

URBAN CONCERN

Commitment to Community

During the past three decades, Xenos has invested more than \$16 million into inner-city ministry focused on disadvantaged young people in one of the poorest areas in Central Ohio. Urban Concern, Inc. was established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 1991 as the linchpin of long-term work in the South Linden area.

- Urban Concern is focused on 5 pillars of youth development: community outreach, education, partnership with parents and community organizations, one-on-one mentoring and community building. A robust after school program, extensive youth programs and the Harambee School are key resources Urban Concern provides to meet community needs.
- Our staff and volunteers have received national and local awards for their community service, including The White House's Point of Light Award, the World Vision Mustard Seed Award, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award.

Harambee Community Center and School

- Since Urban Concern established the Harambee Christian School in 1998 in response to the academic emergency status of area public schools, the first class of 15 kindergarten students has expanded to provide 140 K-thru-8 students with an outstanding education each year. Hundreds of students have gone on from Harambee to productive high school careers across many Columbus area schools.
- Xenos' Urban Concern ministry worked with the City of Columbus and the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority to acquire an abandoned police substation and unused lot off of Cleveland Avenue in South Linden. Urban Concern then built and opened the inner city Harambee Community Center and Christian School on that site in 2007. This year-round school has opened the door of opportunity enabling hundreds of low-income, minority students to go on to a college education.
- Students in the school excel in academics even as they grow in civic awareness and engagement. Students routinely score over the 50th percentile on standard achievement tests - well above typical scores in the south Linden area.
- 93% of school students are minority and 82% qualify for free/reduced price lunch programs.



Urban Concern is committed to helping inner city youth overcome challenges and thrive

2014-2015 Ohio Test / PARCC Performance Index Comparison

