areas of the community through initiatives like Keep it Clean, Oakland! (KICO), Oakwatch: The Oakland Code Enforcement Project, and the Oakland Green Team.

Through these projects, we’ve strengthened cross-neighborhood relations, reduced neighborhood disruptions, and beautified strategically significant locations such as the North Oakland gateway, Semple Street, and Oakland Square.

TRANSFORMING OUR PUBLIC SPACES  Oakland 2025 calls for integrating green infrastructure and public art into all economic development initiatives. Last year, we helped create the Oakland Green Team to engage residents in implementing this goal. In their first year, the team partnered with landlords, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and Moving the Lives of Kids Community Mural Project to plant 63 new trees, create two new public murals, and begin a sweeping restoration of the Bates Street hillside. Residents collaboratively designed each project through open, transparent dialogue. They feel ownership of each project’s success and build stronger relationships from block to block.

ADVOCATING FOR EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT  Oakwatch: The Oakland Code Enforcement Project has established a network of nearly 200 residents, student leaders, and enforcement partners. With our staff, they’ve testified at more than 60 housing court and zoning hearings and witnessed positive changes at properties once considered eyesores. Residents feel better empowered and more knowledgeable about how to participate in public processes. Their model works — in the last year, seven houses deemed “Top Ten Problem Properties” have become code-compliant. They’ve engaged students and university leaders in a comprehensive outreach and education campaign, and ensured blocks zoned for single-family occupancy remain intact.
Strategic Plan: Connect and Engage

GOAL: Continue implementing the Community Building and Open Space/Public Art goals in The Oakland 2025 Master Plan through community organizing, capacity building, effective communications with residents and stakeholders, and volunteer engagement.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS: A strong social fabric makes residents feel safe, connected and well-represented in conversations and planning efforts that drive neighborhood development. The health of our residential neighborhoods will directly impact the overall health of the community.
“While participating in the Oakland 2025 planning, a recurring theme of nearly every discussion was the need to calm traffic and improve safety for bicyclists. Oakland 2025’s multimodal transportation recommendations informed the Better Bikeways Vision, which we recently unveiled. The two plans complement each other and support our collaboration to make Pittsburgh more bicycle friendly.”

Scott Bricker, Executive Director, Bike Pittsburgh

Cohesive planning and strong collaborations contribute to all of OPDC’s achievements. Our constituents and partners help us prioritize goals, measure success, and add tools to our toolbox that make us strong moving forward. These relationships help us effectively meet the needs of our community and provide the foundation for implementing The Oakland 2025 Master Plan.

Having a strong master plan in place is critical to guiding our work and for external parties to understand neighborhood priorities.
Plan and Partner

The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association selected Oakland 2025 for a 2013 Certificate of Merit in the category of Planning Excellence — Public Outreach. The awards committee believed this work exemplifies the best and brightest in Pennsylvania Planning in 2013.

IMPLEMENTING OAKLAND 2025 Through funding from the Sprout Fund, we engaged residents to create a plan to improve Louisa Street. The City of Pittsburgh participated in conceptual design and have now contracted engineers to begin implementing the improvements. On Bates Street, the Western PA Conservancy and the Oakland Green Team removed over 140 invasive trees and planted 42 native trees, the first phase of a multi-year gateway revitalization. The University of Pittsburgh and UPMC provided funding and volunteers for the project.

PPND funded our study of potential home buyer incentives in Oakland. We assembled a diverse steering committee of residents, anchor institution representatives, and real estate experts to examine how Oakland employers can bring new homeowners to the neighborhood.

We advocated with PCRG’s GoBurgh stakeholders group for sustainable and vibrant transit infrastructure in Pittsburgh — and Oakland. Bike Pittsburgh used Oakland 2025 to inform their Better Bikeways Vision for the city. With Uptown Partners, OBID, OTMA, Sustainable Pittsburgh, Port Authority, and 30 other stakeholders, we explored how Bus Rapid Transit can better link Oakland to downtown and neighborhoods east. With the Oakland Task Force and community members, we helped the city determine Oakland locations for a bike share program that arrives in 2014.

