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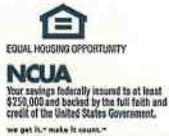
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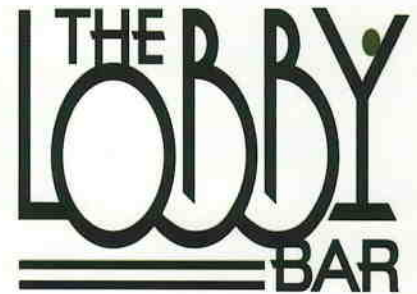


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President's Message

"As each year passes, I find I can look back with pride and more than a little amazement at the work that has been accomplished by the small and talented staff of Possibilities, Inc.

The use of the personal relationship to develop communities is a formula that has spelled success time and again for our organization. From the first moment a community partner gains the confidence instilled by the power of the Possibilities method, another chapter in community development is written. Because the growth occurs within the community worker, it is a change that lasts and prospers. Providing assistance is helpful, but providing confidence and support is everlasting.

In this time of economic uncertainty, Possibilities, too, is concerned for the fulfillment of its community program work. If you have supported Possibilities in the past, we are most grateful. Please join in supporting in the efforts of Possibilities so that we may continue our support of communities in the Oklahoma City area."

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Values & Principles

Dignity

We believe in the worth of each person.

Participation and Inclusiveness

We believe local people have the solutions to local problems & every person is a part of the solution.

Growth

We believe success and failure give opportunity to learn.

Responsibility

We believe people support what they help create.

Service

We start where people are and join their journey.

Trust

We believe people function best when they feel safe.

Integrity

We believe our success depends on our actions matching our words.



Mission:

To strengthen the ability of people to work together for community change.

A Brief History of Possibilities

In response to the goal of “strengthening families through neighborhood based systems, *Possibilities* originated as an initiative of Central Oklahoma 2020, a 1994 planning process led by Leadership Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, and more than 90 citizens from all walks of life. Established in 1995, largely due to the efforts of founding president, Linda Lambert, *Possibilities* has become one of Oklahoma City’s leading sustainable community initiatives, having evolved into a unique organization that builds capacity in individuals and groups “**to strengthen the ability of people to work together for community change.**” *Possibilities* builds local community initiatives and facilitates citizen-managed projects in declining areas to create a sustainable Oklahoma City. *Possibilities* specializes in engaging citizens at the grassroots level where the power of cooperation, creativity and community can be leveraged to create lasting change. *Possibilities* is recognized as a model program among only 31 acclaimed sustainable communities initiatives across the nation (Portney, 2003).

Possibilities works where communities make an invitation for partnership and it is a good fit for the mission. Historically, work has centered around the inner-city of OKC within 95% low-to-moderate income areas. *Possibilities* partners with over 40 schools, neighborhood associations, business districts and other civic groups to improve their communities.

Oklahoma City’s inner-city neighborhoods have problems consistent with urban areas across the nation such as poverty, crime, declining properties and struggling schools. Rather than helping low-income residents take on economic and social challenges, the very policies put in place to tackle problems lead to dependency on external resources and expertise (Hilderbrand, 2002). *Possibilities* specializes in engaging citizens at the grassroots level where the power of cooperation, creativity and community can be leveraged to create lasting change.

Each year, *Possibilities* trains 20-40 grassroots leaders in more than 40 of Oklahoma City’s most challenged neighborhoods. More than 160 people have completed *Camp Possibilities*, the organization’s intensive, annual, yearlong training program. These trained leaders continue their grassroots efforts, creating stronger families, safer neighborhoods and economic growth throughout Oklahoma City communities. *Possibilities* provides ongoing support to trained leaders to carry out community change initiatives in their own communities.

Possibilities is a United Way partner agency.

