



Recovery Community Development

**CREATING PERMANENT SOBER HOUSING
& JOBS OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE
RECOVERING FROM ADDICTION.**

Nationwide Problem

Increasing Substance Abuse Disorder- a nationwide problem impacting as much as 10% of the adult US population, in excess of 23.5 million people.

An estimated **280,000** in Connecticut.

Decreasing Affordable Housing - Since 2011, the stock of low-cost rentals (\$800 and lower) has shrunk by a remarkable 4 million units, including 1 million in 2017 alone.

RCD Vision Statement

One day, an affordable room in a home free of alcohol and drugs will be an available choice for any man with a desire to recover from addiction.

The opportunity to live and work in the fellowship of supportive communities will remove the obstacles of homelessness, unemployment and loneliness from addiction recovery.

RCD Mission Statement

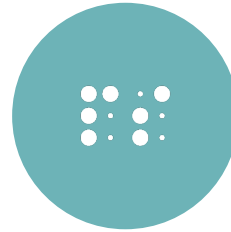
To equip those in need with the economic and life skills necessary to become more productive members of the community of Bridgeport, and throughout the State of Connecticut. Recovery Community Development will accomplish this mandate by providing jobs training programs and through offering supportive housing and social services.

The Corporation is a Connecticut nonprofit public benefit organization, recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

Our Residents Protected Class

Fair Housing Act (FHA)

Americans with
Disabilities Act (ADA)



FEDERAL LAW
PROTECTS
INDIVIDUALS
WITH CURRENT,
PAST, OR
PERCEIVED
DISABILITIES
AGAINST
DISCRIMINATION
IN HOUSING.



PEOPLE
RECOVERING
FROM, OR IN
TREATMENT FOR,
DRUG ADDICTION
OR ALCOHOLISM
HAVE A DISABILITY.



FHA & ADA
REQUIRE LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS
MAKE REASONABLE
ACCOMMODATIONS
IN THEIR RULES,
POLICIES &
PRACTICES, TO GIVE
PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES
EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITIES.

On Effectiveness of Sober Living Homes

*“We found that in important areas such as substance use, criminal activity, and employment, participants assigned to the Oxford House condition showed **significantly greater positive outcomes** than those assigned to the usual-care condition. At the 24-month follow-up, those in the Oxford House condition compared with the usual-care condition had significantly lower substance use (31.3% vs 64.8%), significantly higher monthly income (\$989.40 vs \$440.00), and significantly lower incarceration rates (3% vs 9%).”*

Jason, LA, Bradley D., et al. Communal Housing Settings Enhance Substance Use Recovery.
American Journal of Public Health. October 2006, Vol 96: 1727-1729

Removing Barriers

The Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) calls safe housing for its consumers “*severely limited in all regions and communities across the state*” and “*the greatest barrier to treatment and ongoing recovery from mental illness*” in most Connecticut regions.

RCD Culture

- We establish clear limits and expectations
- The core of our work is performed largely by non-specialists
- We have a long-term focus
- We reflect and transmit a shared understanding of what it means to be a good person
- We encourage spiritual and religious development
- We are philosophically oriented to the equal dignity of all persons and to the principle of love of neighbor



Clean, Safe, Sober Housing

“I want to thank you sincerely for giving me the opportunity to live at 925 Noble Avenue Bridgeport. It is the cleanest, brightest, safest sober house that I have ever lived in. I am so grateful to come home to a safe clean house. It means so much to me to have stability and safety in my life. I can honestly with pride call my room here home. A place where I can feel good, sleep well and start the process of learning who I want to be in life in my recovery. I would recommend this place to anyone who is looking to improve their life in a safe sober clean environment.” - TJ Perra





