

# 20 YEARS OF BUILDING BETTER NEIGHBORHOODS

## The LISC Indianapolis 2012 Annual Report



✳ 2012 was a landmark year for both LISC and the City of Indianapolis.

As LISC Indianapolis began its 20th anniversary year, the city welcomed its first Super Bowl: an event that showcased the city to a huge international audience. Nearly everyone agreed that Indianapolis looked like a pretty amazing place.

LISC had a lot to do with that. It was LISC that brought the Near Eastside quality-of-life plan to the Indianapolis Super Bowl Bid Committee, urging it to use the plan as a blueprint for the Super Bowl Legacy Project. In so doing, LISC leveraged the NFL's contribution into a \$152 million investment that transformed an entire neighborhood. Projects that culminated with the Legacy Project included new and upgraded housing, a neighborhood health center, and the Chase Near Eastside Legacy Center—a multipurpose fitness facility and community center serving neighborhood residents and organizations.

LISC's work on the Near Eastside set the stage for our "What's Next For Neighborhoods" public conversation series. Three conversations attracted more than 400 civic leaders and citizens, who listened as panels of community, civic, academic, and business leaders discussed the challenges facing our urban neighborhoods. The series will continue to tackle the tough questions facing our neighborhoods throughout 2013.



Our 20th anniversary also provided LISC the opportunity to honor 20 local visionaries—people and projects that have been instrumental in transforming Indy's neighborhoods over the past two decades. In September 2012, LISC held a celebration in their honor for 400 guests at the historic Indianapolis City Market—an event at which we remembered all the people who've worked so hard to make Indianapolis neighborhoods better. (You can read more about our visionaries, and watch videos featuring their stories, on the LISC blog at [liscindianapolis.org](http://liscindianapolis.org).)

All of this happened as LISC continued the work of community development, partnering with others to improve housing, help families out of poverty, attract new business to neighborhoods, and address health, safety, and education issues. Among other things, LISC:

- Established a new Center for Working Families (CWF) in the Mid-North neighborhood at Ivy Tech Community College in July. This new site serves students enrolled in the college, including neighborhood residents.
- Launched a quality-of-life planning process in Indianapolis's Northeast transit corridor and organized neighborhood transportation summits in Southeast, West, and Near West Indianapolis.
- Convened the Indy Food Fund, which supports food-related initiatives focused on how food affects the health, ecology, social justice, and community development aspects of our community.
- Supported seven FOCUS corridors that are helping urban neighborhoods repair and redevelop their commercial and business infrastructure.



In all, LISC invested \$13,527,661 in Indianapolis neighborhoods last year. (See "2012 by the Numbers" for other interesting 2012 statistics.) And we're not finished yet. Right now, LISC is better prepared than ever to tackle its newest mission by Indianapolis's bicentennial year of 2020.

It's going to be an exciting, transformative ride—and we're thrilled you're aboard. Our 20th anniversary year was eventful, exciting, and memorable. Now the stage is set for even bigger things to come.



# 2012 By the Numbers

**\* \$13,527,661**

invested in Indianapolis neighborhoods

- **\$11,105,000** in New Market Tax Credits
- **\$1,705,843** in program grants
- **\$450,000** in loan financing
- **\$266,818** in training, technical assistance, and capacity building
- **\$24,258,741** leveraged in other neighborhood investment

**\* 80** new jobs created

**\* 362,388** square feet of commercial space built and transformed

**\* 522** businesses assisted by FOCUS

**\* 30** educational programs and facilities assisted

**\* \$14,099,034**

invested by other companies and organizations in LISC Sustainable Communities' quality-of-life plan components

**\* 1,858** individuals served by Centers for Working Families

**\* 30** community-based organizations assisted

**\* 66** healthy food access projects in our Sustainable Communities

**\* 19** housing units built and transformed

**\* 25** community/police partnerships implemented



# INTRODUCING THE PLATFORM: Indy's Neighborhood Development Hub

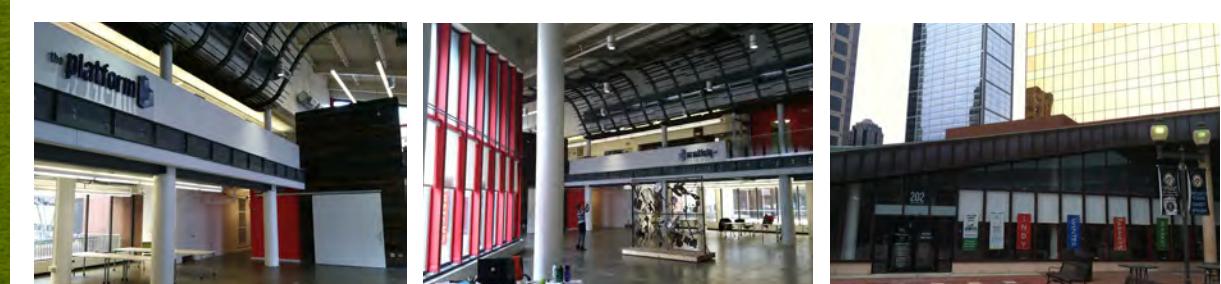
Not long ago, a dwindling tenant base and operating expenses made the west wing of the historic Indianapolis City Market a candidate for demolition. But LISC looked at the old building and saw a world of possibilities.

Those possibilities became a reality in 2012, when LISC convinced the City to renovate the space for use by LISC and other nonprofits. The plan worked, and it not only saved a slice of Indianapolis history, but it also provided a new home base for LISC Indianapolis.

The space is now known as The Platform—a one-of-a-kind hub for people and organizations working together to revitalize neighborhoods. And it's going to be a launching pad for Indianapolis neighborhood success stories.

The Platform is a place to collaborate, dream, incubate partnerships, and get things done.

Find out more about The Platform—event space rental, co-working opportunities, and more—by contacting LISC at (317) 454-8486, or visit The Platform website at [theprofessionalindy.org](http://theprofessionalindy.org).



## The Platform is home to:

- LISC
- The Indy Winter Farmers Market
- The Indiana Association for Community Economic Development (IACED)
- The Indianapolis Coalition for Neighborhood Development
- Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc.
- The Indianapolis Land Bank
- Growing Places Indy
- Wishard Health Programs
- IFF
- The Indianapolis City Market Corporation
- Charter Schools Development Corporation
- Indy Food Council



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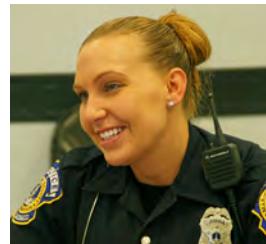
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