



## Neighbor Power Indy (NPI) Awardees

### 2021

- **Building Local Economy:** [Crossroads Education Foundation](#) and Vanguard Collegiate, both located in the Haughville neighborhood of Indianapolis, partnered in order to provide healthy food options to students and their families on the near west side. Crossroads Education was able to secure resources and collaborate with IU Health, Patachou Foundation, United Way of Central Indiana, and Purdue University in order to research and operationalize healthy food donations to members in the community.
- **Connecting Community:** [Black Women in Charge, Inc.](#) formed in May 2020 to peacefully protest and advocate for racial justice. The organizers, who range in age from 17-23, met at protests over the summer with a shared goal of action. Together, in a matter of weeks, they organized the city's largest peaceful protests in over 30 years. They now collaborate with the city's leaders on the progression of justice. The organization name stems from their intention to be in charge of their own lives so they can take charge of a system that often overlooks their existence.

### 2020

- **Building Local Economy:** Through [PreEnact Indy](#), the Harrison Center used theater as an approach to inclusive neighborhood revitalization. Focused on the Monon16 area (where the Kennedy King and Martindale-Brightwood neighborhoods meet), partners included neighbors, the Harrison Center, professional theater and over 30 community organizations.
- **Connecting Community:** When the community learned of a variance petition to disturb the stream protection corridor at the Community Justice Center (CJC), residents from six neighborhoods formed [People for Pleasant Run \(PFPR\)](#) to advocate for protection of the waterway, while still supporting the CJC development. They successfully negotiated a compromise with the City and developer to reduce the impact on the waterway.
- **Inspiring Places:** When the owners of Grandma Lloyd's trailer park died, the property became a haven for crime and littering. Residents formed a Crime Watch, teamed up with Indy Gateway, and joined forces with elected officials to advocate for making the property a much-needed neighborhood park and community gathering space, [Shelton Heights Park](#).

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## 2019

- **Connecting Community:** [Bethany Community Garden](#) was born from the work of the Health and Wellness Team of the South Indy Quality of Life Plan. Bethany worked with INRC to host neighborhood meetings and a weekly gardening night that had 18 to 24 active volunteers in attendance, and partnered with 21 agencies. Planting began in early May 2018; by the end of October, over 500 pounds of produce had been harvested and donated to two area food pantries.
- **Connecting Community honorable mention:** [Dathouse](#): “Love for Bates-Hendricks: A Soiree of Thanksgiving”. With the goal of celebrating the diversity and pride for their Bates-Hendricks neighborhood, the inaugural “Love for Bates-Hendricks: A Soiree of Thanksgiving” pitch-in dinner featured local artists and many family activities. This community wide event engaged 20 different community organizations. Neighbors have continued to have weekly community meals since this event, and relationships that were formed over this event have continued.
- **Inspiring Places:** [Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association](#): “The South New Jersey Street Median Revival”, when neighbors came together and re-created a new community gathering space, and built and strengthened relationships. The median will now host an annual easter egg hunt, bocce ball with neighbors, the annual neighborhood festival, and a quiet space for all neighbors to gather.

## 2018

- **Building Local Economy:** [South Indy Quality of Life Plan](#), a collaborative effort of neighborhood residents, businesses, churches, educational institutions, community organizations, city leaders, and foundations working together to implement several activities throughout 2017, including a job fair, farmers market, and an economic revitalization study Request for Proposals (RFP).
- **Connecting Community:** [Haughville STRONG Neighborhood Association \(HSNA\)](#) for continually finding creative and intentional ways to engage neighbors in planning, setting goals, and developing an inclusive structure.
- **Inspiring Places:** [The Ross Foundation](#) and its Building Alternative Solutions In our Community (B.A.S.I.C.) Program, a neighborhood-based strategy to reduce crime in the 42<sup>nd</sup> and Post area by increasing community cohesion and mobilizing residents to get involved in reducing crime in their neighborhoods.



## 2017

- **Building Local Economy:** [Old Southside Neighborhood Association's](#) Property Showcase, an event that welcomed over 130 people and highlighted the many opportunities for living, working and commercial growth in the Old Southside.
- **Connecting Community:** [Southeast Neighborhood Development \(SEND\)](#) for their vision and initiative in gathering a diverse group of neighborhoods, businesses, and partner organizations to form the Twin Aire Neighborhood Coalition.
- **Inspiring Places:** [Ransom Place Neighborhood Association](#) for envisioning and developing Ransom Place Pocket Park -- as a gateway along the Cultural Trail to help educate the public on the civic value of the area's African-American heritage, while also providing a place for community events.

## 2015

- **RePower Award:** [Old Southside Neighborhood Association](#) (mentored by Haughville Neighborhood Association and We Care Neighborhood Association).

## 2013

- **Building Local Economy:** [Better Block Indianapolis](#) temporarily transforms car-scaled space into pedestrian-friendly, vibrant urban spaces, enabling neighbors to envision and experience life on a better block.
- **Connecting Community:** [Crooked Creek Community Development Corporation](#) for creation of The Hub, a "one-stop shop" community space providing services, information, and rally point for the neighborhood.
- **Inspiring Places:** [Irvington Development Organization's](#) Streetscape Project transformed their main neighborhood corridor into a more attractive, safe, and pedestrian friendly gateway.

## 2011

- **Building Local Economy:** Indy Food Co-op, Inc. for its operation of Pogue's Run Grocer.
- **Connecting Community:** [Irvington Green Initiative](#) for its event Irvington SkillShare "Feast"ival.
- **Inspiring Places:** [Fuller Legacy Build](#) for its collaboration and work to revitalize the 1200 block of St. Paul Street.

## 2009

- **Building Local Economy:** [Binford Redevelopment and Growth \(BRAG\).](#)
- **Connecting Community:** [Indy Fringe International Theater Festival.](#)
- **Inspiring Places Award:** [Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association.](#)