



COMMUNITY
LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT INC.

TOGETHER FOR THE KINGDOM

Rebuilding Lives, Restoring Families, & Re-Neighboring Communities

GOSPEL-FOCUSED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

For 40 years, CLDI has been at work in a low-income neighborhood in Billings, Montana known as the South Side. At the heart of our work is a gospel-centered approach to invest in the South Side so that residents of the community thrive financially, spiritually, and relationally.

South Side resident Ms. Darlene is overcome with emotion during a construction tour of the Mosaic Senior Living Cottages.

After years of living in a basement apartment, and struggling to navigate the stairs, she will finally have a beautiful home to call her own where she can age in place with dignity.

Pictured left to right: Darlene Latimore, Property Manager Miriam Stahl, and CLDI Executive Director Eric Basye.





CLDI strives to find creative solutions for the challenges low-income communities face. We lean into the messy and broken with tangible hope for individuals, families, and communities to flourish through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

OVERLOOKED AND BROKEN

The Billings South Side is often judged and misunderstood as “the wrong side of the tracks.”

This stigma has left the neighborhood with low rates of homeownership, inadequate yet expensive housing options, few employment opportunities, and overrun schools, which further exasperate cycles of poverty in the community.

30%

OF SOUTH SIDE HOUSEHOLDS ARE IN EXTREME POVERTY

46%

OF RESIDENTS HAVE NOT GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL

64%

OF HOMES ARE RENTED COMPARED TO 30% IN BILLINGS PROPER

47%

OF RESIDENTS LIVE IN LOW-INCOME HOUSING

“YOU’LL USE THE OLD RUBBLE OF PAST LIVES TO BUILD ANEW... **RESTORE** OLD RUINS, **REBUILD** AND **RENOVATE**, MAKE THE COMMUNITY LIVABLE AGAIN.” - ISAIAH 58:12



A message from the Executive Director, Eric Basye

RENOVATION: FROM RUBBLE TO RENEWAL

I'm often asked: if CLDI's goal is to transform lives from the inside out, why the focus on brick and mortar projects?

The reason is that we believe in **a holistic approach to helping communities address needs.**

When we finish a residential project, one more family is set up to thrive in the dignity and security a safe home provides. And often, through the process, the entire family is connected to a community of people with whom they can do life with.

Taking on commercial renovation projects allow us to remove blight, address neglect, and establish new infrastructure in the South Side community.

Development paves the way to meet the very real needs of our most vulnerable neighbors. **As we build buildings, we also have opportunities to share the gospel and build relationships.**

Looking to the future, CLDI's structural projects provide powerful opportunities for sustainability. **We anticipate that a significant portion of our programs will be supported by rental income within the next five years.**

Your generosity and partnership make this work possible. Thank you from the bottom of hearts! With gratitude we look forward to God's continued transformation of the South Side through the ministry and efforts of CLDI.

In Him,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Basye'.

Eric Basye
CLDI Executive Director

Josh (L) and Eric (R) assess plans at the Mosaic Senior Living Cottages construction site.



A legacy of radical sacrifice & unconditional love

OUR STORY

In the late 1970's, a motivated group of grassroots followers of Jesus intentionally and physically uprooted their families and moved to the South Side with the hope of engaging people by sharing and living out the Gospel. **How? By building relationships, engaging their neighbors, and simply being present and consistent year after year.**

In 2021, we celebrated 40 years and commemorated the milestone with a video to tell the incredible story. Scan the QR code to view for yourself and learn more.



Since 2016, CLDI has invested over \$6.1 million to remove blight and re-develop dilapidated buildings on S. 29th Street. These projects alone have drastically improved the perception of the South Side as an entry into downtown. And we are just getting started.

OUR CORE VALUES



We believe there is a gospel response to the brokenness among us.



We believe we are accountable to God in prioritizing people, honesty, transparency, and truthfulness.



We believe all people are made in the image of God and have intrinsic value.



We believe we are relational beings; thus our primary focus is on relationships, not programs.

