# Purpose Built Communities Revitalizing Neighborhoods to Break the Cycle of Poverty

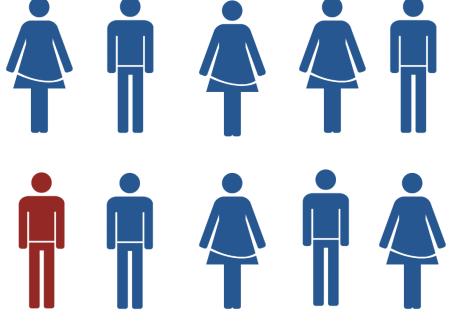
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## Poverty continues to undermine the American Dream

### 48.8 million Americans live in poverty

48.8 million > the entire populations of Canada, Denmark, and Ireland combined



42% of children born to

parents in the bottom fifth of the economic distribution remain in the bottom as adults<sup>2</sup>

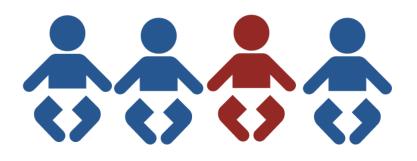
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fifth<sup>2</sup>

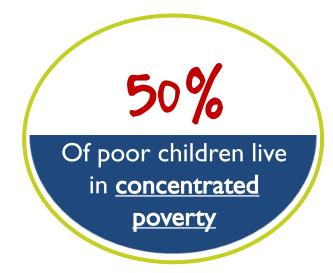
That is more than 1 in 10 Americans

# Children experience poverty at even higher rates

## 16.1 million children live in poverty

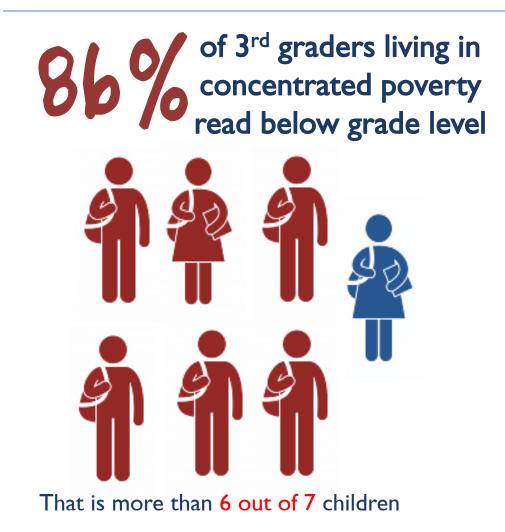


### That is I in 4 American children



Concentrated poverty: >30% lives below the poverty line

### Living in concentrated poverty often has dire implications for children



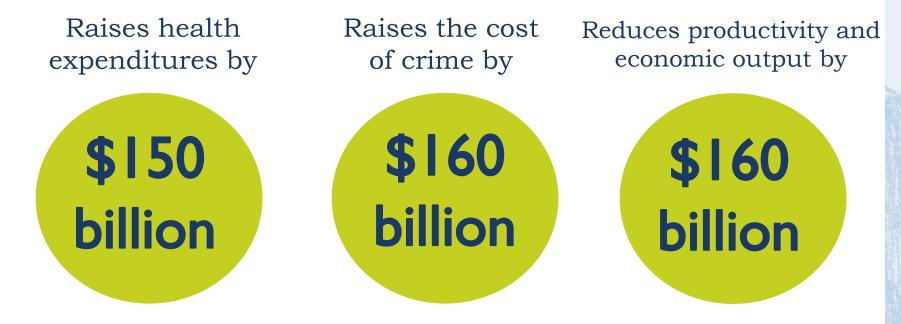
 2x as many adults living in areas of concentrated poverty lack a high school diploma

Residents of areas of
concentrated poverty
can experience 12
times higher homicide
rates.

