

WE FOCUS OUR EFFORTS

in one neighborhood, channeling our work through best in class partners and resident leaders to catalyze and accelerate human potential.

About Us

In 2015, four organizations (KIPP Texas, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Legacy Community Health and the YMCA of Greater Houston) came together, under the Purpose Built Communities Model, to more efficiently leverage their strengths and assets to support the students and families in Gulfton/Sharpstown. By aligning their missions and sharing resources, they knew they could dramatically increase their impact in the neighborhood. In 2016, the four partners helped establish Connect Community, a single purpose non-profit 'Community Quarterback' which provides a strong, visionary leadership team capable of bringing diverse entities together to ensure that partners and residents have their North Star pointed toward aligned neighborhood outcomes.

Our Approach

- We Build Relationships

Trusted relationships are our building blocks.

- We Develop Leaders

We find rising leaders and equip them with the tools to help the community address its challenges and push for solutions.

- We Till the Soil

We act as disruptors, challenging the status quo of community problem solving by providing a platform for innovative thinking.



**CRADLE-CAREER
EDUCATION**



**MIXED-INCOME
HOUSING**



**HOLISTIC COMMUNITY
WELLNESS**

OUR THREE PILLARS

Our Neighborhood

(Within a 2-mile radius)

- More than 18,000 residents
- 5x the density of any neighborhood in Houston
- 88% speak a language other than English
- 48% poverty rate; 2% of households receive public assistance
- 19 schools
- 46% lack a high school diploma



OUR VISION

As a community that has been labeled the “Gulfton Ghetto” for far too long, it is time we flip the narrative and bolster the inherent resiliency that drives this community. Our goal is to create an environment that transforms the future of Gulfton-Sharpstown where residents and newcomers will be equipped to thrive, be an integral part of the community and live long and healthy lives.



Investment Opportunities

Investing in our mission helps us build strong neighborhood voices, community-wide partnerships and innovative programs. Investing in Connect allows us to continue working as silo busters, dot connectors and cat herders to advocate for needed resources and infrastructure to drive positive change in Gulfton. Efforts which, but for Connect, simply would not happen.



Mental Health

Physical Wellness

Workforce Development

Affordable Housing

Green/Community Spaces

Community Leaders

A gift to Connect is an investment in the belief that Gulfton is an equal part of the Houston story.

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