

Lisa Johanon – BIO

Lisa Johanon is the founder and executive director of Central Detroit Christian CDC, a faith-based non-profit organization located in central Detroit. She has served in that capacity for 28 years and has been a Detroiter for 38 years.

At CDC she supervises a staff of 24 who are empowered to develop and coordinate programs, businesses and bright ideas in three areas: education, employment and economic development, and she oversees a \$5.5 million dollar budget.

To meet the selected goals in the specific areas mentioned above, CDC has implemented 11 education based youth and family programs reaching 500 kids on weekly basis; does extensive job training and placement for over 500 teens and young adults annually; has developed 17 different businesses of which 7 are still under our umbrella, and which employ up to 34 community members; provides extensive housing counseling services for over 800 families yearly while helping first time homebuyers get educated about finances and financing.

Lisa has developed \$30 million in housing with \$3 million under construction presently and \$49 million in the pipeline—all set to close and commence construction in 2023.

In February 2018, Lisa was highlighted in Crain's Business Magazine as a top female real estate developer in the region.

Lisa serves on 2 boards including: Black Male Educators Alliance Board of Directors and Live Coal (chair).

She coaches 2 dozen entrepreneurs. As a graduate of Wheaton College with a B.A. in Christian Education and Bible, and as a graduate of John Marshall Law School, Lisa has a diverse knowledge base and skill set that has led to her unique community development style and philosophy.

Lisa (and her husband Dan) has 2 adult children, a young adult goddaughter, and many non- biological children throughout the central Detroit community they call home.