



**2009-2010  
Memorandum of Agreement  
Partner Name XXXXXXXX  
And  
Communities First Association**

**PARTNERSHIP DESCRIPTION:**

This is a one-year collaborative partnership between the Communities First Association (CFA) and XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX to transform a growing number of communities in XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX (name the geographic region) utilizing ABCD practices and principles.

**XXXXXXXXXX (Name of partner) will:**

1. Identify potential community partners.
2. Provide coaching and training to community partners.
3. Provide services and support for community partners.
4. Utilize regional knowledge, expertise, and credibility to develop an enriching community among community partners that increases CCD in the region.
5. Plan and report on results; Enter XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX RBM (Results Based Management) into newdea.com and provide quarterly reports and stories.
6. Participate actively in the Communities First Association (interacting with association members and participate in meetings).
7. Continuously invite churches in the target areas to take next steps towards community transformation.
8. Update the "cfaleaders" databases on Intuit (Quickbase) monthly.
9. Pay a membership fee to CFA of \$100.

**CFA will provide the following:**

1. Grant funds of XXXXXXX for 09-10.
2. Staff supervision as well as training and coaching in Community Development related technologies, practices, and Organizational Development practices.
3. A bi-annual CFA meeting for continuous learning; professional development; and collegial support.
4. Leadership development resources and funds as available (upon request).

5. Individual coaching and support for XXXXXXXXX's continuous learning and support.
6. Sharing tools and best practices.
7. Participation in the CFA managed AmeriCorps program.
8. A network of regional and national "experts" in Community Development and Leadership Development.

**RBM:**

XXXXXXX's RBM will be attached to this agreement and entered into newdea.com

**Communities First Association Mission Statement**

CFA is a professional association of Intermediary Christian Community Developers that provides a supportive learning environment, resources, and tools to those who transform communities.

**Communities First Association Vision Statement**

CFA extends the reach of Christian Community Development across the country by providing encouragement and support for Christian leaders, serving as a place for retreat and refreshment, and developing holistic, multi-sector approaches that contribute to God's shalom.

We envision an association that:

- Encourages churches and organizations to participate in community transformation.
- Builds a supportive learning community.
- Has leaders growing leaders.
- Has credibility with churches.
- Is a strategic influence & voice for change.
- Extends the use of Christian Community Development nationally.
- Offers in-depth holistic, Christian, multi-sectored approaches to community development that leads towards God's shalom at all levels of community life.

**XXXXXXX (Partner Organization's) Vision/Mission Statement**

Please enter it here.

**OUTCOMES AND EVALUATION:**

CFA with XXXXXXXXX (Partner) will monitor the following result areas:

- Numbers of communities taking steps to engage in ABCD. (Reporting monthly using the Quickbase "Partnerships" list)
- The numbers of leaders being equipped to lead their communities or engage in development work. (Reporting monthly using the Quickbase "Leaders" list.)
- The number of communities where one or more of the "Seven Dimensions of community Transformation" are identified. (Reported in newdea.com "CCI" annually.)

**The Seven Dimensions of Community Transformation are:**

1. Shared Vision
  2. Sense of Community
  3. Ownership
  4. Leadership
  5. Resources, Knowledge and Skills
  6. Ongoing Learning
  7. Kingdom, or *Shalom*
- XXXXXXXXXXXX (Partner's) Results Based Ministry Plan will be recorded on newdea.com and progress reported quarterly.
  - A story of transformation will be uploaded to newdea.com quarterly with photos.
  - Any AmeriCorps sites and members awarded to this region will be monitored and reported as outlined in the AmeriCorps manual.

This agreement will be reviewed at the end of one year.

Date: July 1, 2009

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XXXXXXXXXXXX  
Executive Director  
Partner Org XXXXXXXXXXXX

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