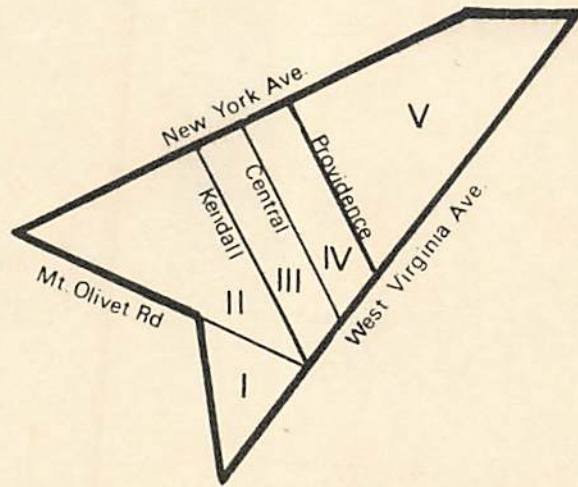


Ivy City

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



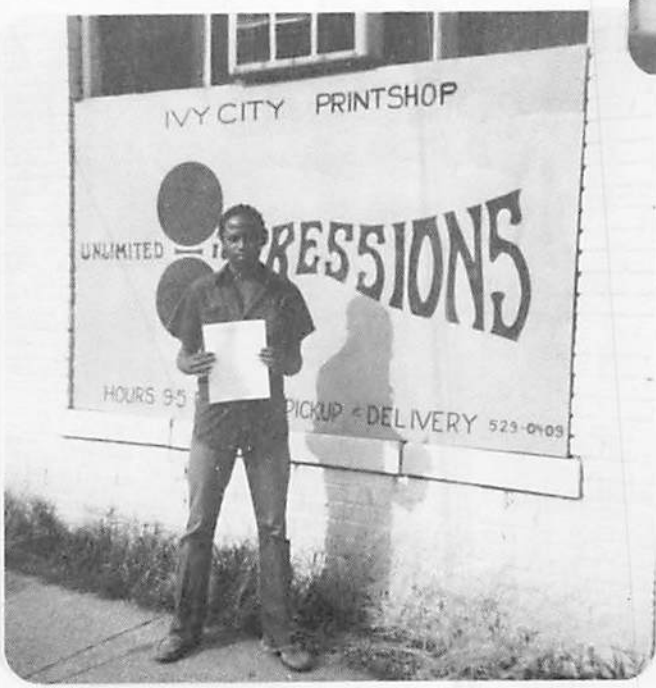
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The Health Guild is concerned with diagnostic screening and testing, education in safety and nutrition, referral to health agencies, and other services that care for the physical well being of Ivy City residents.



The Welfare Guild is concerned with guarding the symbolic life of Ivy City. This includes songs, symbols, festivals and celebrations. It also includes a neighborhood visitation structure which cares for all IVY Citizens.

The Education Guild is concerned with education and training of all ages. Their activities include the Early Learning Center, Youth Mobilization Corps, GED and basic skills training, as well as other specialized training programs such as typing and art.



The Health Guild focuses on tying Ivy City residents into the wide variety of health services available in the District of Columbia. Various screening events on a community wide level take place periodically. Howard University Hospital helped with sickle cell testing, and National Health Screening Services provided general health screening.



A system of caretakers, two or three in each section of the community, are responsible for the general welfare of their section of the community. They do door to door visitation on a periodic basis and keep themselves and their neighbors up to date on currently offered services. A health outpost equipped with elementary first aid supplies as well as vast contacts to the health structures in DC is available five days a week.

First aid training is offered regularly. Nutrition is the emphasis of the health specialist working in the Early Learning Center.





The Welfare Guild is concerned with the planning and carrying out of community-wide festivals, meetings, and recreation programs.

The chief components of the welfare guild are a Women's Guild for women over 18, a Young Women's Group for women from 12 - 18, and RAP, a young adults group, open to everyone from 18 - 35.

