

Impact Report

January - December 2025



Greater Jacksonville
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Overview

Greater Jacksonville Community Development Corporation (GJCDC), located in Jacksonville, Florida, is committed to supporting the development and revitalization of neighborhoods in Northeast Jacksonville within ZIP Code 32208, especially Sherwood Forest, through our three main focus areas: **Health & Wellness**, **Economic Development**, and **Youth Development**.

In a region identified as a food desert and with a growing unhoused population, GJCC has developed holistic programming designed not only to meet immediate needs but also to empower long-term transformation.



Key Impact Metrics

Total Beneficiaries Reached:	Total Families Reached:	Volunteer Participation:	Service Area:
7,500+ individuals annually	500+ Families annually	50 active volunteers	32208, 32206, 32209 and 32218

Impact by Goals

Goal 1: Address Hunger and Malnutrition

Initiative:

The Food Pantry provides consistent access to nutritious food for individuals and families facing food insecurity. The pantry operates as a monthly distribution hub serving North Jacksonville residents. In 2025, we gave away 5,000+ pounds of food monthly (estimated).

Impact:

- Reduced food insecurity in a designated food desert
- Increased access to fresh and shelf-stable food options
- Strengthened relationships with vulnerable populations, including seniors and children.

Goal 2: Improve Sustainable Access to Food

Initiative:

The Soil to Sanctuary Garden provides fresh, locally grown produce while promoting sustainability, education, and community engagement. The garden supports both the pantry and educational programming.

Impact:

- Increased access to fresh, healthy foods
- Promoted nutrition education and healthy eating habits
- Engaged youth in hands-on agricultural learning
- Advanced environmental stewardship and sustainability practices



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Impact by Goals *(continued)*

Goal 3: Improve Public Health Education

Initiative:

GJCDC hosts ongoing health and wellness educational workshops aimed at improving community health outcomes through education, screenings, and lifestyle interventions.

Impact:

- Increased awareness of chronic disease prevention
- Early detection through screenings
- Improved health literacy and lifestyle changes
- Strengthened community trust in health systems

Workshops:

- Nutrition: Med Instead of Meds, Brother's Fish Fry: Prostate Cancer Awareness, Books & Cooks, and Health Tech & Wellness.
- Mental and emotional wellness: Beauty & Bliss
- Emergency Preparedness Day and Be Health Ready

Goal 4: Community Economic Empowerment

Initiative:

The Community Economic Empowerment Initiative equips individuals and families with the tools, knowledge, and resources needed to achieve financial stability and economic mobility. This program addresses systemic economic challenges by focusing on workforce readiness, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship.

Impact:

- Increased employment readiness and job placement outcomes
- Improved financial decision-making and stability
- Supported pathways to entrepreneurship and income generation
- Strengthened economic resilience within families and the broader community



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Partners

Food Security & Pantry Partners

- Black Church Food Security Network
- Farm Share
- Feeding Northeast Florida

Strategic Partners

- American Heart Association
- Blue Zones Project
- CK Insurance Solutions
- Lowes Corporation
- United Way
- Mayo Clinic
- FAMU Cooperative Extension
- Dedicated Senior Medical Center
- UF IFAS Extension Duval
- GJCC



Strategic Outcomes

GJCC's community programs are designed to produce measurable and sustainable outcomes:

Food Security: Reduced hunger and increased access to nutritious foods

Health Equity: Improved health outcomes through education and screenings

Community Empowerment: Increased self-sufficiency and knowledge

Youth Engagement: Advancing youth development by integrating life skills education with principles of health, wellness, and sustainability.

Look Ahead

Greater Jacksonville Community Development Corporation is committed to expanding its impact by:

- Increasing pantry distribution capacity
- Scaling garden production and youth engagement
- Expanding health and wellness partnerships
- Launching our Economic and Youth Development Programs
- Increase the number of community residents participating in our programs and resources

Conclusion

Greater Jacksonville Community Development Corporation remains a vital community anchor, meeting urgent needs and building sustainable pathways toward long-term transformation. Through integrated programming in food security, health, sustainability, and economic empowerment, GJCDC is helping individuals and families move from survival to stability—and from stability to thriving.