We forged new relationships with North Oakland residents, property owners and businesses to begin neighborhood improvements. Through our support, Coalition of Oakland Residents (COR) now represents each of Oakland’s residential neighborhoods with a voice in Oakland 2025 implementation.
Strategic Plan: Plan and Partner

GOAL: OPDC will implement, through our own programs and partnerships with others, *The Oakland 2025 Master Plan: A Vision for Sustainable Living and Mobility*.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS: Neighborhood improvement is core to OPDC’s mission. Oakland 2025 contains specific strategies for neighborhood improvement and thus a roadmap for OPDC programming. Oakland 2025’s goal is to improve Oakland. Through a transparent process, the master plan identifies priorities and includes strategies to move forward. It makes the connection between healthy residential neighborhoods and the health of Oakland overall. The plan also emphasizes multi-modal transportation. This is the first plan for Oakland in many years to include detailed content related to Oakland’s residential neighborhoods.
“I’ve always loved Oakland — being able to just walk around, go eat or have a drink with a friend. I’m glad to be returning to the neighborhood as a homeowner and see how far Frazier Street has come since I was a kid.”

Mike Senko, Frazier street home-owner

OPDC rehabilitates and builds new homes, provides affordable rental housing, incentivizes exterior renovations and connects residents to homeowner education programs.

Our housing programs reach nearly 200 residents a year from all walks of life. We strengthen Oakland’s residential neighborhoods through both bricks-and-mortar projects and programs that improve neighborhood quality.

We build relationships with each resident along the way and connect them to the social and economic resources they need to build a quality life here.
Live and Invest

“You're a wonderful landlord and you handle business terrifically. Ron and the maintenance crew do excellent work. They are a real asset. Thanks so much for all that you do for the tenants at 141 Robinson.”
— Percy Jackson, long-time OPDC tenant

We recruited four first-time homeowners, provided affordable rental housing to 125 tenants, and leveraged $85,000 of reinvestment into existing homes this year. Treading lightly on the earth matters to us — we installed energy-efficient heating, cooling, and lighting systems in 20 percent of our rental portfolio, thanks to donations from Duquesne Light. Sustainability will continue to be a top priority in all of our housing initiatives moving forward.

**REHABILITATING CHERISHED HOMES**  OPDC launched a new Rehab for Resale program with the purchase and renovation of a home on Robinson Street. Current owners receive a fair-market value for their property, plus the comfort of knowing OPDC will preserve the home’s character with necessary renovations and sell it to an owner-occupant.

Our annual Oakland Residential Façade Improvement Program empowered 13 property owners to complete $43,700 in home restorations, including roof and gutter repairs; painting; walkway and sidewalk repairs; landscaping; porch repairs; window and door replacements; and wall and foundation repairs. Awardees included everyone from young professionals to senior citizens representing all four of Oakland’s neighborhoods.

**REVIVING FRAZIER STREET**  In partnership with Frazier West, LLC, we constructed five new homes on Frazier Street and sold four before construction finished. Three of the four groups of buyers are originally from Oakland and are thrilled to return to the neighborhood. The Urban Redevelopment Authority offered a deferred second mortgage to help make the homes affordable; one buyer took advantage of the option. A long-neglected block now contains beautiful homes with diverse, invested new homeowners.
Strategic Plan: Live and Invest

GOAL: Provide innovative, sustainable housing choices for diverse groups of residents through rehabilitation, conservation and innovative new housing choices and financing incentives. Continue fundraising to support and enhance the Oakland Residential Façade Improvement matching grant program and the Rehab for Resale program. We will minimize the environmental footprint of our operations and real estate developments, and prioritize projects that green the Oakland neighborhood.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS: Oakland residential real estate will gain a competitive edge in Pittsburgh and our residents will thrive.
Believe and Achieve

“I learned so much through my job shadow at the greenhouse. I can use these skills and apply them later in my career when I become an environmental scientist. My mentor thought I did such a wonderful job that she offered me a paid summer internship.”

DeAndre Mosley, S2C participant who shadowed at the University of Pittsburgh’s Department of Biological Studies

School 2 Career’s vision is to break the cycle of poverty by eliminating educational and employment barriers youth face in our community. Our mission is to ensure at-risk students from Pittsburgh’s urban core have the support to graduate high school prepared to pursue a career and post-secondary education. To accomplish this goal, we collaborate with the family, the school, employers and the community. We provide one-on-one mentoring, job development and career exploration, while teaching the students important virtues such as dependability, accountability and responsibility.
Believe and Achieve

In its first full year in the new Oakland Career Center, S2C served 42 students — an all-time program high. Collectively, our students completed over 7,000 hours of mentored job shadowing, volunteering, and training in multiple fields including anesthesiology, mechanical engineering, and architecture. We tutored each of them individually, and 60% of them increased their Grade Point Average from the previous year. For the 12th consecutive year, all of our seniors were accepted into college, and they’ve all graduated eligible for Pittsburgh Promise scholarships.