**UNCONDITIONAL LOVE
ISN'T STRAIGHTFORWARD.
IT'S SHOWING UP AGAIN
AND AGAIN AND AGAIN TO
INTENTIONALLY SAY:**

*I'm here
I'm not going anywhere
God loves you always
You matter
You're worth it*



CLDI intern Jackie Patten shares a hug with first-grader Jackie Calloway, AKA "Little Jackie", outside her home on the South Side.



A PRAYER
FOR OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD



“Father, we praise and thank you for placing us here, to work with those on the South Side. Open our eyes to see where you are at work and help us to eagerly enter. May the presence and power of the Holy Spirit be poured out on the South Side, drawing those around us to Yourself. Open the eyes of the hearts of those we encounter and make them hungry to know You. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

CLDI staff, interns, and family members gather to pray.

Six tracks towards transformation

PAVING THE PATHWAYS

thriving communities are linked by networks that connect individuals and resources to one another.

Under-resourced communities often lack the kinds of pathways that lead to upward mobility. Experiences like healthy family life, positive friendships, good education, or empowering work opportunities might never be available for those who are marginalized because a route doesn't exist to connect them to it.

At CLDI, we work to identify ways to restore and create community pathways on the South Side, maintaining the gospel of Jesus Christ as the epicenter of our efforts.

As people following the example of Jesus, who literally made his presence known in the flesh, we work to build connections that allows us to share the gospel in tangible ways:

- To engage people in relationship.
- To understand their situation.
- To hear their story.
- To be used by God to encourage and resource them in the same ways that God has done for us.



Economic Empowerment

An apprentice works the bar at Rail//Line Coffee, learning the art of customer service, and building confidence to enter the workforce.

Community Gathering

People gather on a Wednesday night for dinner and music as they learn more about Jesus at Dinner Church.



Youth Outreach

A group of middle schoolers leave Billings for the first time in their lives, getting to ride horses and experience God's magnificent creation in the Beartooth mountains.



Intern Discipleship

A college student encounters God's purpose for his life while building relationships with youth on the South Side.



Community Development

A young family moves into a quality, affordable, two-bedroom apartment, and finally has a safe place of their own where they can thrive.



Recovery & Reunification

A single mom in recovery learns how to heal from past wounds and detach from unhealthy habits giving her and her children hope and a future.



THE VISION: SHALOM FOR THE SOUTH SIDE COMMUNITY

“God created all things to be in a beautiful, harmonious, interdependent, knitted, webbed relationship to one another... This interwovenness is what the Bible calls shalom, or harmonious peace.... Shalom means complete reconciliation, a state of the fullest flourishing in every dimension—physical, emotional, social and spiritual—because all relationships are right, perfect, and filled with joy.”

- Timothy Keller



God has come that we might **have life, and have it abundantly.**

For those entrenched in poverty, it can be difficult to envision a future where a single good thing might come their way.

Together we can help introduce a new reality—**the hope of the gospel**—shared in tangible ways.

SHALOM:

Complete reconciliation,
a state of the fullest
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Paving paths of transformation

OUR PATHWAY PROGRAMS

We are driven to provide creative solutions for real needs, imagining the impossible, and paving the way for genuine relationships to be fostered in a way that addresses material and relational poverty.

Our programs and projects, made possible by the generosity of partners like you, work towards the goal of establishing healthy pathways in the South Side community.



Community Development: **TRANSFORMING PLACES & SPACES**

Our property management group provides 71+ affordable housing units to families and individuals in need. We offer second chances for those with no credit, rental history, or poor background checks.



