

Dwayne Williams Biography
President/CEO
Twelfth Street Heritage Development Corporation

Dwayne Williams has over 30 years of managerial experience in operations with strong interpersonal, organization, and communication skills. It is these skills that have earned him a reputation as a skilled communicator with a demonstrated ability to excel in various environments. He currently serves as the President/CEO of the Twelfth Street Heritage Development Corporation, an organization that has built and rehabbed several homes in the Urban Core of Kansas City Missouri.

Additionally, Mr. Williams started a Re-Entry Program for individuals who have been recently released from the prison system. The program helps these individuals transition back into society. In 2013, the Twelfth Street Heritage Re-Entry Program was recognized in an article titled Prison-to-Workforce Pipeline in the Seventh Day Adventist Outlook magazine and in March 2015 was recognized as a *Ford Freedom Unsung Hero* Honoree.

In 2010, Dwayne, added a Youth Mentoring program to the expanding role of Twelfth Street Heritage Development Corporation. To date, this program has mentored thousands of youths in the urban core – about 1,500 youth/year. This in turn, has resulted in Mr. Williams being sought after all over the country to participate in and provide youth mentoring workshops.

Throughout Mr. Williams career he has received several special recognitions and honors. In 1997, he received the Key to the City of Kansas City with his involvement with the Mayor's Youth Ambassadors Program and other city-wide special events. He was also featured in *JET* and *Ebony* Magazines for his community and civic involvement with professional organizations throughout the State of Missouri.

Dwayne's education consists of completing the New Venture Fast Trac Program through the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Neighbor Works of America. He has a B.A. in Human Relations and Management from Mid-American Nazarene College and an Associate of Arts from Donnelly College. Along with several other degrees from other colleges and universities.

He has served the Kansas City community by being on several major boards:

- Regional Board of Directors for the Mid- American Union
- Douglass National Bank Advisory Board
- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Board of Trustees
- Neighborhood Tourism Development Fund
- Boys and Girls Clun of Eastern Jackson County
- Bethel Seventh Day Adventist Church
- EDC of Kansas City
- Port Authority Fund for Minorities and Women

Dwayne is currently participating in various development projects within the Kansas City Area. Some of the projects include: a 24-unit senior living housing project in Kansas City, Kansas and the 197-unit *Jazz Hill Apartments* development/renovation project on Paseo Blvd. A future development endeavor for Dwayne will be the 128-unit housing project, *Heritage Lofts at Berkley Riverfront*.

"To whom much is given, much is required." – Luke 12:48