“I am a religious leader and I've been an educator for 20 years. So I have to be honest that if I know that I can do a little more for this admirable effort ... If I'm gonna preach about it, literally, I should at least take a couple steps in that path to show people that it's possible.”

Mikail Saadiq Stewart, Board Member & Resident

“Before I moved in, I was living in a hotel. I'm working, I'm trying to find a place to live. And I'm just exhausting myself every day going in circles. When I got in touch with Dream of Detroit, they got in touch with me, it made sense. It saved my life.”

David Clark, Project Homecoming House Manager
Housing Development

Our housing work has two goals. The first is to build a healthy, thriving, and values-based community by attracting new residents to our area, removing vacant homes, and deepening connections with our current neighbors. The second is to model a solution to the city's twin systemic crises of a dearth of affordable housing crisis and deteriorating neighborhoods.
Top left: Volunteers gather to prep a home for rehab
Bottom left: A volunteer helps remove yard debris
Right: Volunteers get directions during a neighborhood clean-up day
We know that our goal of building a thriving community would be incomplete without local opportunities for work and shopping. To that end, we have trained more than 60 aspiring entrepreneurs, created a local/Muslim business directory, hosted a well-attended all-day street fair, and begun to re-envision what our commercial corridor of Woodrow Wilson could look like over the next few years.
Left: A woman sells apparel at our 2017 Dream of Detroit Street Fair
Top right: Graduates of our fourth Entrepreneur Training Workshop
Bottom right: Attendees in the streets for our 2018 Dream of Detroit Street Fair
Community Organizing

If our work only amounted to private fundraising for home rehabs, we would fall woefully short of challenging the systemic failures that have shaped Detroit’s neighborhoods today. That’s why we seek to organize our local community around the issues that are most pressing to residents in our impact turf, as well as to involve Muslims from throughout the metro Detroit area in the struggle for housing, economic, and racial justice in Detroit’s neighborhoods.
Key Highlights

14 Homes successfully rehabbed with plans for next 15
114 Trees planted throughout the neighborhood.
25 Parcels owned by DREAM or community members.
60 Graduates from the Entrepreneurship Training Program.

4000+ Attendees at the DREAM Street Fairs
15 Top volunteer leaders trained in Community Organizing & Leadership Development workshops.
500+ Volunteers engaged in 7 years, with three standing committees.

More Highlights:

Opened Project Homecoming transitional home in 2020, indus Detroit.


Partnerships with Tayba Foundation, Muslim Anti-Racism Collaborative, HUDA Clinic, Muslim Center, Detroit Repertory Theatre, Inner-City Muslim Action Network.

Joined Detroit Live Free and Coalition for Property Tax Justice through our community organizing team.
OUR RECOGNITION: PRESS

Dream of Detroit privately takes on neighborhood redevelopment

Can This Muslim Community Create a Model for Rebuilding Detroit?

A metro Muslim wants to change your mind

#WVBus: Muslim-Led Multiracial Coalition Reviving Detroit's West Side

‘You can't make us be foreign': young Muslim leaders who were shaped by 9/11

Profile: Mark Crain and the DREAM of Detroit
How a cross-cultural coalition is making a 'Dream of Detroit' real in one Motor City neighborhood
“There is no right for the child of Adam except in these things: a house in which he lives, a garment to cover his nakedness, a piece of bread and water.”

- Prophet Muhammad
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