These groups are responsible for sponsoring annual events such as a Thanksgiving Dinner, a Valentine's event for Elders, monthly celebrations or festivals during the summer, Christmas food drive, and Grand Openings.

Regularly scheduled events such as discos, the publication of the Voice, the community newsletter, and travel of community residents to other communities as representatives are also carried out by the Welfare Guild.

At any community event, you can be sure to eat well thanks to the Welfare Guild.



The Education Guild is concerned with education of all Ivy City residents. The educational programs offered are widely focused on all age groups.

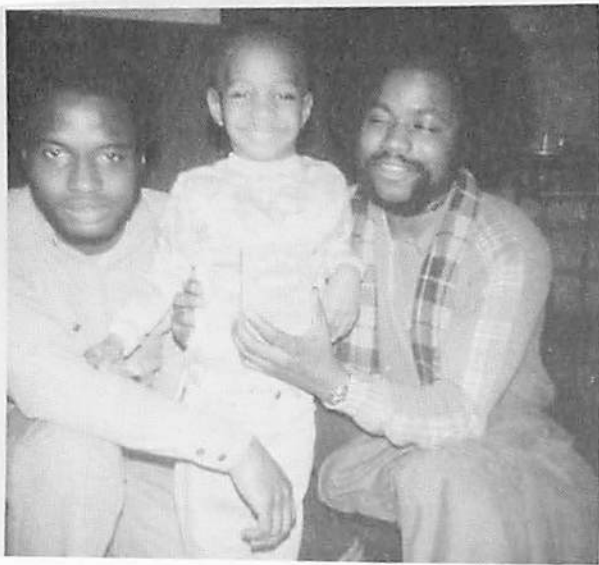
The Early Learning Center has two components. The preschool classes are held on the first floor of the Community Center five days a week. The second component, a Jets program, focuses on elementary aged children after school hours and involves tutoring, recreation, and arts and crafts. Trips are held on Saturdays.

The Youth Mobilization Corps is made up of youth from 12 - 18. The program involves academic training, vocational training, recreation, and travel.

A Parent Advisory Commission is responsible for the Early Learning Center. The Youth Corps sponsors its own programs as well as participating in all-community events.

Adult education focuses on basic skills and GED preparation. Typing classes are available. Apprenticeships are also available with the community print shop "Unlimited Impressions."

There is no resident of Ivy City who can not engage in some aspect of the Education guild's programs.



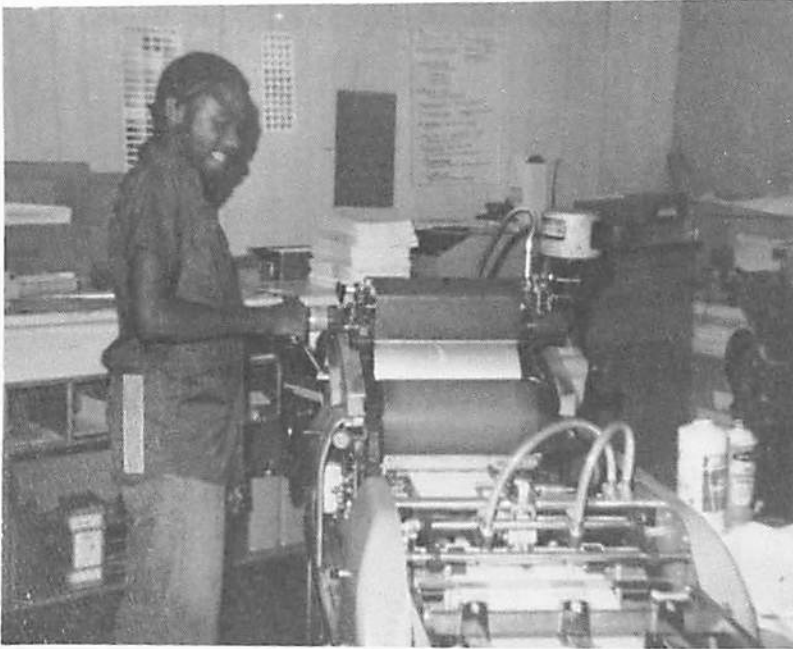


The Commerce and Industry Guild is concerned with forming and operating community-owned businesses and industries under the ICCO umbrella which would employ Ivy City residents and provide needed services in the community.