Recovery & Reunification: **HANNAH HOUSE**

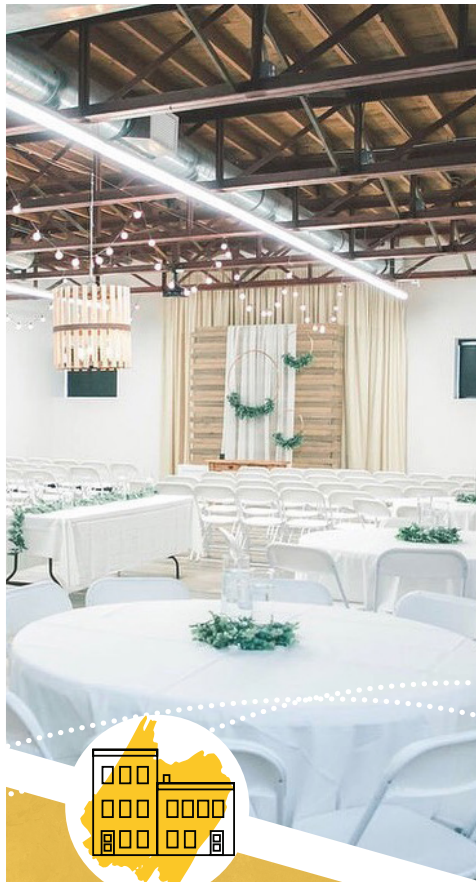
This transitional home is a safe haven for women exiting incarceration or recovering from an addiction. Our hope is to provide holistic healing and redemption for families.



Youth Outreach:

YOUTH WORKS

Youth Works provides a safe place and relationship opportunities for youth on the South Side. Our Youth Works staff live in the neighborhood and do life alongside the kids every day, providing stable and positive relationships.



Community Gathering:

THE GATHERING PLACE AT CLDI

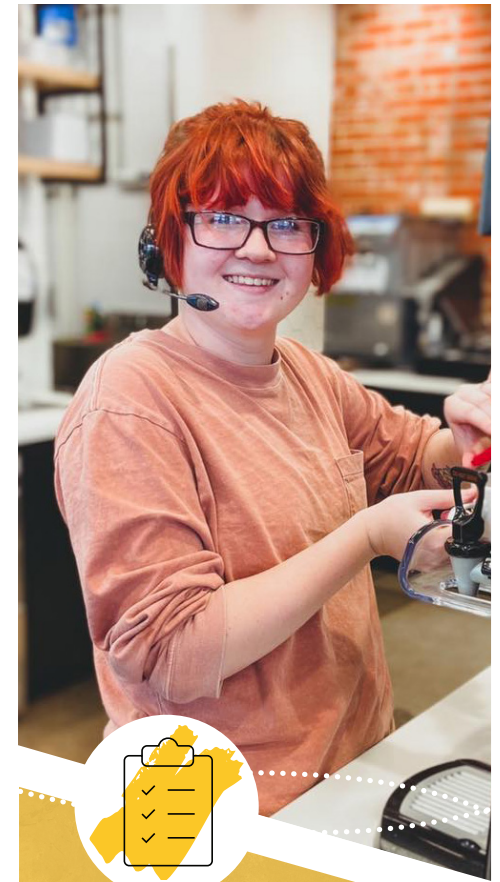
This non-profit venue provides a modern-industrial space in downtown Billings for weddings, events, and a weekly church gathering. The best part is that the funds go back into the South Side community.



Discipleship:

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The CLDI internship is an 11 month long endeavor for college-age individuals seeking leadership skills, and ministry training.



Economic Empowerment:

RAIL//LINE COFFEE HOUSE

Restored from an old, broken-down gas station, Rail//Line is more than just a coffee shop. We hire at-risk youth to provide job and leadership training while also stimulating the South Side economy.

Pathway Initiative:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Housing is catalytic. Without it, upward mobility is nearly impossible. **We believe quality, affordable housing provides a pathway for people to step out of poverty.** Thanks to our supporters, we have been able to invest millions of dollars into the South Side over the last 40 years, removing blight, increasing home values, and creating opportunities for people to have the dignity and security of a place to call home.

Koinonia Management Company provides over 71+ units to families or individuals in need of a quality, affordable place to call home. If someone has no credit, rental history, or poor background checks, we're here to offer a second chance.

WAYS WE ENGAGE



Renovation and construction projects that promote community and quality of life



Managing affordable rental properties



Building relationships with tenants



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I came here totally afraid & despairing but CLDI saw a second chance in me.

- Louise



JOIN US

**Join us in
giving people a
dignified place
to call home.**

THE VISION FOR THE FUTURE:

Sustainable Income

By 2027, our goal is to have a majority of every CLDI Pathway Program completely funded by rental income from Koinonia Management Company.

