

## ABOUT US

South Suburban Community Development Corporation (SSCDC) is redefining communities by focusing on training our most neglected populations of underemployed and unemployable citizens to build sustainable communities and create viable employment opportunities.

We offer two nationally certified programs designed to prepare students to enter an apprenticeship program, start their own company, or become gainfully employed. Our Pre-Apprentice Painting and Drywall Program has been so successful that we've added a Pre-Apprentice Carpentry-Oriented Program.

SSCDC is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization offering training and housing service in the far South Side and South Suburban communities of Chicago.



## SPONSORS



We are grateful for the continual support of our donors. The organizations above have enabled us to offer programming, develop housing and sustain operations.

Your support will assist us in providing training programs for ex-offenders, veterans, the chronically unemployed, and young adults. We will also utilize your contributions to support our operations and assist in the development of low to moderate income housing.

To donate and for information, visit our website:  
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## REBUILDING LIVES AND COMMUNITIES



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## TRAINING

South Suburban Community Development Corporation (SSCDC) provides pre-apprentice skills training for at-risk youth, veterans, ex-felons, women and the most chronically unemployed. In collaboration with Prairie State, SSCDC has successfully implemented Building Trades Training Programs focused on:

- Drywall and Painting
- Carpentry

Nearly 40% of our students are ex-offenders who join our program because the idea of becoming self-employed offers much better chances for them than finding employers who will hire felons. For others we feel we are creating pathways that redirect individuals from potential regretful mistakes.

SSCDC has tracked positive outcomes for more than 80% of participants:

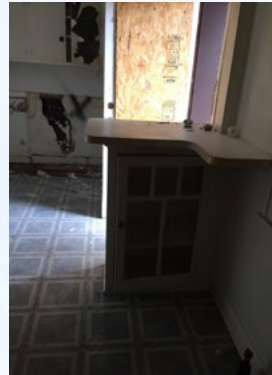
- Over 50% are employed either in some area of building trades or are self-employed;
- 15% are employed in areas other than the trades;
- 9% are looking for work; and
- Approximately 23% are/have obtained further education



## NEW BEGINNINGS

These same students spend the last few weeks of training participating in on-the-job training activities:

- Renovating non-profit facilities
- Providing services to community organizations
- Rehabbing housing units that are then leased to homeless families.



SSCDC and its L3C organization (HOPE Construction Company) works with local governmental entities to acquire abandoned properties. These properties are then used as training sites for program participants, under the tutelage of master craftsmen, to renovate the properties. To date more than ten units have been rehabbed and occupied by homeless individuals and families.

## PARTNERSHIPS

SSCDC has garnered the support of numerous partners and supporters but the work has just begun.

- Prairie State College provides opportunities for the students to obtain a GED and receive additional skills through the college.
- HOPE Construction, an LC3 corporate partner provides housing facilities for training and subsequently leased to homeless families.
- Victory Apostolic Church serves as SSCDC's fiscal agent, mentors trainees and serves on the Board of SSCDC.

In addition, we offer Life Skills sessions that include topics such as behavior modification and workplace ethics.

One of our corporate partners who supported our training and employment activities:



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