



Racine Housing and Neighborhood Partnership

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Greater Racine Area



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Mr. Brian F. O'Connell
City of Racine Department of City Development
730 Washington Avenue
Room 306 – City Hall
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Dear Mr. O'Connell:

The Racine Housing and Neighborhood Partnership Board of Directors wishes to thank you for the invitation to submit a letter of interest for the Redevelopment of 1014 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive (former Homeward Bound property) in Racine, Wisconsin.

As you know, the Racine Housing and Neighborhood Partnership (RHNP) is a true public-private community partnership with board representation from local government, area companies and neighborhood residents.

The RHNP was originally formed under a contract with the City of Racine and Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development (WPHD). WPHD had twenty plus years of affordable housing experience and helped to develop the programs currently implemented in the Lincoln King Community.

The RHNP Executive Director has previous successful experience in housing development, Asset and Property Management along with Urban Economic and Resource Development. As developer, RHNP coordinated, managed and successfully completed a four home single family plan development known as Gideon Court/LaSalle. Currently RHNP manages the purchase-rehab-resale program that was the successful prototype for neighborhood revitalization in the West Sixth Street corridor. Its success was due in part to the strong collaborative partnership between the City of Racine Department of City Development and our community collaborative. This comprehensive revitalization effort yielded seventeen development projects; 49 new homeowners with over \$1 Million dollars in improvements realized in both the Lincoln King and West Sixth Street neighborhoods respectively.

This very successful effort has prepared RHNP for the next phase of its development strategy in the Lincoln King Community.

Sincerely,

Joaquina Winfrey
Executive Director