How YOU helped two sisters succeed.
Our Theory of Change works to address the needs of individuals in Southwest Detroit from a holistic, all-encompassing standpoint. By providing services targeting the 7 main game-changers, we believe we can change lives for Detroiters.

These game-changers will allow us, through your support, to improve quality of life, reduce poverty, and increase equity. By focusing on diversity, equity, and inclusion when providing support, we can make a significant contribution to the reduction of poverty in Detroit.

None of this work would be possible without YOU. You are a game-changer.

Thank you!
A LIFE CHANGED, ONE CLASS AT A TIME
YOU GAVE TAKISA THE TOOLS TO BUILD HER OWN DESTINY

For 22 years, Takisa has been waking up and going to work every day. For 22 years, she wasn’t promoted for her great work...all because she was missing her high school diploma.

She knew that she needed to make a change. During the pandemic, Takisa was awarded the Future for Frontliners Grant, which would allow her to get her GED. This was a major push in the right direction and now came the real work.

After searching through schools unwilling to accommodate her busy schedule, she was finally matched with Southwest Solutions’ Adult Learning Lab. Because of your support, Takisa was able to start on her path toward growth and success in November of 2021.

When Takisa’s work schedule made it difficult for her to attend classes, the staff at Southwest Solutions stepped in to help. Adult Learning Lab staff person, Brian, tutored Takisa virtually to ensure that she had the tools and knowledge she needed to succeed.

“This is not a school you will go to and feel less than. They really build you up.”

Without your support, Takisa would not have been able to complete the program. It is only through your generosity that our Adult Learning Lab can provide such comprehensive, life-changing support.

All of the hard work and time paid off when Takisa graduated with her GED. Almost immediately, she was able to review her performance once again and finally received a promotion. She now makes more money than she has in her entire life. Not only did this program open the door to higher pay, it also put Takisa on a path toward higher education.

Takisa isn’t stopping with her GED. We are so excited to let you know that she is the newest college student of 2022, all thanks to YOU.

Thank you for helping Takisa change her life.

“Southwest labs really changed my life.”

“At every turn when it felt like the world was against me, Southwest Solutions had my back.”
A PLACE TO CALL HOME
HOW YOUR SUPPORT IS CREATING GENERATIONAL WEALTH IN DETROIT

48TH HOMEOWNER CHRISTAL

Christal has spent years renting, unable to own a house to call her home while raising her children. Christal knew she wanted a change, and she was determined to find a way to buy a house for her family.

Christal did not want to have to leave the home that her and her children have known for five years. She did not want to leave the schools where her kids have made friends. Thankfully, your support made it possible for them to stay.

“I love my home.”

Thanks to your support, she was able to attend Homebuyer Education classes offered by Southwest Solutions. These classes taught her the process of purchasing a home, the financial commitment behind it, and made it possible for her to finally reach her goals.

Now, Christal does not have to worry about having to move around anymore. She is a homeowner for the first time in her life.

You made this family’s dreams a reality. Thank you for changing their lives.

“I am happy to have something I can call my own.”

For nearly two decades, Christine has lived in Newberry. As a single parent, she raised her four daughters in this house.

Here, they have enjoyed everything from tea parties to prom photos. Thanks to YOU, this house became their home.

With her daughters all grown up, Christine is able to hold onto the memories from their childhood. Her girls can come home and stay in their childhood bedrooms for the holidays. You have made it possible for a mother to keep the home that her and her daughters love so dearly.

Christine is excited about the possibilities and freedom that are hers now that she has transitioned from tenant to homeowner.

She has never had this opportunity to make the house look and feel exactly the way she wants. She has a vision that you are bringing to life.

“I believe this is going to change my life.”

Thank YOU for making Christine’s dream a reality. You are a true hero!
Tiffany has spent 7 years in her Newberry house, making it a home. She raised her children and found a community in the neighborhood. The Newberry neighborhood looks out for its own. “I love the neighbors. They watch out for everybody.”