Annie E Casey Foundation :"How Third Grade Reading Skills and Poverty Influence High School Graduation" http://gradelevelreading.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Double-Jeopardy-Report-030812-for-web1.pdf

# The human and economic costs of childhood poverty affect everyone.

### It is estimated that childhood poverty...



The total costs to the United States associated with childhood poverty equals

# \$500 billion per year

### Purpose Built Communities is working to break the cycle of poverty

Our holistic approach uses East Lake as a basis for a model that has proven results





Neighborhood Transformation that is both physical and human



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## East Lake Meadows - 1995









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#### <u>Safety</u>

- 18x national crime rate
- 90% of families victims of a felony each year
- \$35 million a year drug trade

### Housing

- 100% public housing
- 1400 residents in 650 apartments
- 40% of units unlivable

#### **Employment**

- 13% employment
- 59% of adults on welfare
- Median income of ~\$4,500

#### **Education**

- One of lowest performing schools in Georgia
- 5% of 5<sup>th</sup> graders meet state math standards
- 30% graduation rate

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Eva Davis, Former resident of East Lake Meadows

## **Villages of East Lake - Present**

### <u>Safety</u>

- 73% reduction in crime
- 90% lower violent crime

#### Housing

- High-quality, privately managed housing
- Mixed-income (50% public housing, 50% market rate)
- 1400 residents in 542 apartments

### Employment

- 75% employment in public housing, remainder in job training, elderly or disabled
- Median income of ~ \$15k in public housing households

#### **Education**

- $\sim$ 1500 in Pre-K through 10<sup>th</sup>
- 98% meet or exceed state standards
- A top performing school in Atlanta and the state

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# The East Lake transformation gave rise to a replicable model

### A Defined Neighborhood



Mixed Income Housing



Cradle-to-College Education Pipeline



Community Wellness

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# Replace concentrated low-income housing with mixed-income housing

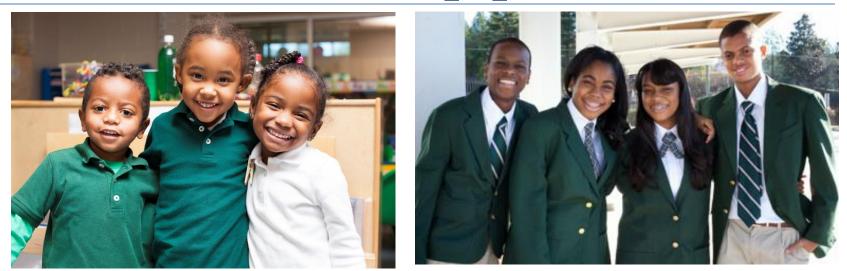




Mixed-income housing:

- Ensures high standards in design, development, and operation
- Attracts additional public and private investment to the neighborhood
- Destigmatizes the neighborhood

## Implement a cradle-to-college education pipeline

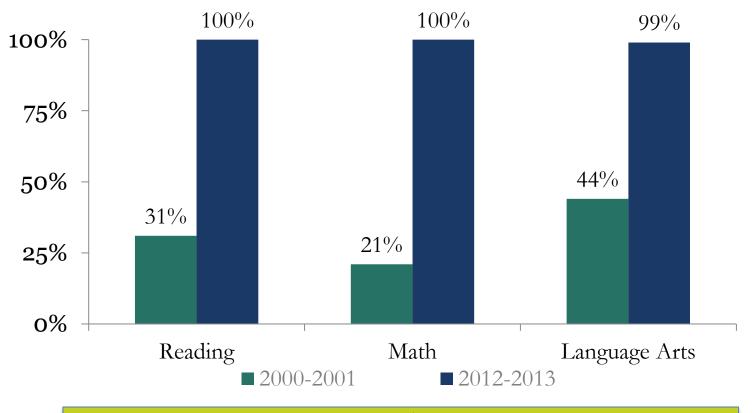


To ensure an effective pipeline:

- Direct control of school
- A neighborhood focus
- Emphasis on high-quality Early Childhood Education
- Seamless coordination between each aspect of the pipeline

# Drew students have shown tremendous improvement.

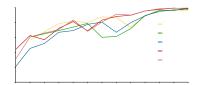
Percentage of Drew 4<sup>th</sup> graders who meet or exceed standards (2013)



Drew moved from being the **69<sup>th</sup> ranked** school (last place in 2000-01) in the APS system to one of the state's top ranked schools.

Source: GA Department of Education (CRCT scores - 2013);.