New Development Dreams

Plans are in the works for a new apartment complex, which will include several ADA accessible units.



Pathway Initiative:

RECOVERY & REUNIFICATION

Walking out of incarceration into society is overwhelming. The Hannah House is a faith-based recovery home that helps women build foundations for a life of abundant recovery. We help women discover who they are in Jesus while providing biblical trauma-informed care for both moms and their children.

Women entering the Hannah House are met with unconditional love, encouragement, and hope. We aim to restore their sense of dignity through the little things like having their own room—for many, this is something they haven't experienced in years.

Through healthy relationships with staff, women find the support they have been yearning for. They learn to value who they are in Jesus, which leads to embracing the next steps of independent living, life skills, and sustainable employment.

WAYS WE ENGAGE



Teaching parenting skills and helping moms to reunify with their children



Helping women learn life and job skills and find employment



Fostering healing through counseling



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I came to Hannah house damaged and broken with a desire to truly know the Lord and his plans for my life. It was here at Hannah House I found my salvation, it was here I first heard GOD'S voice and it was so overwhelming it lit a fire inside me. I learned to love Jesus and I learned to love myself again. With GOD'S blessing through Hannah House to establish my foundation with structure and stability responding with love not retaliation.

- Brooke





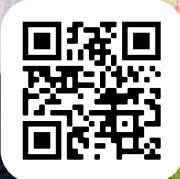
JOIN US

**Join us in
helping women
find healing &
hope for a future.**

THE VISION FOR THE FUTURE:

No Women Turned Away

We are moving forward to expand the Hannah House so that more women and children can benefit from our recovery program.



Pathway Initiative:

YOUTH OUTREACH

Engaging with South Side kids, families, and schools isn't a 9-5 job, or even an after-school program. It involves giving ourselves—our time, energy, and resources—to live as neighbors, mentors, and friends in a community that has been largely marginalized because we believe that the gospel is just as much for them as it is for us.

Investing in youth pays dividends for communities in the long run. These kids are our future.

Studies show that even one significant relationship with a trusted adult can help mitigate challenges children face. That's why we work to find as many opportunities as we can to engage with South Side youth.

WAYS WE ENGAGE



Connecting with kids and teens at our community gathering place - the 316 House



Outdoor adventure trips like horseback riding, camping, skiing, and summer camps



One-on-one coffee discipleship meetups



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*If I wouldn't have met Kaylee [Youth Works Leader] and really gave my life to Jesus, I probably wouldn't have graduated high school... I don't think I'd be in a great place.
- Sabrina*





JOIN US

**Join us in
sharing the love
of Jesus with
at-risk youth.**

THE VISION FOR THE FUTURE:

More Boots on the Ground

Our goal is to increase our team to 5 full-time youth workers in addition to our entourage of interns. We envision walking with our students from elementary to high school in intentional mentoring relationships. We hope to find a larger youth gathering place.



Pathway Initiative:

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

In 2020, we turned an old, broken-down gas station into a beautiful coffee shop full of opportunity. Rail//Line Coffee combats cycles of poverty by investing in and creating employment opportunities for local youth and vulnerable women while also pouring dollars into the South Side economy.

The Rail//Line Apprenticeship Program is personalized for each barista apprentice according to their career goals. **This holistic program also supports each apprentice in their mental, emotional, and spiritual health, giving them the tools to live life well and move up to other job opportunities.**

As we strive to be a safe anchor point for anyone to come and gather and feel renewed, we hope Rail//Line helps pave the way for more businesses to move into our community.

WAYS WE ENGAGE



Serving quality, delicious coffees & pastries



Helping youth gain valuable job and life-skills through the apprenticeship program



Fostering and creating community

LET US SERVE
YOU A COFFEE!

104 S. 29TH ST. Billings, MT 59101

raillinecoffee.com



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This apprenticeship is actually helping me go towards my goals, and stay out of the streets and all that. I feel like I'm a better person for society.

- Christian



JOIN US

Join us in stimulating the South Side economy & workforce.

THE VISION FOR THE FUTURE:

Sustainable Community Force

We want to see this coffee shop financially sustainable and profitable, fully funding leadership development initiatives. We will continue to build corporate partnerships while providing an even more robust apprenticeship program whose graduates are sought-after employees.