Tiffany has not had it easy on this journey. She works twelve hour days, nearly every day. Finding time to attend the Homebuyer Education courses was a challenge. Luckily, she was not in this alone because Southwest Solutions staff was on her side. “They make it really easy, and you will have something for yourself and your kids.”

During the difficult overnight shifts and long, challenging days - she kept pushing because she knew she wanted her children to have a home even when she is gone.

She knows she is spending her hard-earned dollars on something that matters. “I’d go broke as long as I’m doing it for a good reason.”

Lucky for Tiffany, she won’t have to worry about that. Thanks to your extreme generosity, Tiffany was able to purchase the first home she can call her own. You have made it possible to support Tiffany in this next chapter of her life. “[It wasn’t always easy], but it was all worth it.”

Tiffany may be the 50th Newberry homeowner, which is a wonderful accomplishment, but we want you to know that we aren’t stopping there.

There are more individuals with the power to change the tides of generational wealth and homeownership, BUT they can’t do it without YOU. YOU can make their dreams come true. YOU can help find the house that will become their home. Thank you!
2022 GRATITUDE REPORT

COUNSELING & WELLNESS

- **27** SUD Didactic Group Therapy Sessions
- **12** Healthy Living Group Sessions
- **52** Children in School Based Services
- **429** Children in Out Patient Therapy
- **2,696** People Served

BECAUSE OF YOU

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

- **493** Active Participants in Adult Education, GED Prep, and ELL Classes
- **157** Homeless Veterans Placed in Employment
- **84** People Completed OCC/VOC Training

Munni
My Next Move Graduate

My Next Move Graduates 2022

Rodney
U.S. Army Veteran

Benita
GED Graduate
Diana started receiving counseling services when she was 15 years old through Southwest Counseling Solutions. “When I started off it was difficult for me to accept that I needed counseling. There is such a negative stigma around it.” She convinced her mother and sister to join her sessions, so she didn’t feel alone.

This was the beginning of years of family counseling sessions which have brought them closer together.

None of this work would have been possible without YOU.

Maria is currently in recovery for self-harm and is working hard to become the first person in her family to graduate college. “I am seeing the progress within myself.”

She is in school to study elementary education and wants to teach in Southwest Detroit. She wants to give back to her community, just like YOU.

Diana received a full-ride scholarship to Michigan State University. Without her sessions at Southwest Solutions, she would have dropped out of college. “I already had the appointment with my advisor.”

Because you didn’t give up on her, she did not give up on herself.

Without your support, Diana and Maria would not be where they are today. It is because of your passion to give back that they found a passion to do the same.

Born and raised in Southwest Detroit, these two take pride in their past, and thanks to you, they can take pride in their future, too.

I WANT TO CHANGE THE LIVES OF FAMILIES IN DETROIT TODAY!

Visit us online at www.swsol.org or scan the QR code with your phone.

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of:

☐ $250  ☐ $100  ☐ $50  ☐ $25  ☐ $________________

I would like to make this a:  ☐ Monthly Gift  ☐ One Time Gift

☐ Check Enclosed

Credit Card:  ☐ Visa  ☐ Mastercard  ☐ Discover  ☐ Amex

Name on card: _____________________________________________________________

Card Number: _____________________________________________________________

Exp: __________ CVV: __________

Billing Address: _____________________________________________________________

Billing ZIP code: _____________________________________________________________

Signature: _________________________________________________________________
Meet Dylan: he has been serving the people of Southwest Detroit for over a year now as a Peer Recovery Coach for Southwest Counseling Solutions.

His journey to get to this point was not easy, but he persevered and is now using his experience to help others. **Dylan grew up in a family of addicts, all he knew was change and uncertainty.** Eventually, Dylan also found himself struggling with addiction.

It took many years and many tries, but when Dylan heard about his father and brother overdosing, he knew he had to make a change.

Dylan has been clean and sober for 4 years now, and in that time he has found his calling. **“I saw the profound suffering of families in Detroit and knew I could help.”** After noticing the rise in overdoses, Dylan got certified through Southwest Counseling Solutions and began leading a group as a Peer Recovery Coach.