As a father and a teacher, Jimmy has devoted his life to working with young people. Knowing that students arrive to school with many different needs, and taking notice of the fighting, suspensions, and students not feeling heard, Jimmy created a mentoring program that would give Middle School students someone to talk to who would listen without judgment. Targeting students with office referrals for behavior and discipline issues, the Memorial Mentors program focuses on conflict resolution, problem solving, respect, integrity, peer pressure, communication, and offering opportunities to experience new things. After just the first year, Jimmy is able to report a 73% decrease on office referrals, suspensions, and fights, as well as grades improving.

When Jimmy met *Possibilities* at the Oklahoma A+ Schools conference, he was immediately attracted to the balloon animals and hats from *Possibilities'* booth. He took a chance, and became a camper in *Camp Possibilities*. Jimmy says working with *Possibilities* has opened his eyes to what "family" could like from "outside of the box." He immediately noticed that *Possibilities* "talks the talk and walks the walk," and appreciated the reliability, commitment, and the willingness of someone from outside the community being willing to help.

Possibilities had the opportunity to regularly facilitate the Memorial Mentors class, and assisted Jimmy, other campers, teachers, and the Memorial Mentor students to create a community carnival in the school to help build community within and outside of the school. Through that process, Jimmy was so pleased to see what the students could accomplish, and was thankful that *Possibilities'* process allowed the students to feel it was about them. In fact, it was about the students; they designed and carried out their own ideas to make the carnival a success. More than 700 attended, and the students earned the appreciation of the entire school. Jimmy feels bright about the future, and looks forward to the day his students lead our country with compassion and know-how to be successful.

Meet Jimmy Phillips





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My name is Madeline Fowler. I am 22 years old. I have been with Possibilities since I was 12.

I first got involved when a young girl knocked on my door and asked me what I wanted for my neighborhood. I answered her questions as best as I could.

A week later I got a call from the girl asking me if I wanted to join a youth group to help my community. I went to the meeting and never turned back.

The day I joined Possibilities was the best day of my life. I have done neighborhood cleanups, surveys, and graffiti removal. I have attended 3 Camp Possibilities. In doing all of this I realized my ability to make a difference. I didn't have to just walk past that trash and debris on my street anymore. I could actually get together with friends and create a community and clean it up.

It wasn't just something that I talked about or wrote down. I was actually given the chance to jump in and do it. That's what Possibilities did for me. They gave me a voice and let me use it.

Garden Community

Meet

Mrs. McClellon

After a lifetime of teaching, Mrs. McClellon says that there are times when she is tired and just wants to give up, so she comes to *Possibilities* for inspiration to go on. But usually it's Mrs. McClellon who does the inspiring. The *Camp Possibilities* graduate teaches craft classes at Community Action Agency's Northeast District Center. Her students, who are all residents in the community, say that she teaches them more than just crafts. Bobbie Thomas says she wouldn't have survived when her husband passed away without Mrs. McClellon's words of wisdom and gentle spirit.

Mrs. McClellon shares herself with her community, and tirelessly encourages others to find their passion and share it. Mrs. McClellon shares *Possibilities* with everyone she meets, telling them they will meet new people and learn how to do new things.

When they ask her how, she tells them to look at her and watch what she does. Thanks in part to Mrs. McClellon, more Garden Community residents are finding and sharing their passions through *Camp Possibilities* this year.



From our campers directly...

Margie Dumas, Wanda Nealy, and Bobbie Thomas all attended Camp Possibilities 8. There, we learned to develop skills as a community worker for community change. Since a large portion of our community are senior citizens that can no longer care for their flower gardens, Margie wanted to help. Our project was to help these seniors restore their gardens. The *Possibilities*' staff helped us every step along the way - [from] time scheduling, tools and equipment, snacks, to recruiting other community neighbors. The project was a success and truly rewarding; it was truly a labor of love.

Meet Mary Sosa



When Mary Sosa first visited *Possibilities*, she wasn't sure she wanted to be involved, finding everyone a little too loud. Then she thought, "What the heck, I can be loud too!" Since then, there has been no stopping her. Mary loves her community in SW Oklahoma City, including the children there who have a special place in her heart. In fact a few years ago, she worked with the Lee Elementary PTA to build a new playground for the school. Mary hopes by providing a safe and fun place to play, she will contribute to lessening childhood obesity in her community.