Pathway Initiative:

DISCIPLESHIP

We quite literally could not do what we do at CLDI without our interns each year. They add tremendous value to our work on the South Side by interacting with youth, supporting Hannah House moms, and adding life to our staff.

Our number one mission is training and discipling these young leaders. We are utterly convinced of the immense importance of discipleship as seen throughout scripture and in daily life.

Because the gospel is the only enduring hope for people in communities of need, it's of great value to see believers sent out and living lives transformed by Jesus. These believers living out their faith are really what stands to move the needle in at-risk communities.

WAYS WE ENGAGE



One-on-one mentorship



International exposure trip



Hands-on job and service experience opportunities

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God used the people at CLDI to show me who He truly is. This internship was exactly what I needed in this season of life, and I am so, so, so thankful.

- Layne





JOIN US

Join us in raising up the next generation of leaders.

THE VISION FOR THE FUTURE:

Deeper Connections

We plan to build on our partnerships with non-profits and churches, while developing a more robust summer internship for college students.

We also envision a leadership development track for both high school students on the South Side and adults across the city of Billings.



Pathway Initiative:

COMMUNITY GATHERING

Having a place for people to gather is an integral part of a healthy community. A space where people can join to celebrate, mourn, laugh, and be challenged helps knit people together. **Spaces hold events, but they also contain memories of days that shape us.**

A desirable venue on the South Side helps people see and think about our neighborhood differently. The Gathering Place at CLDI has been a center for church services, weddings, business events, and conferences. The best part is that all funds go directly back into the South Side community.

WAYS WE ENGAGE



Proceeds earned from The Gathering Place go directly towards revitalizing the South Side



Providing an affordable event venue in Billings with full catering kitchen, bridal and groom suite, tables and chairs



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We feel like we are a small part of a great thing being able to be married at CLDI.
- Brian & Marissa



JOIN US

Join us in helping neighbors build relationships with one another.

THE VISION FOR THE FUTURE:

Space for Community

Shared space creates shared relationships. We will continue to create spaces where people from every walk of life can have shared experiences, and have threads of humanity interwoven.



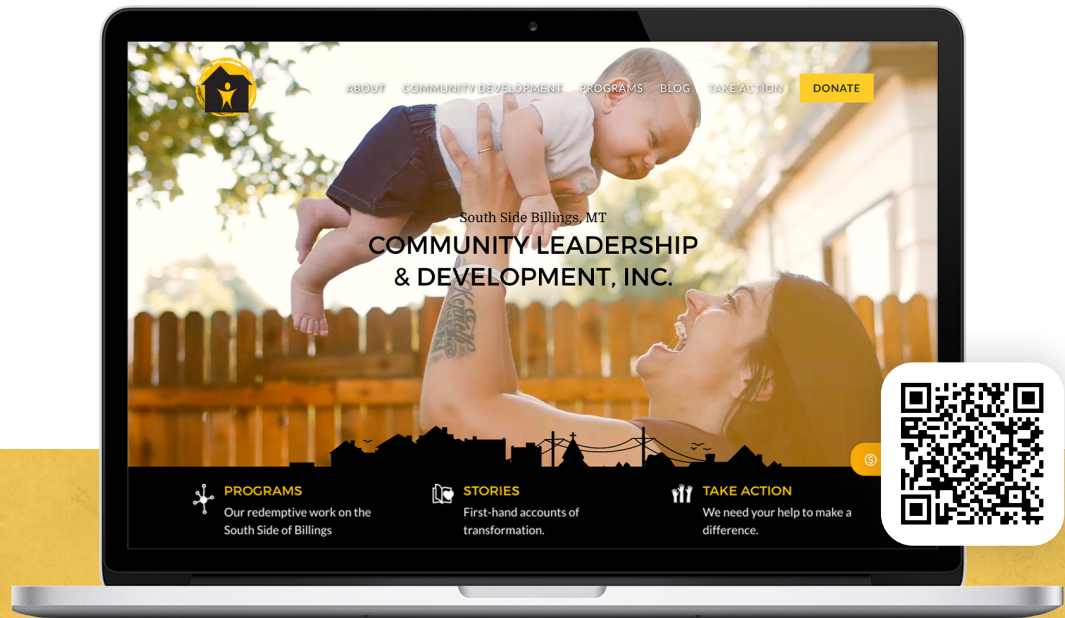
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A photograph of a construction site at dusk. In the foreground, four people wearing white hard hats and jackets are looking towards a house under construction. One man in the center is pointing towards the house. The house has a dark roof and wooden framing. The walls are covered in white insulation with 'Tyvek' and 'DUPONT' logos. The sky is a mix of blue and orange from the setting sun. The overall mood is one of collaboration and building.

