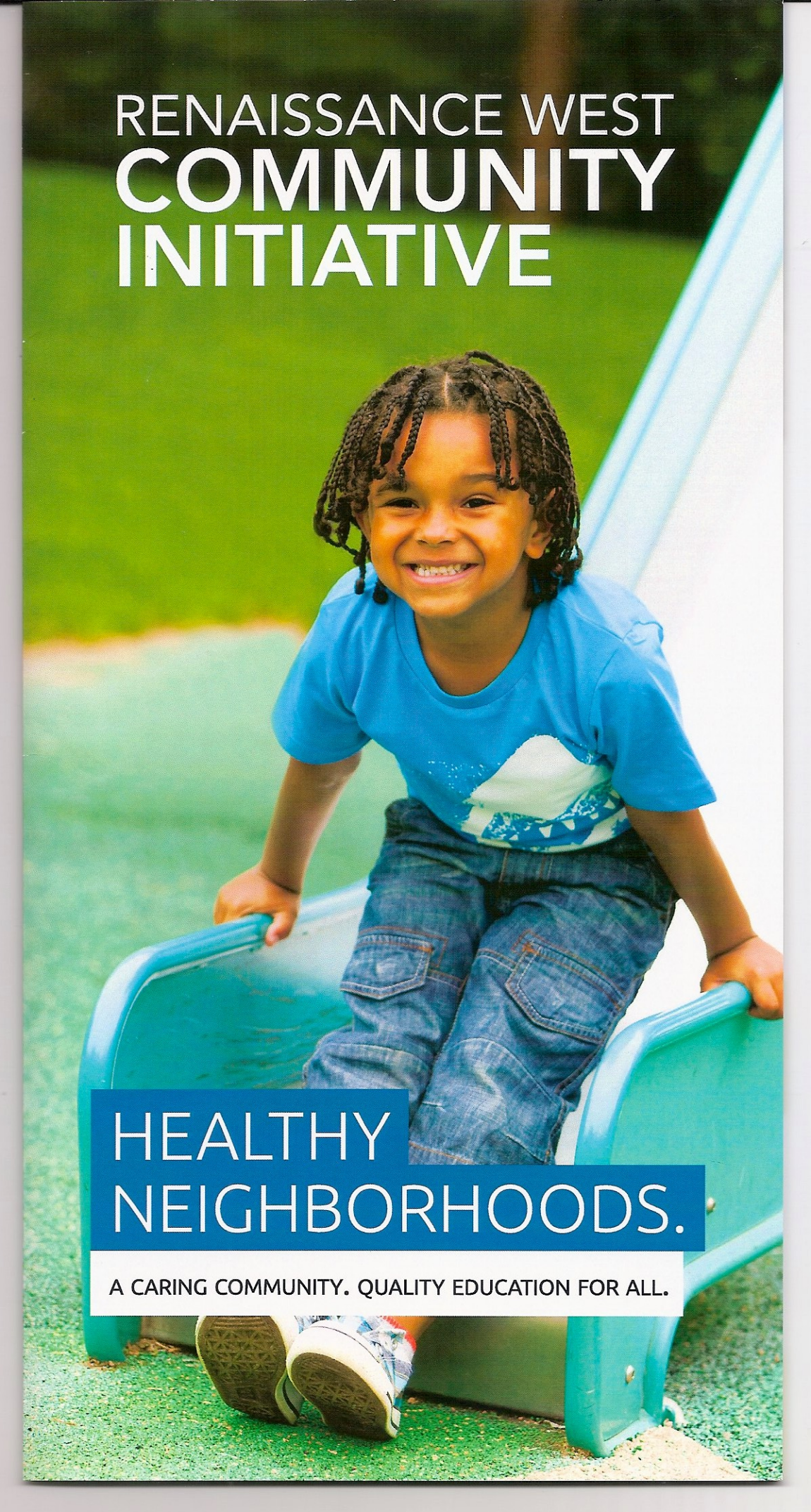


# RENAISSANCE WEST COMMUNITY INITIATIVE



HEALTHY  
NEIGHBORHOODS.

A CARING COMMUNITY. QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL.



# HOLISTIC COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

Vibrant, successful neighborhoods offer quality housing, schools, jobs, places to play and important community services, all in an atmosphere where adults and children can live, work and play in safety. The best neighborhoods have all of these while being grounded in their history, their geography and their hopes.

**SYSTEMIC MULTI-GENERATIONAL POVERTY IS THE ENEMY OF SUCCESSFUL NEIGHBORHOODS.** Over time, housing stock erodes, student achievement declines, jobs become scarce and crime victimizes the residents. The violence, despair and hopelessness that impact a troubled community fall especially hard on the children and give poverty the opportunity to perpetuate itself for coming generations. This is exactly what happened along West Boulevard and at the former Boulevard Homes.

**RENAISSANCE WEST COMMUNITY INITIATIVE (RWCI)** seeks to turn that trend around and is tackling these issues of social immobility and poverty through a two-generation approach that focuses on affordable housing, cradle-to-career educational opportunities and wraparound supportive services.

**RATHER THAN FOCUSING ON JUST A SINGLE COMPONENT OF COMMUNITY CHANGE,** this approach emphasizes high-quality mixed-income housing, educational opportunities, jobs and job training, health and wellness programs and child and youth programs.