Because of the crime and cultural disconnect in her community, Mary worked with others to organize an association for her neighborhood. In the middle of her first meeting, she said to herself, "This is what you've been learning to do at *Possibilities*!" When she found herself elected President of the new College Hill neighborhood association, she said "I'm going to use what I have learned to get things going," and she certainly has! With more than 30 members, Mary has worked with Mount Saint Mary School and Sacred Heart to carry out many neighborhood clean-ups, with students from the school earning their community service hours in their own community for the first time. She has helped to secure a \$10,000 grant for decorative lighting to keep the streets safe as well, with plans for more on the horizon.

Mary has always been inspired by the words of JFK, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." She takes his words to heart, feeling they apply to one's family, church, neighborhood and country. Once she retired, she knew she wanted to volunteer in her community. She has found her passion through her community work, and enjoys being a role model to her grandchildren, who love to help her with her community activities. She says their favorite part is knocking on doors, inviting neighbors to meetings or movie nights. She hopes they will observe her service and learn not to just expect something, but to get out and do it. Mary knows that one person cannot make a community, and hopes to leave a legacy of service to her grandchildren.

Mary says that *Possibilities* helped her to look at things differently and know how to put things together. Because of *Possibilities*, she is able to get up and communicate her ideas to neighbors, and inspire them to see what possibilities are available. *Possibilities* helped Mary to bring back ideas and explain them to neighbors in a way that makes people excited. Mary has learned to talk less and listen more, and help people to see all the things they can do. Being associated with *Possibilities* brings Mary lots of ideas, moral support, and resources. People view Mary as a leader in her community, and look forward to what she brings back from *Possibilities*.

Mary still continues to dream for her community, and continues to make those dreams a reality. Mary drives through her neighborhood often, and is struck by the pride she has for her community. While many of the homes in her neighborhood are small, Mary says it does not matter because they are taken care of with such pride. Mary feels it is the work of the neighborhood association that allows people to feel proud by making cleaning up a priority for the community. Cleaning up is a "catching disease," and one that Mary has seen spread throughout the streets of her community. Whether cleaning up, fighting crime, or dreaming of a historical museum, Mary will keep working to make her community one that she, and everyone who lives, learns, worships, and works there can be proud of.



Lori Ward's intentions of becoming the Paseo Neighborhood Association President were to create a better community for all of us, and that she certainly has done.

Lori has built relationships with other organizations around our city, has provided over 90 volunteers for the Paseo Arts Festival, and has increased communication within her neighborhood by not only passing out newsletters every month, but also by creating an online group for neighbors to share opinions, ideas, and concerns about their community.



Lori, along with her fellow neighbors, created a volunteer Neighborhood Watch patrol that has significantly helped cut crime in her neighborhood.

Lori has also helped create a Welcome Basket for new neighbors, providing them with information and welcoming them to their new home.

Through Possibilities, Lori has learned that people will support what they help create, not what she creates. She says that since she has joined Possibilities her leadership skills have increased, her level of frustration is reduced, and she is making a connection to others in her community.

"Possibilities is my safe haven. I can be myself with out judgment."

THE PASEO

Robert Berg is always willing to do hard work, and his neighbors have taken notice. Robert is involved in many activities in the Paseo neighborhood, from helping with LitterBlitz and National Night Out to helping secure free school supplies for neighbors.

He believes in connecting people, and came up with an "out of the box" idea to connect neighbors. On Saturday nights, the Neighborhood Association hosts free movie nights in a vacant lot for neighbors, complete with popcorn for all the moviegoers.

Robert knows that a connected community helps to combat crime, and also volunteers for the Neighborhood Watch in the neighborhood.

Robert wants to change the perception about what goes on in the neighborhood, and is working to spread the message of people volunteering and getting involved. He believes change happens one person at a time, and that teamwork is the answer.