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AFTER

Improving Neighborhoods

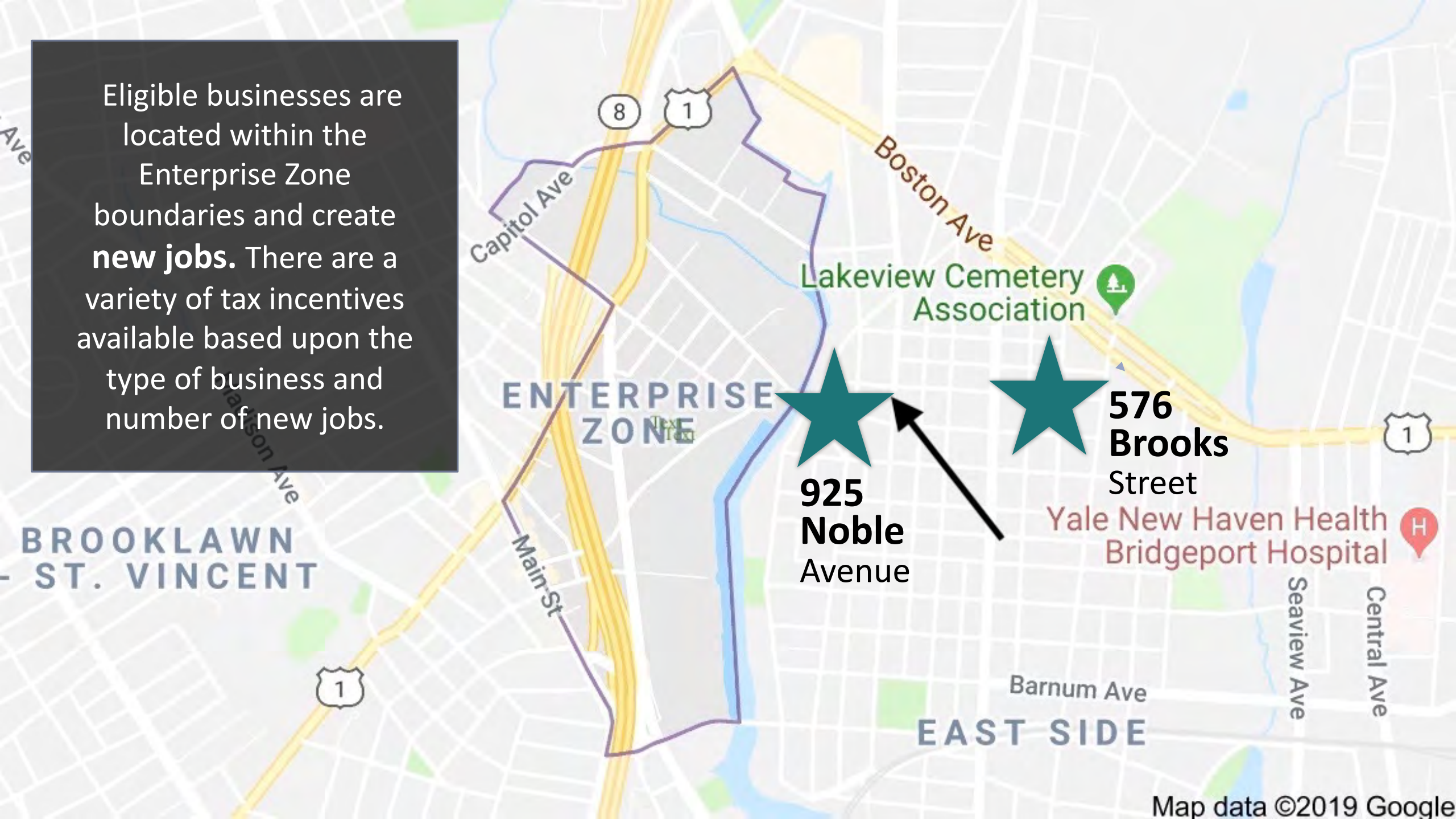
Proven Track Record





Our Recent Project:
925 Noble Ave, Bridgeport

Eligible businesses are located within the Enterprise Zone boundaries and create **new jobs**. There are a variety of tax incentives available based upon the type of business and number of new jobs.





BEFORE



AFTER

Transformed from Vacant to a
9 Bedroom Safe Home



RCD Volunteer Opportunities

Working Relationships





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AFTER

Licensed Professional Contractors on Staff



Home Improvement Skills Training

Sober Living

Experienced at Opening & Managing Recovery Communities





Recovery Community Development Homes

Significant and Growing Demand

Substance Use Disorder (SUD)

Study includes only spending for the direct treatment of M/SUDs and exclude other substantial comorbid health costs that can result from M/SUDs (e.g., trauma and liver cirrhosis).

Other costs of patient care such as job training and subsidized housing are also excluded, as are indirect costs such as lost wages and productivity.