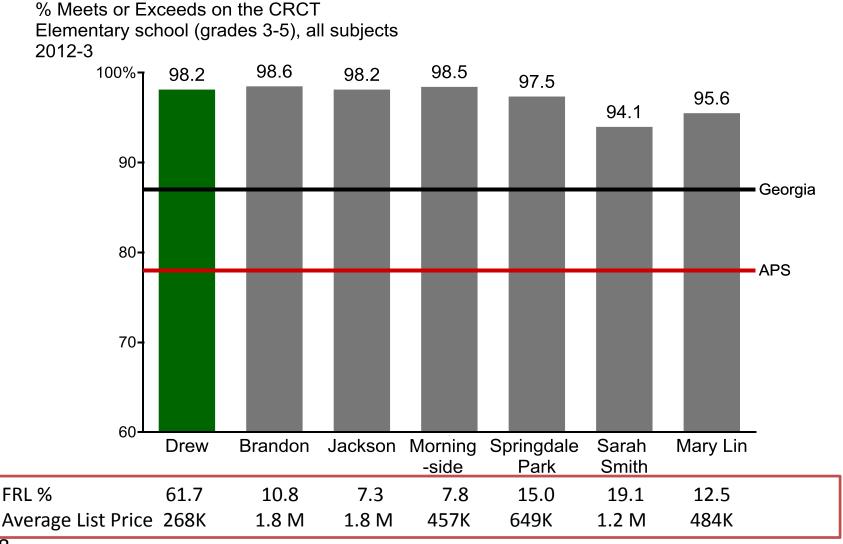
# Drew's improvement over time has been consistent, slow and steady.



Since 2010, Drew's CRCT performance across all subjects has reached and maintained the highest levels.

Source: GA Department of Education CRCT data, Governor's Office of Student Achievement, 2000-1 through 2012-3

# Drew students perform on par with the highest achieving schools in Atlanta.

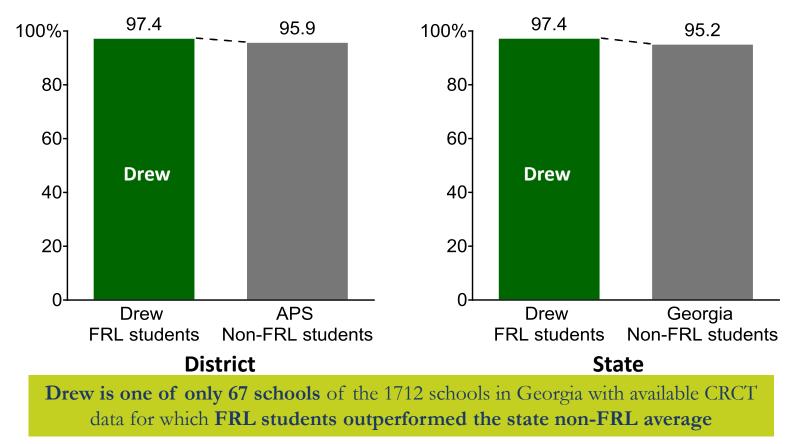


Source: GA Department of Education CRCT data, Governor's Office of Student Achievement, enrollment data, 2012-3 http://www.trulia.com/real\_estate/Atlanta-Georgia/09/18/2014

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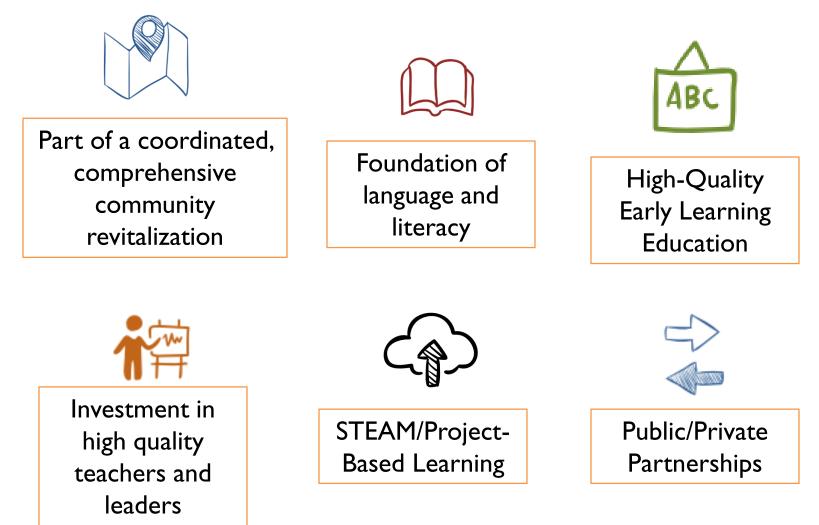
# Drew's FRL students outperform APS and the state's *non-FRL* students, effectively eliminating the achievement gap