The group members sing his praises, **“Dylan has helped me a lot.”**

Dylan’s work would not be possible without your support. **YOU make these programs possible.** You bring hope to the struggling families. **You are the light at the end of the tunnel.**

We are so grateful to the 20 Bosch employees who dedicated a day to building hygiene kits. These kits made with love were gifted to each of the 150 heroes housed at Piquette. Thank you!

If you are interested in getting involved email Bindi Shah at bshah@swsol.org or call her at 313-481-3110

**SEE HOW YOUR DOLLARS MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Contact Laura LeBlanc for a tour of one of our facilities
Email: lleblanc@swsol.org
Phone: 734-672-1363

**ENGAGEMENT CORNER**
12 YEARS SOBER: HOW YOU HELPED HEAL A HERO

When U.S. Army Veteran, Marcus, returned home from serving his country in Vietnam, he struggled to hold a job and make ends meet. Each day, he had to fight off the demons of PTSD. Marcus had no family he could lean on for support in this difficult time, and he lost everything he had.

During this time of hopelessness, alcohol became the only thing he could count on.

Finally, after meeting with the VA, Marcus was given a home at Piquette Square. Finding shelter was just the beginning of the battle for Marcus. One question during his intake interview changed his life forever. “Are you willing to quit drinking? We can give you the help you need.”

Marcus has worked at his sobriety, attending meetings and finding support among neighbors. This year, he celebrates 12 years of sobriety and having a place to call home at Piquette Square. Because of your support Marcus was able to turn his life around. “Southwest Solutions helped me get my life together. I stopped drinking because of them.”

Marcus had lived for many years, hopeless about what the future would bring. You changed that. You made a difference for Marcus and so many like him.

“Every day I wake up, I look at the future.”

Without your support, Marcus would not be where he is today. He would not be able to spread his message of hope with the next generation of tenants. Just like you, Marcus feels the spirit of service.

“I keep my door open 24/7 to assist the next individual.”

Thank you for giving Marcus his life back!

“I value all of you...without YOU I wouldn’t be here.”
John Van Camp spent 37 years serving Southwest Solutions as President and CEO, but his service does not stop there. He has generously decided to make his support last by leaving a gift in his will.

John has spent decades dedicated to leveling the playing field of opportunity for the community in Southwest Detroit. Even though he is retired, he is still passionate about making a difference.

Now he spends his days playing tennis and pickleball. He is also an avid skier and has taught his grandkids how to ski, so it can be a family affair!

John can enjoy his garden, travel the world, and spend time with his family, all while knowing that he is still making a lasting impact on the lives of Southwest Detroiters. Making a plan to give a legacy gift is such a simple way to make a major change.

You can join John in making lasting change in the lives of the people in your community. YOU can be the solution.

DID YOU KNOW?
- Anyone can make a planned gift. The easiest way to do so is by leaving the gift in your will.
- No amount is too large or small for a legacy gift. We are grateful for gifts of all sizes.
- You can make sure your gift goes to what you are passionate about. All you have to do is specify which entity or program you would like your gift to support.

Why should you consider leaving a legacy gift?
- You want to bring quality mental health care to individuals and families in Southwest Detroit.
- You believe that everyone should have access to homeownership, regardless of their zip code.
- You hold that education is a right every person should be afforded.
- You know that YOU can make a difference.

YES! I WANT TO CHANGE LIVES FOR YEARS TO COME!

You can continue your impact by leaving a gift in your will for Southwest Solutions

☐ Please send me information on how to continue my impact by leaving a gift in my will.

☐ Please call me to discuss leaving a gift in my will. My phone number is: ________________________ The best time to call is: ________________________

☐ My employer offers matching gift funds. Enclosed is the appropriate form from my Human Resources Department.
WITH LOVE,

MAYA SARAY BRAVO-SANCHEZ
Counseling and Wraparound Services
Age 10