



## Community Organization

Organized community groups attempt to influence government, corporations and institutions as well as achieve increased direct representation within decision-making bodies. Community organizing is usually focused on more than just resolving specific issues and is concerned with the general health of the community rather than a specific interest group. These organizations focus efforts on reducing economic and social barriers, as well as creating a more diverse, inclusive and tolerant community.

The following organizations have been reviewed by The Greater Cincinnati Foundation in the recent past.

### Amos Project

The Amos Project is a faith-based organization that has been working for social justice policy reform for poor people of all races living in Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky for the past ten years. It has grown from a membership of 15 congregations to its current 43 members. 2007 accomplishments include work on the GOTV (Get Out The Vote) Project which delivered 3,000 new and infrequent voters to the polls for City of Cincinnati Council Elections and successfully negotiating a local hiring agreement (local hiring, minority inclusion, etc.) with the city and county for “The Banks” development project.

[www.xavier.edu/bellarmine/the\\_amos\\_project.htm](http://www.xavier.edu/bellarmine/the_amos_project.htm)

### What can you do?

This is a small sample of community organizations GCF has recently supported. If you would like to contribute to one or more of these organizations or want more information please contact a member of our Giving Strategies Group at (513) 241-2880.

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**Bridges for a Just Community (Bridges)**

Since 1944, Bridges, formerly The National Conference for Community and Justice, has been a recognized and respected community leader in bringing people together to achieve inclusion, equity and justice for all residents of the Greater Cincinnati region. Bridges works to educate, empower and sustain leaders. Their programs and services provide a continuum of opportunities that move participants from initial awareness to action-oriented behavior.

[www.bridgescincinnati.org](http://www.bridgescincinnati.org)

**Center for Great Neighborhoods of Covington (The Center)**

Formally the Covington Community Center, the Center has been dedicated to helping people improve their lives by improving the quality of urban neighborhoods for 25 years. Strong neighborhoods provide stability, social supports and a web of vital resources that allow families and individuals to flourish. The Center's many programs equip residents with the tools and resources they need to play a vital role in creating healthy, thriving neighborhoods in Covington, Kentucky.

[www.greatneighborhoods.org](http://www.greatneighborhoods.org)

**Clermont 20/20**

Clermont 20/20 was established in 1991 with the purpose of implementing Clermont County's ten-year vision. The organization serves as a catalyst in the community by bringing people and organizations together to improve the quality of life in Clermont County. Current programs include: clean and green (Clermont recycling), clermont educational opportunities program, college access program (GRASP), mentoring programs, community and leadership development programs; and speakers bureaus.

[www.clermont2020.org](http://www.clermont2020.org)

**Community Police Partnering Center (CPPC)**

CPPC was created to serve a vital need in our community following the civil unrest of 2001. CPPC builds relationships of respect, cooperation and trust with and between police and community to create an environment wherein police and community members will become proactive partners in community problem solving efforts. CPPC engages community stakeholders to participate, trains citizens in Community Problem-Oriented Policing methodology (CPOP), and then supports citizen-police problem-solving teams as they work to reduce, and in some cases, eliminate persistent crime and disorder problems in the community.

[www.cpopcenter.org](http://www.cpopcenter.org)

**Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)**

LISC is a national organization with a neighborhood focus. Established locally in 1982, LISC is the nation's largest supporter of grassroots community development, providing and encouraging investment in urban and rural affordable housing, technical support and neighborhood services. LISC staff help identify local priorities and challenges, delivering the most appropriate support to meet local needs. In addition to affordable housing, these include providing support for quality child care, economic development, innovative schools, recreational facilities, health care, and community safety.

[www.lisc.org](http://www.lisc.org)

**Price Hill Will**

Price Hill Will was incorporated as a nonprofit community development corporation in 2004, but the history of this organization is much older. Price Hill Will is a “movement” involving many residents and stakeholders building on the strengths of the Price Hill community. The organization is made up of ten community action teams comprised of Price Hill residents and stakeholders. Programs include: youth programs; arts and music programs; beautification projects; safety programs/activities; housing redevelopment; and commercial revitalization.

[www.pricehillwill.org](http://www.pricehillwill.org)

**Urban League of Greater Cincinnati (ULGC)**

For the past 59 years, ULGC has a record of addressing key challenges facing African Americans and others at risk by providing a full array of programs and services that help individuals and families become self-sustaining. Programs include: adult and youth leadership development, family education, education summit, after-school programs, children of incarcerated parents, parent empowerment, and job readiness/development/placement/retention and skills training. In 2007, the ULGC placed 580 adults in jobs.

[www.gcul.org](http://www.gcul.org)

**Vision 2015**

Vision 2015, formerly Forward Quest, is a 10-year strategic blueprint for unlocking the Northern Kentucky region’s full potential for growth, opportunity, culture and prosperity. Vision 2015 is a shared public agenda designed to set the region’s priorities, focus action to achieve those priorities, and measure the impact. The project focuses on accomplishing economic competitiveness, educational excellence, urban renaissance, effective governance, livable communities and regional stewardship.

[www.vision2015.org](http://www.vision2015.org)