% Meets or Exceeds on the CRCT Elementary School (grades 3-5)all subjects, 2012-3



Note: 1712 schools with CRCT data includes elementary and middle schools, CRCT assesses students in grades 3 – 8) Source: GA Department of Education CRCT data, Governor's Office of Student Achievement, 2012-3

# **The East Lake Difference**



### Infuse community wellness with top quality amenities and support services







# Effective, coordinated programs aligned with community needs enhance the neighborhood's profile and benefit all families



- Job readiness
- Benefits screening
- After school programs
- Tutoring and mentoring
- Community garden



- YMCA recreation and health programs
- Golf programs
- Community social events
- Summer camps



### Healthy neighborhoods include facilities that support the community

### Health and Wellness Center (Indianapolis)

### **Publix grocery**





### **Develop a strong Lead Organization**

- Newly formed non-profit with a single focus
- Ensures that all programs are **connected**, **coordinated and seamless**
- Ensures high quality programming
- Ensures people in the target neighborhood are the ones served
- Braids a sustainable funding stream
- Serves as a single point of accountability

This is the Purpose Built difference

# Success of the model requires the right building blocks

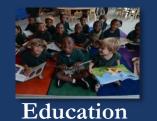


• Strong civic/business/faith-based leadership that fully supports Purpose Built's holistic development vision and approach



Housing

- Sufficient multifamily scale for neighborhood transformation
- Economically viable surrounding area (essential to attract market rate residents)
- Sufficient funding resources for affordable component



- Potential for direct local control of schools
- Preference for neighborhood children to attend schools

## Define a specific neighborhood

### Atlanta, GA

### East Lake





• The target area of investment (in orange) is less than 1 square mile

<u>Target Area (Orange</u>): Est. Population of ~1400 <u>Area of Impact (East Lake and Kirkwood neighborhoods)</u>: Est. Population of ~12,300 <u>Area of Impact</u>: Racial Demographics 58% African-American, 38% White

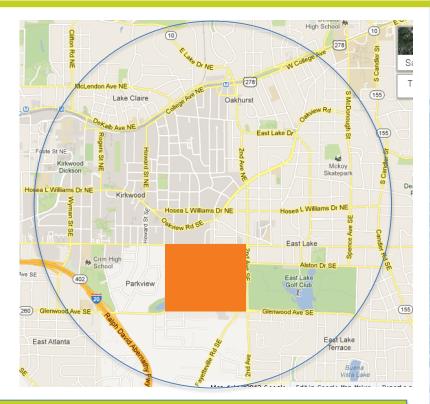
Note: Population estimated based on 2010 Landscan data from USAID Source: Population estimate from "population explorer" (http://www.populationexplorer.com/#)

# The impact will spread into the surrounding community

### **Broader Community**

East Lake and the surrounding community saw some \$200M in new private investments in the first 10 years

- Residential and commercial investments:
  - New grocery stores
  - New bank branches
  - New and more varied housing options
  - Neighborhood retail and restaurants



The % gain in existing home prices enjoyed by East Lake residents was 4x larger than that realized by the typical Atlanta home owner

Source: Selig Center for Economic Growth; Internal Analysis

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### Two early stage successes indicate the model is replicable: New Orleans Before After





- Lead Organization: Bayou District Foundation (http://bayoudistrictfoundation.org/)
- Housing: Master Plan includes 900 mixed-income units (300 public, 300 low-income, 300 market rate) with ~675 built to date
- Education: Educare of New Orleans, K-8 public charter school and public high school in predevelopment
- **Community Wellness:** Plans include YMCA, grocery store, health clinic, and city park revitalization

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- Lead Organization: Meadows Community Foundation (http://avondalemeadows.org/)
- **Housing**: Master plan includes 600 high-quality mixed-income apartment homes and 250 townhomes and single-family homes; 250 apartment homes completed to date
- Education: Two of Indianapolis' finest charter schools are in operation
- **Community Wellness:** Plans include a 70,000 sq. ft. multi-use health and wellness center, a fullservice grocery store and commercial shops

### Purpose Built is helping transform neighborhoods across the country



# Thank you



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