



DREW LEWIS DL FOUNDATION



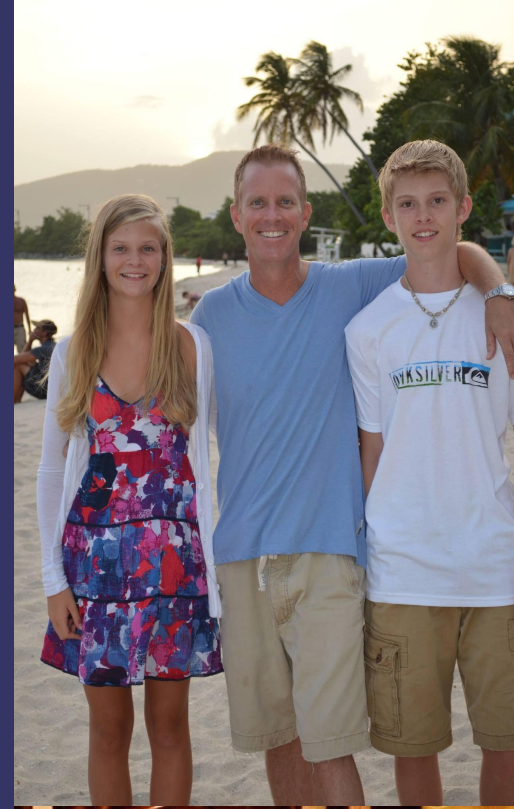
History

- The Fairbanks started as a school in 1906. The doors closed in 2007.
- Quickly became a den for many undesirable actions and crimes, from prostitution, drugs, vandalism and more.
- That was until the Fairbanks was purchased by our CEO, Dr. Amy Blansit and her late husband, Drew Lewis.



Legacy of Drew Lewis

- Drew and Amy started the Drew Lewis Foundation during his fight against cancer, determined to help those in need even during one of the hardest times of both of their lives.
- Sadly, Drew Lewis passed away a few months after they purchased the property.
- Determined to carry on their dream, Amy worked tirelessly to renovate and improve the Fairbanks to transform it into a community hub.



Drew Lewis Foundation

- Our Mission: We educate, empower and support underserved families through personalized programs and coaching to increase quality of life and build resilient communities.
- We achieve this through several programs and approaches.
- Our main programs include the RISE program, the Nonprofit Career Academy, and the Blue House Project.



Who We Serve

- Low- to moderate-income families and individuals who are stably homed, employed or looking for employment.
- We fill that gap for individuals who are between crisis and self-sufficiency.
- Cliff Effect
- Expanding into portions of SW and SE Missouri and Colorado.



RISE: Reaching Independence through Support and Education

- RISE is our series of classes that teaches members Finances, Banking, Advocacy, and Professional Development.
- Members improve food security, housing, employment, child care and so much more.
- A strong foundation is developed in the initial series of courses, which we call CORE.
- More advanced topics are taught in the follow up series of courses, which we refer to as Maintenance.
- Maintenance courses also include a number of expert guest speakers to complement our topics.



Blue House Project

- We purchase blighted homes in Grant Beach, fully renovate them into not only livable, but welcoming homes.
- We then either sell or rent them to our RISE members and teach them all the skills necessary to become responsible homeowners.
- Families purchase the homes with built-in equity.
- BHP provides a unique and more accessible path to home ownership, as well as improve communities through the “broken window theory”.



BEFORE



AFTER



Nonprofit Career Academy

- The Nonprofit Career Academy (NCA) is our newest initiative. It is a post-secondary education and training institution focused on the nonprofit sector.
- Delivers 96 hours of lessons over 16 weeks in order to confer certificates and basic education in the nonprofit sector.
- The NCA program provides a unique path to education and an expanded career path, taught by highly qualified instructors.
- Email mindy@drewlewis.org for more information



Community Partnerships

- We ALWAYS look for ways to partner with other community organizations.
 - At the end of the day, we are all here to do the same thing—Make the world a better place.
- We host community partnership meetings on the first Friday of every month at 9:00 am either in-person or virtually. Everyone is welcome to participate.
- If you think of any way that you or your organization can partner with DLF, please email zack@drewlewis.org



Community Dinners

- Our community dinners are open to the public.
- Every Thursday at 5:15-6:00 pm.
- Open to RISE and non-RISE members and families
- Maintenance guest speakers usually attend as well.
- Great way to connect to a large audience.



How YOU Can Help

- Refer a member!
 - Know someone who could benefit from our programs?
 - Please email drew@drewlewis.org
- Donate your time.
 - We are always looking for volunteers.
 - Please email zack@drewlewis.org
- Make a monetary donation
 - All donations go directly towards furthering DLF's mission to support underserved families and build more resilient communities.
 - Please email holly@drewlewis.org
- Every hour of service and every donation, no matter how big or what type, helps change lives and improve our community!



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mindy@drewlewis.org for Nonprofit Career Academy.