- SUD treatment spending from all public and private sources is expected to total \$280.5 billion in 2020
- An increase from \$171.7 billion in 2009
- SUD treatment spending is expected to average annual growth of 4.6





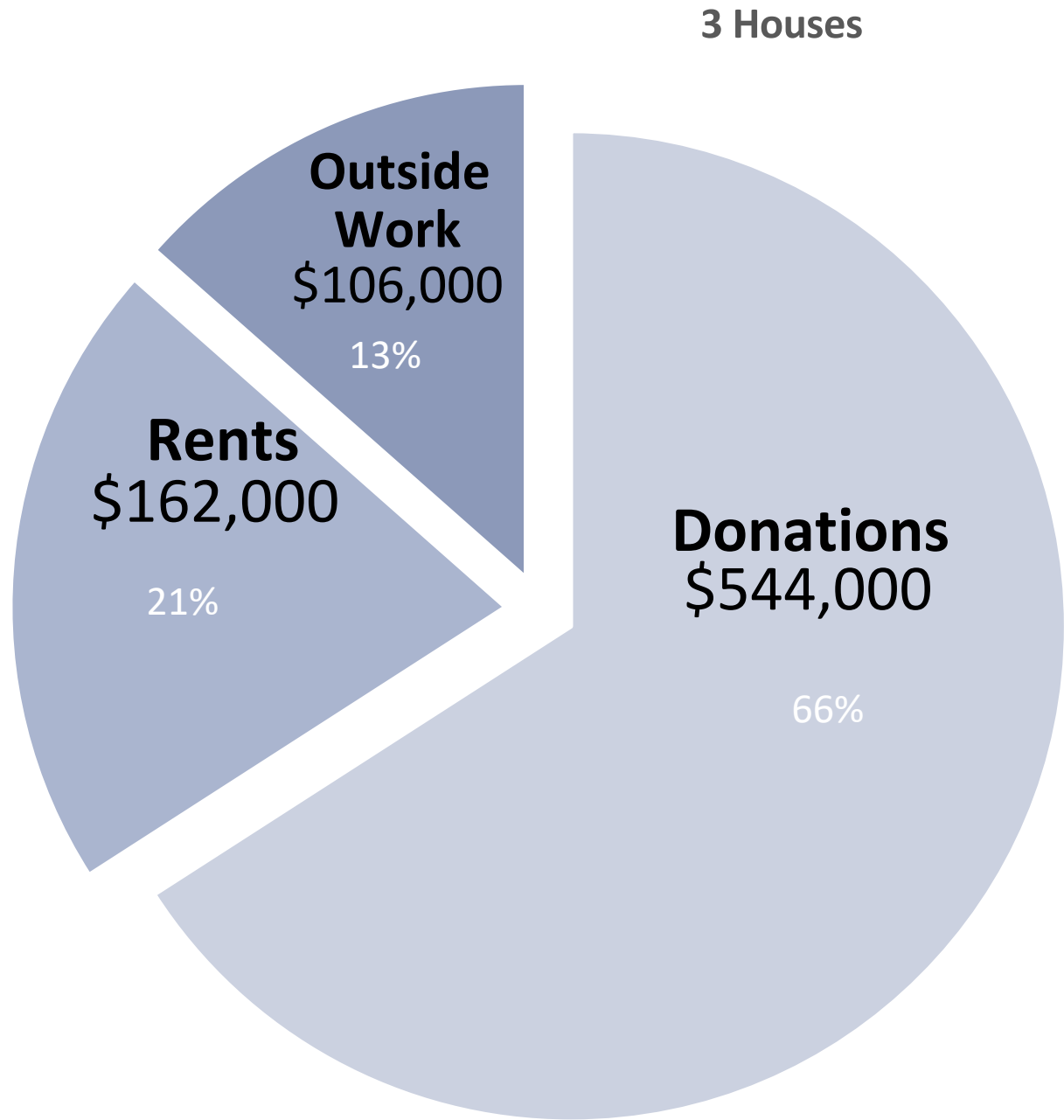
- Renovated 9 Bedroom Home
Remodeled, Furnished, Occupied
- Produced \$106,000 – vocational training projects
- Creating Jobs – Licensed Full Time Contractors
- 1st Trainee Enters Plumber Apprentice Program

Social Enterprises

Applying commercial strategies to maximize improvements in financial, social and environmental well-being

Three Income Streams

2019-2020





Join us!

Volunteer

- Help Repair Buildings
- Teach Vocational Skills

Expertise

- Legal , Insurance, Real Estate, Marketing

Donations

- Capital Improvement Fund
- Rent Scholarship Fund
- Properties