from Vision to Reality

2013 Annual Report to the Community
Community Based

SEED Program
The Supporting East End Entrepreneur Development Program--a small business grant competition created by Virginia LISC and Bon Secours Richmond Health System to provide businesses with up to $10,000 in grant money--has resulted in 13 new businesses locating in Church Hill.

Financial Opportunity Center
The Financial Opportunity Center located in the Neighborhood Resource Center in Greater Fulton, provides bundled financial services for those looking to reach family financial stability. In its first year (2013) the FOC exceeded its goal of enrolling 100 people, reaching 200 participants.

Resident Driven

Northside
Virginia LISC launched efforts on the Northside in 2013 with two major Northside projects: a Community Safety Initiative (partnering with the Guardian Angels and Richmond Police) and a commercial revitalization strategy along Brookland Park Boulevard (partnering with Storefront for Community Design).

Petersburg Library
Virginia LISC helped finance the construction of the new Petersberg Library through a $2-million bridge loan and $9.05 million in Federal New Market Tax Credits. The new 45,000 square foot library not only holds books and computers but also provides a variety of services like adult literacy training, healthy habit information and business training.

LISC and the Guardian Angels have been working on developing a Community Safety Initiative for Highland Park after Northside residents expressed safety concerns. Pictured from left to right are resident Ms. Geneva Hall and Richmond Guardian Angels Chapter Captain Jo White.

2013 SEED winner Brett Eastman, used his SEED funds to purchase rental bikes for his shop, Cyclus.

The new 45,000-sf. Petersburg Library is now serving as a center for the community. Featuring a children’s story-time station, teen scene area, computers and a café. The library also has meeting space and community outreach programs, such as the Healthy Living & Learning Center.
Since 1990, Virginia LISC has raised $24.8 million locally, attracting $419 million to invest in Virginia neighborhoods. $1 raised by Virginia LISC attracts $16 of investment in the community.

Partner Focused

Vacant Properties Loan Fund
Virginia LISC and the City of Richmond partnered to create the Richmond Neighborhood Stabilization Investment Loan Fund to return abandoned properties back to the tax rolls.

Capacity Building
Virginia LISC provided capacity building support for many of our partners in 2013, including: Better Housing Coalition, Restoration of Petersburg CDC, Project Homes, Virginia Supportive Housing and Storefront for Community Design.

Celebrating Community Leaders
LISC hosted the first Celebrating Community Leaders Event in September to honor our political, corporate and neighborhood partners whose leadership turned community visions into realities.

Special Honorees included from left to right: Mrs. Kara Zinchuck, Greater Fulton’s Future; Ms. Rosa Coleman, Greater Fulton’s Future; Mr. Wayne Crocker, The Petersburg Library; the Honorable Cynthia Newbille, Richmond City Councilwoman; Mr. Robert Walker, The Petersburg Library.
To all who have donated their time and resources to make Virginia LISC a success in 2013—thank you!

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We work with local community development organizations to transform distressed neighborhoods into healthy communities that are great places to live, work, do business and raise families.

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