Robert has learned skills through Possibilities, and has put them to work in his community. Robert believes in breaking down barriers, and is amazed by how much he can learn from teamwork. Others in our City are taking notice also, Robert was nominated for Neighbor of the Year at the Good Neighbor Awards Banquet hosted by Neighborhood Alliance.



FAQ

What do you do?

Possibilities connects people from all walks of life to help them work together for community change. To achieve this, *Possibilities* uses community development methods based on research, best practices and experience. Our core program is a yearlong cutting-edge training: *Camp Possibilities*.

What are the results of your work?

People connect with each other to make Oklahoma City a better place to live. Most projects lead to:

- Safer neighborhoods
- Stronger families
- Economic growth

Where do you usually work?

Possibilities goes where invited and where it is a good fit with our mission. Most of our work has centered around the inner city of Oklahoma City within 95% low to moderate-income areas.

How do people find you?

Most people learn of *Possibilities* by word-of-mouth. Those who go through *Camp Possibilities*, tell us that it is a life-changing experience, so they share it with others! We also have groups referred to us seeking community involvement to address an issue or work through conflict.

How much do you charge?

Possibilities does not charge individuals, but raises money through grants and scholarships to cover the cost of our work.

How are you funded?

With no government funds, we are privately funded through foundations, corporations and individuals. *Possibilities* is a United Way partner agency. Occasionally, we are able to contract to provide training and facilitation for groups.

How many people do you reach?

Possibilities conservatively estimates that its work benefits more than 50,000 each year. Each year, around 20-40 people are trained through *Camp Possibilities*, with more than 160 trained over the last 8 years. *Possibilities* works directly with their neighborhoods, schools, houses of faith, or business districts to carry out community change initiatives. Our dream is to reach 100,000!

Why do people sometimes have trouble with Possibilities' process?

There is not a single answer, but JFK said of conflict; "...when things are beautifully coordinated and uncontroversial, there is not much going on." **Conflict is a vital part of community work.** To help communities improve, and to include *all* people in the process, can be messy and controversial. If everyone instantly embraced our approach, it might actually mean that we weren't doing our job.

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Wannabe a Good Neighbor?

Believing that people strive to be a part of something bigger than themselves, *Camp Possibilities* participants in one community established a “Wannabee a Good Neighbor” campaign in conjunction with a curb cleaning and address painting project to facilitate emergency vehicles finding homes. While knocking on doors to obtain permission to clean curbs and paint address numbers, participants invited neighbors to join the “Wannabee a Good Neighbor” group. Their membership card reads “Wannabee a good neighbor? Do something good in the neighborhood.” In fact, doing something good for the community is the only due members have to pay. To the participants’ surprise, people started knocking on their doors, reporting good deeds they had done, such as picking up trash, and asking to become a member. Members proudly display an American flag in their windows and their numbers and progress are growing every day.

In fact, this group organized to create a vision for their community. They researched what in their vision could be included in an upcoming bond issue, knocked on doors to obtain support, and presented their ideas to their councilperson. Their vision was included in the bond issue, and the “Wannabee a Good Neighbor” group knocked on doors yet again to encourage people to register to vote and to vote on the bond issue. The bond issue passed, and this group has successfully secured over \$3,000,000 in physical improvements for their neighborhood. Having met with such success, this group is now expanding this door-to-door campaign to other neighborhoods. The “Wannabee a Good Neighbor” campaign allows people to define their own commitment and passion for neighborhood work, and invites people to put that passion into action. This campaign also includes sharing resources for neighborhood improvements with people, and celebrating people’s contributions.