TOGETHER, LET'S BUILD PATHS TO RENEWAL

Imagine our city full of lives transformed by the gospel which in turn, impact families, relationships and the entire community. These transformations ignite a renewal experienced for generations to come.

“FOR WE ARE GOD’S HANDIWORK, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS TO DO GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR US TO DO.” - EPHESIANS 2:10



Get updates, watch video stories, take action

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Whether it's news of an upcoming project or the latest story of transformation in the life of a neighbor, there's always something we're excited to share about as we see God at work on the South Side through CLDI's efforts. Here are some of the best ways to stay up to date with all things CLDI:

-  Visit us online: cldibillings.org
-  Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/CommunityDevelopmentBillings
-  Follow us on Instagram: instagram.com/cldibillings
-  Join our email list: cldibillings.org/get-the-newsletter

WHY CLDI?

We asked our partners why they chose to come alongside the work we're doing at CLDI year after year and here's what they had to say:

"It's inconceivable to imagine our city without CLDI—this organization has so necessarily, beneficially and immensely impacted Billings in multiple areas. It's exciting & essential to partner with CLDI's vision of improving people's situations through the concept of partnering with them through Jesus' love & bringing the Kingdom of God to our broken, everyday world."

"We believe in the work CLDI is doing. I know many of the people that work for CLDI and know their sincerity and heart for the Lord."

"CLDI is effectively transforming our community with the love of Jesus. It's an honor to partner with this awesome ministry!"

*"CLDI gets things DONE! I'm always amazed at the way they set out to accomplish goals and projects on the South Side. **They don't sit around, they don't waste time or resources, they are focused in the midst of a community in need loving people unconditionally in radical ways.** I feel so excited whenever they share their next idea."*

*"I love giving back to my local community with the hope that Jesus will be preached and glorified. **CLDI loves people by working with and living amongst them.**"*



