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Community Invitation

Dear Marie,

On Friday, September 4, 2015, we will unveil several of the completed landscaping projects that youths, most of them high school students, completed this summer.

Please join us at the new Trenton Rock Garden at the intersection of Market and Barlow streets for an 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. presentation.

We look forward to seeing you there! Please [RSVP](#)

Sincerely,

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Working Together to Empower Trenton City Youth



Marvin Ross Shiloh CDC Board Member

Nearly 30 young people came to a half-day orientation and interviews for the opportunity to beautify the main corridors into the City of Trenton. Shiloh Community Development Corporation selected 12 youths to participate in the Trenton Youth Corps Program, a six-week summer work experience funded by the NJDOT.

What started as employment opportunities for local young people became so much more than that.

"It's not about the employment. It's about giving back to a community," said Chris Thompson, a summer intern. Emmanuel Gerald added, "To be able to inspire and change the mind states of my people."

In order to inspire others, our youths went through two weeks of intensive Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and landscaping training and mentoring. To name a few, **UIH Family Partners** provided OSHA training, **Brickman Group** provided landscaping workshops, **Public Works Department** provided debris pick-up, **Trenton Fire Department** provided water, and Shiloh CDC's board member **Marvin Ross** rolled up his sleeves and provided hands-on support to Leonardo Galeano, the Project Coordinator.

"Physical Order Promotes Social Order" - Rev. Armstrong

This state funded initiative represents the best kind of investment of public dollars because it integrates physicality, emotionality and spirituality," said Rev. Darrell Armstrong, board chairman of Shiloh CDC in Trenton.

Rev. Armstrong noted the "Broken Window Theory" that physical disorder shapes social disorder and negativity. "Conversely, physical order helps promote social order and positivity. If they see natural beauty and a clean, well-manicured environment, then (young people) will represent that environment and feel better about themselves and the community in which they live."

"I applaud the NJDOT for affording our youth this kind of positive opportunity, Armstrong added. "We need more programs like this!"