

Urban Vision

Urban Vision was founded in 1992 by Jodi Matthews and a group of volunteers who felt called to meet the spiritual, emotional and social needs of Akron's inner city families. After much prayer, in April of 1993, the Elizabeth Park community was chosen to be the ministry's focus area.

In May of 1994, Jodi married Rodney Matthews and they committed themselves to the Elizabeth Park community by moving to the neighborhood.

Today they are located at 749 Blaine Avenue in the old North Hill United Methodist Church building where they hold after school programs which include tutoring and Kids Club. They also have a junior and teens program, Women's Time Out, a carnival every summer, family night camp, Harvest party, Thanksgiving dinner for the community, and a Christmas store.

Opportunities to Help:

- People committed to long-term over site of weekly programs
- Job readiness: Budgeting, interviewing, ect.
- Parenting skills: Each special event needs extra volunteers
- Mission trip coordinator
- Donate Supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, plates , snacks, etc.
- Craft/Handyman Services: Painting, electrical, heating, masonry, etc.

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