

Open Hand Ministries

The ministry of "Open Hand" is dependent on the miracle of many organizations and individuals coming together for the sake of justice and compassion. With many open hands, something far greater and more lasting will be built.

"What I can do, you cannot.
What you can do, I cannot.
But together
we can do something
beautiful for God"

- Mother Theresa

Please join us in building something beautiful in the East End of Pittsburgh.

**Call Michael Stanton,
Director, Open Hand Ministries,
412-400-7253**



The Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania has identified "unequal access to home ownership for non-white Pennsylvanians" as one of PA's key housing related issues. According to the HAP, "there exists a huge disparity between homeownership rates for Whites (79%), African Americans (53%) and Hispanics (47%)". 72.5% of East Liberty's population and 83.2% of Garfield's population are African American.

I therefore command you, "open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land" Deut.15:11



Open Hand Ministries

East End Affordable Housing



An open hand ... giving the resources necessary to meet the needs of the poor

An open hand ... releasing the power and privilege that allows for a more just world

An open hand ... humbly acknowledging our need for one another

An open hand ... worshipping the One who emptied himself of all power and privilege that all might know the Kingdom of God.



Open Hand Ministries

East End Affordable Housing

c/o Valley View Presbyterian Church,
601 North Aiken Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

www.openhandhousing.org

- Affordable Homes
- Caring Communities
- Strong Neighborhoods

Open Hand Ministries

The mission of Open Hand is to respond to the injustice and inequality common to inner city neighborhoods by providing low/moderate income, disadvantaged families the opportunity for affordable homeownership in the economically challenged Pittsburgh neighborhoods of Garfield and East Liberty.



Open Hand Ministries Will Partner with...

Community lending agencies

To match client families with affordable mortgage programs that apply to their circumstances and meet their needs. Partners include Dwelling House Savings & Loan, Dollar Bank, and ESB Bank

Community development corporations

To select properties that meet the needs of the client families and are located stabilizing sections of Garfield and East Liberty. Partners are *East Liberty Development Inc, Bloomfield-Garfield Corp.*

Local construction companies

Trade skill professionals, and volunteers to effectively and efficiently rehabilitate properties into safe, sound, and energy efficient homes. Partners include *Service Electrical Supply, Sciuollo Electric, Faith Restorations, etc.*

Client families

To repair their credit, improve their money management skills, and qualify for affordable mortgages. Partners include: *Garfield Jubilee, Dwelling House Savings and Loan, Dollar Bank and Neighborhood Housing Services.*

Churches who sponsor client families

To provide a community of care that will accompany the client family through credit counseling, home buying, home ownership and the transition into their new neighborhood. Current church sponsors include: *East Liberty Presbyterian Church, The Open Door Faith Community and Valley View Presbyterian Church.*

Be a Part of the Miracle...

You can help through

- prayer
- financial support
- client referrals
- connections to trade skill professionals
- donation of building materials
- volunteering time and skills for construction, administrative and communication projects,
- client care counseling and resource identification
- on-going home maintenance training
- on-going household financial management counseling