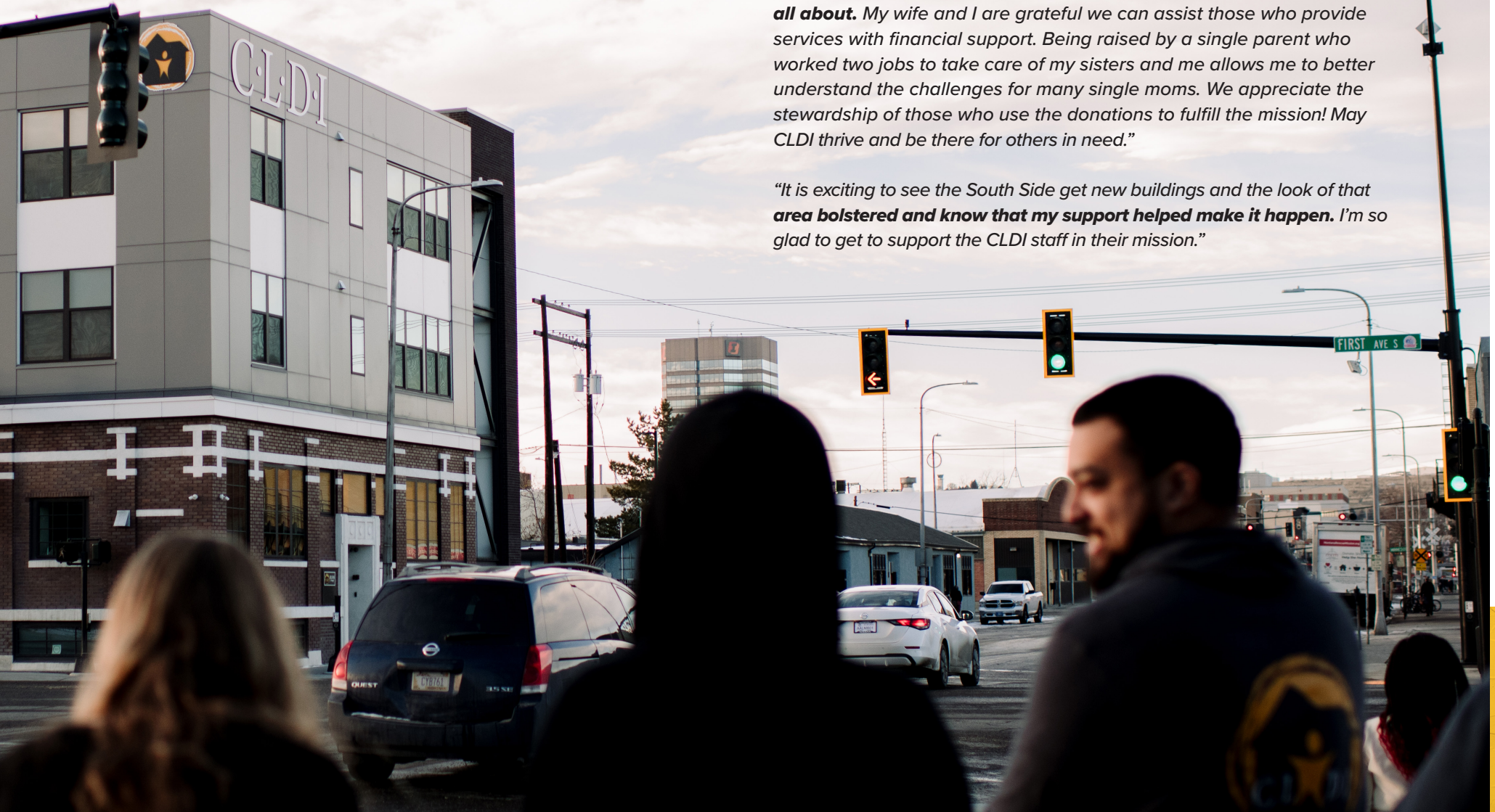
*“Jesus teaches us to love our neighbor and make disciples and **CLDI** is an organization that embraces both of those principles.”*