The Housing Guild is concerned with improving Ivy City's habitations by renovating existing housing, enabling co-operatives, and encouraging home ownership.



The Beautification League is concerned with improving the communities living environment through street clean-up, park creation, trash removal, and land maintenance.



The Commerce and Industry Guild has worked since October, 1976, with increasing job opportunities for Ivy City residents as well as establishing money making businesses. This allows money to circulate within the community instead of immediately leaving it. "Unlimited Impressions" a community printshop has been operating with a community manager since September of 1977.

A coop market to provide residents with wholesale fruits and vegetables on a weekly basis is expanding into a Convenience Center. The Convenience Center carries a full-line of groceries and also includes a laundramat.

A thrift shop opened in March, and a tire drive aimed at recycling tires has been implemented with the help of local businessmen.

Future projections include the possibility of an industrial complex to be created, as well as the use of available warehouse space for such industries as textile, lawnmower assembly, and self-cleaning oil distributor.

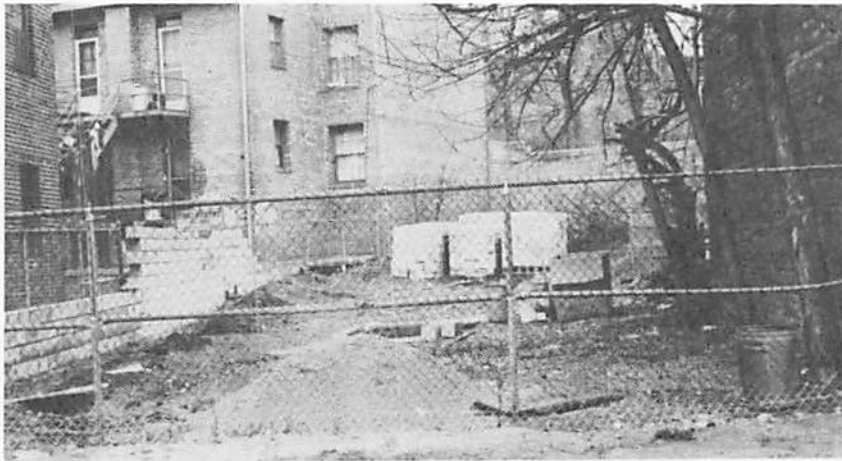




The Housing Guild is active in a community where only 10% of the residents are homeowners. A tenants association to give leverage in terms of mass support as well as monies for buying and borrowing at low-interest loans has been formed. This group also works with educating tenants as to their rights.

Housing repairs, particularly of the elders' homes in the area, and winterization of homes has been an emphasis.

An in-depth housing survey with projected land use is necessary to inform the guild as to future plans.






The Beautification League is responsible for the major visibility signs that symbolize the radical decision of Ivy City to be on the move. Over 400 tons of trash has been removed from the area, and three community parks have been created. Driving along West Virginia Ave, what was once a lot so densely overgrown with trees and shrubs that it was impossible to see any signs of life in the community has been transformed into "Our Place", created and used by Ivy City residents. No longer can people ignore the fact that Ivy City is a thriving residential neighborhood.



Signs welcoming people to Ivy City as well as signs designating each of the various neighborhood sections or stakes and key neighborhood buildings have been hung. Some 55 signs now inform one and all of the new life ever present in Ivy City.

Perhaps the key sign for the community has been the permission to use the once abandoned school property as a Community Center. All rehabilitation and staffing is done by local residents.



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