

# NEWSLETTER

## Training Urban Youth and Urban Leaders to Break Through Generational Poverty

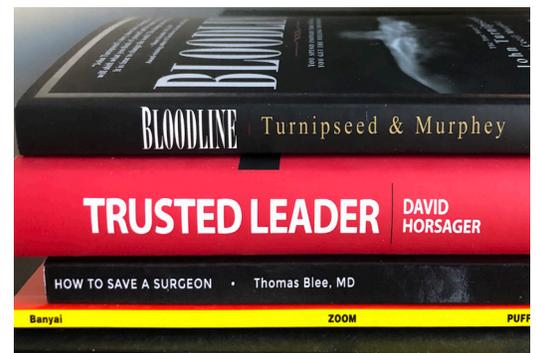
### RISING COMMUNITY LEADERS –Next Cohort Starts March 10–

Fifteen individuals, beginning careers as community leaders, will meet weekly to enhance their skills in leadership, knowledge of urban issues, and to network with other urban leaders. In the sessions, leaders from various community development organizations will speak on aspects of leadership and urban realities including poverty, violence, and mental health issues. The outcomes for participants are a greater depth of understanding for the populations they serve and a network of partners that they can call on in the future.

#### Reading Challenge

If you are interested in urban renewal, we encourage you to read the books that these young leaders will be reading:

- Bloodline* by John Turnipseed
- How to Save a Surgeon* by Dr. Tom Blee
- Trusted Leader* by David Horsager
- Zoom* by Istvan Banyai



### LAKE STREET WORKS (LSW) –First Classes Begin June 27–

LSW is our two-year construction and life skills training for 11th and 12th grade students. They will learn skills in Construction 101, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and HVAC. Upon graduation from the program students may qualify to be apprentices in the trades or continue studies at a technical school.

Along with construction trades, students will have personal development classes which teach about work ethic and financial literacy classes teaching them how to budget and save their earnings.

We're pleased to announce two new partners: Dunwoody College of Technology and Construction Careers Foundation (CCF) who will help us launch our first classes.

We are currently recruiting instructors to teach the trades, personal character development, mental health, and financial literacy.

#### Lake Street Works Quiz

What trades and beneficial skills will students learn?\*



# ABOUT



StudiOne-Eighty started in 2016, with the focus of transforming people and places 180 degrees. In other words, changing areas of poverty to areas of community.

The organization itself, has transformed over the years. From 2016 to 2019, StudiOne-Eighty mentored community developers in other cities with the insights and growth from its 40+ years in South Minneapolis, which included the growth of Urban Ventures. Individuals from 56 cities visited and learned models of community development. In addition, StudiOne-Eighty helped with several specific community developments in Rochester and Richfield, Minnesota; Des Moines, Iowa; Kampala, Uganda; and Nairobi, Kenya.

Then in 2020, the riots following George Floyd's death occurred. StudiOne-Eighty's neighborhood in South Minneapolis was attacked. Businesses where people worked and shopped were gutted. StudiOne-Eighty's focus has returned to the neighborhood where recovery needs to happen.

We have moved into a building that has office space and an entire lower level designed for carpentry. We started a program, Rising Community Leaders, to continue teaching and mentoring individuals in community development. And we started Lake Street Works to train high school youth in construction trades, a career that can provide excellent pay following high school.

We look forward to providing updates and outcomes on both of these programs throughout 2022. Our doors are always open for a personal tour and we'd be glad to answer any questions you might have. Please contact Paige, our office manager, at [paige@studio-180.org](mailto:paige@studio-180.org).

## OUR 2022 WINTER CHALLENGE

**FINANCIAL REQUEST:** \$15,000 to sponsor 15 Rising Community Leaders in the Program.

**RESPONSE:** Goal met! Thank you! An individual donated \$15,000 so that all 15 individuals can join the program at no cost to them.

\*Quiz Answer: Students will learn construction trades, which include, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and HVAC. They will also learn financial literacy, mental health, and personal character development.

## OUR 2022 SPRING CHALLENGE

**FINANCIAL REQUEST:** \$20,000 to purchase tools and materials to start our Construction 101 classes.

**CAN YOU HELP US?**

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