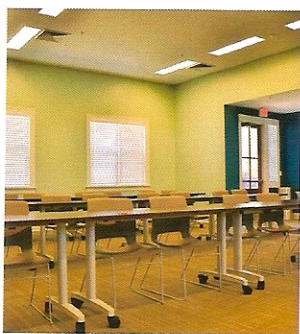
**RWCI ENSURES** that every family has the opportunity for success by coordinating a comprehensive array of services and programs through partnerships with best in class community organizations.



## WRAPAROUND SERVICES

In addition to good housing and quality education, many families living in poverty need other support as they move toward self-sufficiency.

RWCI will employ a flexible, strengths-based, family driven model of community care and support that is designed to meet the unique needs of each family. In addition to delivering one-on-one case management to each resident, RWCI will partner with a variety of community organizations to provide quality services that meet the unique needs of members of the West Boulevard corridor. Programs will address the health, educational, job training and recreational needs of families.



WE ARE WORKING TO DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS WITH LEADING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AREAS OF:

- \* Health
- \* Job training
- \* Social services
- \* Education
- \* Afterschool programs
- \* Family support



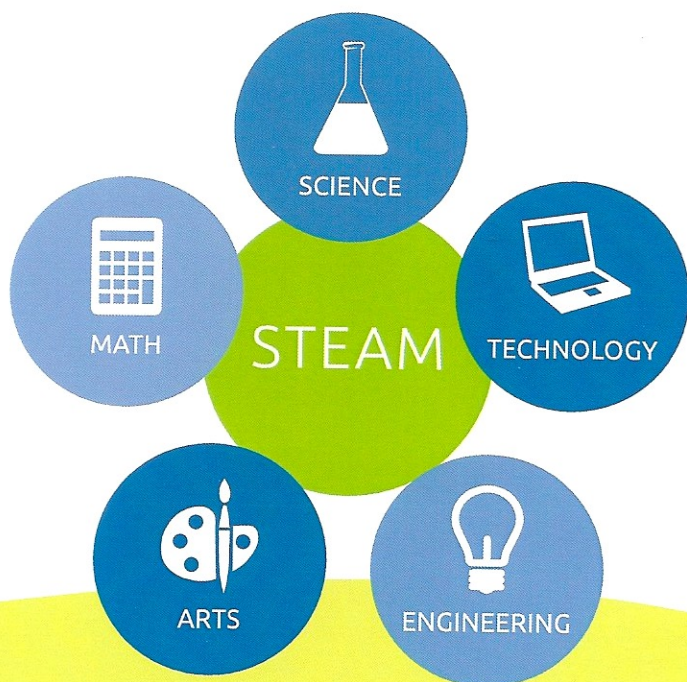
## COMMUNITY SCHOOL

RWCI has entered into a partnership with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools to open a new \$30M PreK– 8 school at Renaissance in 2017 through voter-approved bonds.

THE SCHOOL will offer an exceptional educational program, modeled on the success of the Drew school in Atlanta, and will be jointly led by RWCI and CMS.

THE FACILITY will serve as the centerpiece of the community and be open extended hours so that residents can access the building for programs and out of school time learning opportunities.

RENAISSANCE WEST NEIGHBORHOOD ACADEMY WILL HAVE A STEAM FOCUS:





## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The best studies of educational outcomes are clear. If we wait to address the effects of poverty until kindergarten, we have waited too long.

**ACHIEVEMENT GAPS** start early and grow through a child's school career. Research has shown that high-quality early care is positively associated with school readiness, academic achievement, and social and emotional well-being.



FOR EVERY **\$1 INVESTED** IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS, AN AVERAGE OF **\$7 IS SAVED** IN REMEDIAL EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICE, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS.

**WHEN PARENTS HAVE ACCESS** to a safe and stimulating environment for their children during the day, they are better able to secure and keep a job, a key element in creating economic stability for their families.

**RWCI** will build a 5-star child development center on site and partner with a high-quality provider to ensure children enter school prepared to excel. The Charlotte Housing Authority has committed an unprecedented \$5 Million to the general operating fund for the center, and RWCI has committed to raise the funds to build the facility.



## WITH YOUR SUPPORT

OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES ARE NEEDED TO SUPPORT RWCI AS THE LEAD AGENCY. THESE FUNDS WILL PROVIDE:

- 1 Capital to build the child development center building
- 2 Five years of program funding in key areas such as case management, parent support, out-of-school time programs, health services and job training
- 3 Five years of operating support for RWCI as the lead agency to ensure the various components of this initiative are aligned and effective

THROUGH THIS INVESTMENT, RENAISSANCE WEST COMMUNITY INITIATIVE SEEKS THE FOLLOWING OUTCOMES:

- \* Housing stability
- \* Sustained & improved employment
- \* School readiness
- \* Academic achievement

LET'S TAKE BACK THE GATEWAY TO OUR CITY.  
IF WE COME TOGETHER AS A UNITED FRONT,  
WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

## RENAISSANCE WEST COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

3610 NOBLES AVENUE #199 • CHARLOTTE, NC 28208  
704.335.8227 • [WWW.RWCI.ORG](http://WWW.RWCI.ORG)

