

JOINT PRESS RELEASE

DATE: December 1, 2020

CONTACT INFORMATION

David Rankin, Executive Director
FCP Services, Inc.
davidrankinfcpgmail.com
www.faithcommunitypartners.com
724.882.2185

Gerald Driggs, Managing Partner
Ground Floor Solutions
gerald@groundfloor.solutions
<https://groundfloor.solutions>
412-680.1602

Faith Community Partners' (FCP Services, Inc.) Board of Directors is pleased to announce that FCP has expanded its focus of service in the Upper Allegheny Valley to serve as a **Community Development Corporation (CDC)** with a particular emphasis on Harrison Township, and the Boroughs of Brackenridge, and Tarentum.

David Rankin, the Executive Director of FCP Services, provides the following statement detailing FCP's expanded scope of work.

“FCP Services Inc. is a community development corporation serving the Upper Allegheny Valley in southwestern Pennsylvania. Our priorities are to initiate, fund, and implement services that enhance the quality of life, the economic viability, and the overall vitality of the three-municipality region including, Tarentum, Brackenridge, and Harrison Township. In so doing, FCP will help to restore hope in residents' lives, develop stronger self-reliance skills, and deliver resources and services they need to improve their quality of life. Emphasis will be placed on remediating blight; restoring and repurposing vacant and underutilized commercial and residential buildings; and building a coalition of community organizations, governmental agencies, businesses, and faith-based organizations that implement the joint planning efforts of the region's three municipalities.”

Expanding FCP's scope of work, geographic reach, and service priorities will require additional staff expertise and organizational capacity. Ground Floor Solutions (GFS) has agreed to increase its involvement with FCP Services in the form of “loaned” executive services that focus on the new CDC services. Gerald Driggs, Managing partner of GFS, will act as the director of a CDC division established within FCP Services.

Driggs has more than 35 years of nonprofit management experience and is trained as an organizational development specialist. He was formerly the CEO of the Social Innovation Accelerator that managed a portfolio of nearly 50 nonprofit organizations serving Southwestern PA. His firm Ground Floor Solutions, specializes in working with nonprofit organizations build financial sustainability while increasing the impact of their work in the community.

Driggs indicated “My first priority is to establish an advisory council to help establish the CDC's priorities and direction, especially as it relates to blight reduction and redevelopment in the area.” The CDC offices will be in the newly renovated first floor of the Murphy Building at the corner of Corbet St. and E. Fifth Avenue in Tarentum.