



Rooted in
Love

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.

Psalm 1:3a



A Stewardship Moment

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This is one of the hardest questions to answer. We do things differently. We believe that those living in the Coronado Haskell neighborhood know much better what they need than we do and we can help be a resource for them as they improve the neighborhood from within.

What does Jeremiah do?

- » We listen and respond to the needs of those living and working in the Coronado Haskell Neighborhood.
- » Light the Night – in response to a conversation with the residents regarding how dark the neighborhood was, we partnered with the City of Rockford Community Action Agency, the Coronado Haskell Neighborhood Association, and community volunteers to install 125 exterior solar motion detector lights on the outside of their homes.
- » Community Garden – the community garden is a place to meet with our neighbors and have meaningful conversations around safety and nutrition. We determine what is grown in the garden by the request from the neighbors. More greens, less artichokes! This year we decided not to plant cherry tomatoes. They let us know they eat them all the time. They will be back next year!
- » Community Computer Center – we were made aware of the need to access computers without a time limit (the library has a 45 min. limit) and without a government ID. We wrote a grant and now have computers that are available for use for classes, teledoc appointments, email, applying for benefits, etc.
- » Neighborhood Infrastructure – we have discussions with the neighbors when we deliver the monthly newsletter regarding the need for advocacy with the city. Unkept yards, broken sidewalks, and litter are reported to the city monthly.
- » We support the Coronado Haskell Neighborhood Association. The association brings needs to JD and we work together to accomplish solutions. Our partnership with the association is long standing and very strong. Neighborhood safety nights, Movie in the Park nights, and the newsletter are a few of the projects we work together on.
- » We provide opportunities for access to needed social services and governmental agencies.

LOVE Rockford and Jeremiah CARES bring together social service agencies, governmental agencies, and physical/mental health providers on a regular basis in one location. This allows the community to see what's available and connect with needed services by eliminating the barriers of time and transportation.

At Jeremiah Development do things differently! It takes time and commitment to listen and really hear the needs of the neighborhood.

If you'd like to be a part of the listening and responding or would like to make a donation, consider visiting us at jeremiahdevelopment.org or give us a call at (815) 627-0001!