**LEADING THEIR PEERS** S2C molds students into leaders who stand out in their schools and communities. This year, our students earned national honors in writing; they lobbied Harrisburg legislators for education funding; they received full scholarship awards to renowned universities; they moderated political debates; they leveraged job shadows into paying jobs. For teens who come from low-income families and distressed schools, these opportunities are priceless.

**BUILDING OUR ALLIANCE & CAPACITY** This year, S2C forged new partnerships to continue to strengthen the program. After winning Social Venture Partners of Pittsburgh’s (SVPP) 2012 Fall Pitch, we received an 18-month commitment to build capacity for program outreach and fundraising. SVPP funding also enabled us to furnish the program’s “Teen Center” and become an official testing and training center for Microsoft program certification. While staff worked with SVPP, students studied philanthropy under the guidance of the POISE Foundation and McAuley Ministries. The foundations taught the teens about volunteerism, grant making and relationship building, and students immediately applied their findings. They raised funds for their very own “Youth Philanthropy Initiative,” through which they provided six grants to local young entrepreneurs.
Strategic Plan: Believe and Achieve

GOAL: OPDC’s School 2 Career youth leadership program will exhibit high demand from young people, be widely recognized for achieving high performance outcomes in the areas of academic and career exploration, and be attractive to a diverse group of funders.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS: At-risk young people will improve their grades, build their personal networks, experience mentored work placements, graduate on time, and be eligible for Pittsburgh Promise scholarships. They will enter college and follow a clear, customized path toward career success. Neighborhoods in Oakland, the Hill District and Uptown will gain recognition for young residents who are capable, confident leaders.
“I was trying to recover from an abusive marriage and get on my feet as a single mother when I found JobLinks. They helped me turn my life around. I tell everybody in a situation like me to go to JobLinks. They live up to what they say they’re going to do.”

Mika Duncan

Each year, JobLinks engages nearly 600 people from all over the city in career development training. Over 90 percent of our job seekers are women, and two-thirds of them are African-American.

Most are unemployed or underemployed and face educational barriers to employment. We help job seekers create resumes, learn workplace etiquette, build conflict management skills, and conduct mock interviews to quickly and efficiently prepare them for jobs. Candidates use our computer lab to enhance their resumes, practice keyboarding and customer service skills, and conduct online job searches. Our staff creates customized plans for each individual to help them achieve gainful employment.
Work and Earn

This year, JobLinks served 558 job seekers. We placed 278 of these clients on new career paths, three-fourths into health care positions, at an average wage of $10.47 per hour.

EMPLOYING PEOPLE IN HIGH-PRIORITY OCCUPATIONS

Because of our proximity to and robust partnerships with Oakland’s hospitals and their regional networks, JobLinks maintains a special focus on preparing job seekers for positions in health care fields. Last year, our instructors trained 82 people to become Certified Nursing Assistants, and taught 66 to become Home Health Aides. We placed most graduates in hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities.

Our instructors also taught CPR and First Aid courses to over 300 people, making our clients more employable in health care and outfitting them with skills which set them apart from the pack.

HELPING JOB SEEKERS ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE

We collaborate with the City of Pittsburgh’s Employment, Advancement and Retention (EARN) program to offer job search and job placement services to those receiving public assistance, helping them move rapidly from welfare to work.

This year, we served 214 clients through this partnership. While EARN clients face significant barriers to employment, our JobLinks team matches them to training opportunities, locates resources for transportation, clothing, and child care, and walks with them every step of the way.
Strategic Plan: Work and Earn

GOAL: OPDC will open opportunities for people to gain and retain jobs, including positions with the neighborhood’s biggest employers, and especially within the region’s growing health care sector. We will help people gain wealth and position themselves for ongoing success in their careers.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS: Oakland’s employers will value JobLinks as a partner for their success. Health care employers from around the region will look to JobLinks to fill open positions. Vulnerable populations, including Oakland residents, will gain access to paid work, public benefits, and financial literacy coaching.
## ASSETS

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**Total Revenue** $2,006,000 100%

### EXPENSES BY PROGRAM
2012–2013

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**Total Expenses** $2,109,000 100%
Funders

