



COLLECTIVE IMPACT PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT


COMMUNITY NEED


In Pequea Valley School District, most children entering kindergarten are not meeting benchmarks on screening assessments. Only **59% of residents attain a high school diploma and only 11% hold a bachelor's degree or higher**. Many families in the area are under-resourced, with 41% having a **median income under \$50,000**. There is a lack of affordable, safe, and secure housing, which prevents students and families from prospering.

BOLD GOALS ADDRESSED

 **100% of our children will enter kindergarten ready to learn.**

 **100% of students and adults will have post-secondary credentials.**

 **Decrease individuals and families living in poverty by 50%.**

 **100% of individuals, children and families will have a medical home.**

OUR SOLUTION

Together Initiative Network (TIN) aims to holistically address these needs as a partnership. At the **Together Community Center**, there is an on-site, high-quality child care center preparing kids for kindergarten. Programming for teens and adults prepare them for jobs, education, parenting, financial management, and other life skills. TIN is addressing housing insecurity by **partnering with the Lancaster County Coalition to End Homelessness** to open on-site family crisis housing and a safe parking lot for individuals experiencing homelessness that are living in their cars. TIN is also expanding its health care referral system to better connect residents with health services.



TOGETHER INITIATIVE NETWORK

MAJOR SUCCESSES

200

families were served in the first year by the birth to 3 literacy liaison, employed by Grace Point Church and Pequea Valley School District

40%

of people referred through Lancaster General Health are now connected with services offered at the Together Community Center

146

participants have been connected with advocates and are working to achieve self-sufficiency through goal attainment in 2018

KEY PARTNERS

The Factory Ministries

Bright Horizons
Community Action Partnership
Community Services Group
Grace Point Church
Lancaster County Coalition to End Homelessness
The Literacy Council of Lancaster-Lebanon
PA CareerLink of Lancaster County
Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health
Pequea Valley School District
Tabor Community Services
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program
Welsh Mountain Health Centers



“ WE ARE COMMITTED TO CREATING SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND STABILITY IN THE LIVES OF THE RESIDENTS OF EASTERN LANCASTER COUNTY. WE DO THIS BY CREATING MUTUAL RESPECT ACROSS ALL SECTORS, ETHNICITIES, AND BACKGROUNDS IN ORDER TO ADDRESS SYSTEMIC ISSUES OF POVERTY. ”

Together Initiative Network
officially forms with founding
partners The Factory Ministries,
Grace Point Church, and Pequea
Valley School District

The Together Community
Center is purchased by The
Factory Ministries from Pequea
Valley School District

SEPTEMBER 2017

2011

MAY 2018

COMING EARLY 2019

Together Initiative Network
opens their first Head Start
classroom at the Together
Community Center

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partnering with the Lancaster
County Coalition to End
Homelessness to open crisis
housing at the Together
Community Center