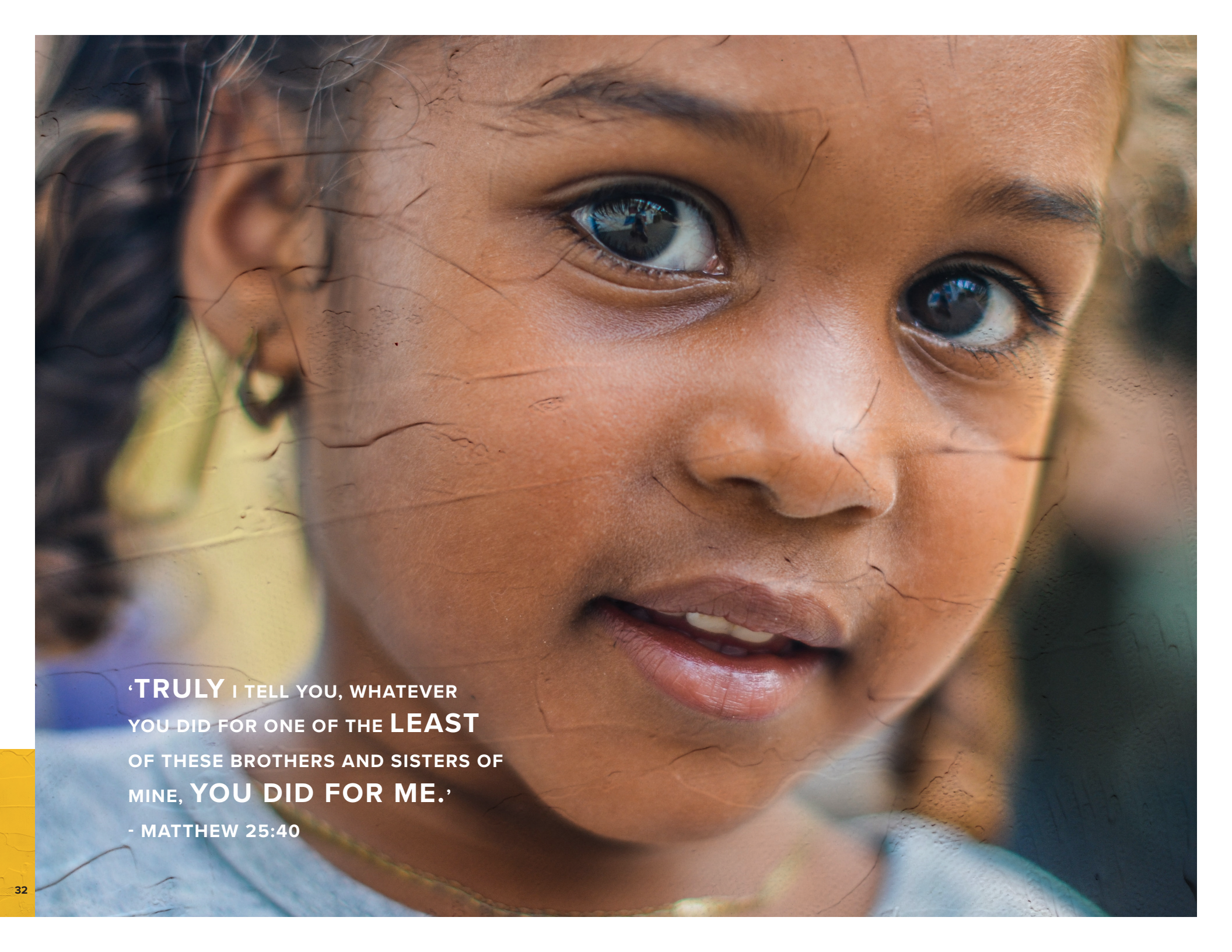
*“I love what CLDI does and how they do it. They are **innovative and keep thinking of new ways to approach community and personal development in a way that is gospel-centered.** I also admire their leadership and staff. They’re the real deal!!!”*

*“We initially supported CLDI by giving one time gifts towards projects like the coffee shop and the Christmas store but **soon realized that every area they were involved in such as the Hannah House, Youth Works, and the various housing projects were all things we believed in. So, we started supporting them monthly!** They have proven themselves to be good stewards of our gifts and we love the opportunities to also serve alongside them—not just give financially.”*

*“**CLDI represents what supporting our brothers and sisters in need is all about.** My wife and I are grateful we can assist those who provide services with financial support. Being raised by a single parent who worked two jobs to take care of my sisters and me allows me to better understand the challenges for many single moms. We appreciate the stewardship of those who use the donations to fulfill the mission! May CLDI thrive and be there for others in need.”*

*“It is exciting to see the South Side get new buildings and the look of that **area bolstered and know that my support helped make it happen.** I’m so glad to get to support the CLDI staff in their mission.”*



A close-up portrait of a young girl with dark skin and large, expressive eyes. Her face is the central focus, with a textured, cracked overlay that resembles parched earth or old parchment. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of her skin and the intensity of her gaze. In the background, other people are blurred, suggesting a group setting.

‘TRULY I TELL YOU, WHATEVER
YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST
OF THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF
MINE, YOU DID FOR ME.’

- MATTHEW 25:40



JOIN AN **UNSTOPPABLE** TEAM OF MONTHLY GIVERS

We believe that when people live lives of generosity and sacrifice the blessings returned to them will be one hundred fold. The 100Fold is a group of people who are passionate, courageous and committed to seeing the South Side be restored through a gospel lens.

You Belong Here

Visit cldibillings.org and join the movement today.







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CLDI seeks transformation through the gospel by rebuilding lives, restoring families and re-neighboring communities.



CLDI staff Levi and Lisa send out personal notes to members of the 100Fold.



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