BNY Mellon Foundation
City of Pittsburgh
Dollar Bank
McAuley Ministries
Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
The Pittsburgh Foundation
Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development
PNC Bank
Social Venture Partners Pittsburgh
Sprout Fund
University of Pittsburgh
UPMC Health Plan
W.I. Patterson Charitable Fund

Supporters

Chris Avalotis
Harry Barnes
John Basile
Mary Bellisario
Andrea Boykowycz
Katherine Boykowycz
Elizabeth Smith Brown
Adam Butkus

Thomas and Patricia Canfield
Community Human Services Corporation
James Daniels
Matt Dilulis
Andy DiPaolo
Duquesne Light
Kenneth Eckenrode
Robert Eckenrode
Andrew Elkworth
Eureka Bank
Dewayne and Pamela Falkner
Raymond and Kathy Jo Firth
Andrew Fisher
Christopher and Dawn Fleischner
Hans and Leslie Fleischner
Giuseppe Flora
Tiffany Fountain
Fuel & Fuddle
Raymond Garofalo
Steve Glickman
Mary Beth Guzzetta
Nathan Hart
Andrew Emerson Hawk
Keith Hayden and Sharon Leak
The Home Depot Foundation
Ronald Jardini
Elizabeth and Blair Jobe
John C. R. Kelly Realty, Inc.
Michael Kelly
Ruthie King
James Lardas
Kemon Lardas
Dorian and David Levine

Richard Liebscher
Thomas Luxbacher
Nicholas Malachias
David Manthei
Jeffrey Maurin
Gale McGloin
Jennifer Meccariello Layman
Tony Murgia
Ryan O’Donnell
Marian Pafford
David Panasiuk
Pascale Communications
Jim Patrinos
Charles Perlick
Bryan M. and Sarah Dieleman Perry
Robert Pfaffmann
Pittsburgh Pirates
Jerry Pounds
Daniel Robb
Nancy Scalise
Gloria Sciulli
Michelle Semins
Sestili Nursery Inc.
Kevin Stiles
Laura Swiss
Thomas Taormina
Ten Thousand Villages
Jeanette and Donald W. Thomas
Milda Torres
Dorcas Turner
Vocelli’s Pizza
Jason Vrabel
Elizabeth Waickman
Adrienne Walnoha
Whole Foods
Laurel and Gary Willingham-McLain
Wanda Wilson
Partners

Allegheny County Department of Children, Youth and Family Services
Baum Centre Initiative
Bellefield Area Citizens Association
Bike Pittsburgh
Carlow University
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh
Carnegie Mellon University
Central Oakland Community Organization
Coalition of Oakland Residents
Community Human Services Corporation
Community Living and Support Services
East End Cooperative Ministries
Friendship Community Presbyterian Church
GTECH Strategies
Hill House Association
Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh
Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh
NeighborWorks Western Pennsylvania
Oakcliffe Housing Club
Oakland Business Improvement District
Oakland Task Force
Oakland Transportation Management Association
Office of Councilman Bruce Kraus
Office of Councilman R. Daniel Lavelle
Office of Councilman William Peduto
Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl
Office of PA State Representative Dan B. Frankel
Office of PA State Representative Jake Wheatley
Peoples Oakland
Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group
Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy
Pittsburgh Public Schools
POISE Foundation
Port Authority of Allegheny County
Presbyterian SeniorCare
PULSE
Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh
Schenley Farms Civic Association
South Oakland Neighborhood Group

Employer Partners

The Corner Transitional Services, Inc.
Tree Pittsburgh
University of Pittsburgh
Uptown Partners of Pittsburgh
Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh
Urban Redevelopment Authority
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

The Campus School of Carlow University, Extended Day
Carnegie Mellon University
Carnegie Science Center
Centre Avenue YMCA
The Children’s Home of Pittsburgh
CORO Pittsburgh
Development Program at Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church
Grace Robinson
State Farm Insurance Agency
Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council
MAYA Design, Inc.
Pittsburgh Center for the Arts
Pittsburgh Community Television
Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation
Pittsburgh Pipeline
Reading Is Fundamental
Schenley Heights Child Development Program at Grace Memorial
Sisters of Mercy Convent
Steeltown Entertainment Project
University of Pittsburgh (Placements in six different departments)
UPMC (Placements in eleven different departments)
Weisshouse Interiors
YWCA Homewood-Brushton Community Center
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