



St. Patrick Center
Building Permanent, Positive, Change.

OUR mission

St. Patrick Center provides opportunities for self-sufficiency and dignity to persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Individuals achieve permanent, positive changes in their lives through affordable housing, sound mental health, employment and financial stability.

WE HAVE GOOD NEWS TO SHARE ABOUT LAMOND ALLEN!



"Project REACH and The BEGIN New Venture Center gave me a team I knew was there for me. They wanted me to succeed and I wouldn't be where I am today without their support."

Lamond Allen always wanted to start his own business. However, after getting caught up with the wrong crowd, he fell into the business of selling drugs. At 21 years-old, Lamond went to prison and served more than seven years for his crime. After his release, he didn't know where to turn until his probation officer introduced him to Project REACH, a St. Patrick Center employment program for ex-offenders.

"Project REACH helped me get into training to learn a trade; they also gave me mental support," says Lamond. "When I first came home and thought the world was caving in, they were there to keep me on track." In addition, because of Lamond's entrepreneurial spirit, Project REACH introduced him to St. Patrick Center's BEGIN New Venture Center (BNVC), a small business incubator that supports start-up and early-stage companies.

Thanks to Project REACH, Lamond completed a building maintenance program and had all the preliminary tools to start his own business called Heaven Sent Maintenance. The BEGIN New Venture Center provided him with a professional business location and administrative services; the BNVC also helped him obtain access to investment capital and guided him in the creation of a budget, and business/marketing plan. Lamond is now giving back to the St. Patrick Center community – he has already hired two St. Patrick Center clients and plans to hire more!

Heaven Sent Maintenance continues to grow, but Lamond knows he would not have been able to do it alone. "Without the help of Project REACH, I couldn't have imagined starting my own business, and without the help of The BEGIN New Venture Center, I wouldn't have dreamed of running my own business. These programs have truly given me a new start!"



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