



Jubilee Life is an innovative collaboration between Jubilee Housing and Jubilee JumpStart designed to increase impact, scale, and effectiveness in serving the low income population of Ward I, where 22% of residents live below the poverty line, despite the area's thriving social scene and rapid gentrification. The two organizations already provide a wide variety of services. Jubilee Life offers a holistic, integrated approach and continuum of services that enable residents to access new opportunities and move from poverty to possibility.

### Affordable Housing

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Safe, affordable housing is the essential element on which other supportive services are provided. Residents of Jubilee's buildings – from newborns to seniors – have access to computer labs, out of school programs, exercise rooms, an early childhood development center, literacy initiatives, and leadership opportunities. All of Jubilee's seven buildings – totaling 215 units – have been fully renovated, and 64 more units will be added with completion of the Maycroft Apartments acquisition and renovation.

### Early Childhood Education

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Though 80% of brain development occurs by age three, and 90% by age five, many children in Ward I do not receive early childhood education or resources to prepare them for success in school and life. Statistics show that more than half of achievement and skill gaps between poor and affluent children already exist at entry to kindergarten. Jubilee JumpStart serves 50 children ages six weeks to five years in center-based care. The center's low teacher to student ratio ensures stable, responsive and individualized care with a focus on language and emotional development. The center provides dual language program in Spanish and English. With Jubilee Life Initiative, a new center in the Maycroft will add 54 early childhood spots.

### Youth Services

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Low-income children in DC face a host of academic and social risk factors. DC Public Schools have the fourth highest dropout rate in the nation. Jubilee Youth Services works with over 40 kindergarten students to 12th graders in effective after school programs located in three of Jubilee's buildings. Program participants receive daily meals, homework help, enrichment activities, and build meaningful peer relationships. Since 2007, 100% of youth have graduated high school and gone on to college with gap financial support provided by **Jubilee to College**. Program goals: 1) Provide academic support to prepare youth for academic success. 2) Create a sense of belonging and community. 3) Positively influence character development and leadership. 4) Connect children and families to appropriate resources.

### Resident Life

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At minimum wage of \$8.25 in DC, it takes 143 hours of work per week to afford a fair market apartment. Too often the effects of poverty limit access to opportunity and negatively affect self-esteem, preventing people from fully utilizing their God-given gifts. Resident Life offers opportunities for personal transformation aimed at building habits and skills that prepare residents to take advantage of new possibilities. Residents are empowered to “do for themselves,” fully discover their gifts, and use those gifts on behalf of the community. Through one-on-one coaching, peer support groups, classes, and community leadership opportunities, residents maintain stable housing, continue their education, actualize goals, and work towards financial independence all within the context of supportive community.

### Reentry Housing

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Washington, DC, has the fourth highest incarceration rate in the US and about 7,000 individuals are released from incarceration into DC each year. Many challenges, including mental illness, substance abuse, low literacy, and few job skills complicate the search for housing and employment. In response to this crisis, Jubilee is developing two reentry properties to create an effective support structure for 10 men and 10 women at a time. Supports will include job placement, health care, mentoring, and counseling to help create a strong base on which returning citizens can rebuild their lives. Completion adds 20 more units of affordable housing.