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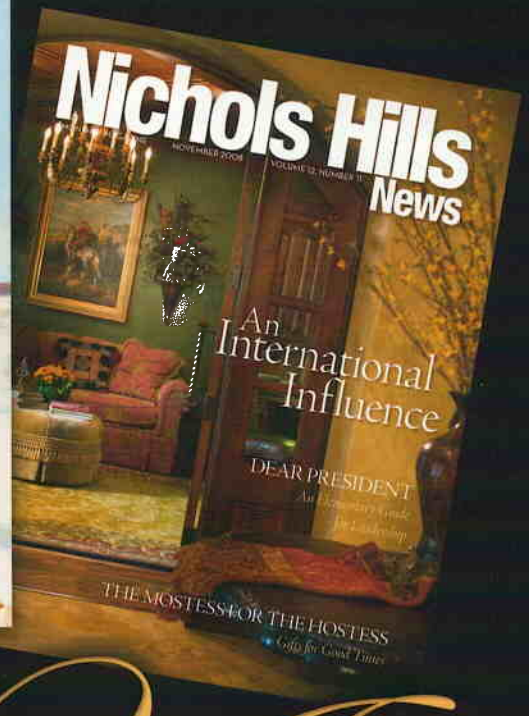
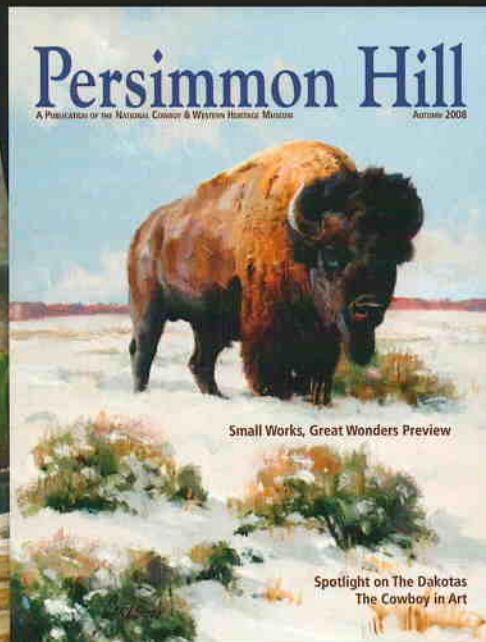
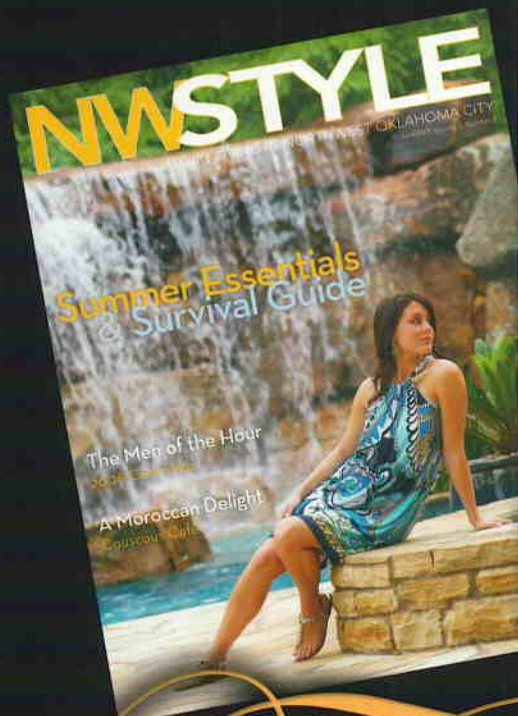
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Camp Possibilities



In today's fast paced world, many people feel powerless and are without a sense of community. Building a sense of community among isolated people from different backgrounds takes many diverse skills. *Possibilities'* answer is *Camp Possibilities*, an ongoing program that combines training, practice opportunities, and working hands on with others to improve communities. Along the way, people gain personal insight, confidence, the ability to work with others and manage conflict, and the skills needed to make their dreams for community a reality. Armed with passion, an "I can do it" attitude and skills for working with others, people make huge changes in their communities.



Oklahoma City's inner-city neighborhoods have problems consistent with urban areas across the nation. Often referred to as the "donut of despair," many older, once-cohesive areas around downtown have become burdened by poverty, crime, declining properties and struggling schools. Rather than helping low-income residents take on economic and social challenges, the very policies put in place to tackle problems lead to dependency on external resources and expertise (Hilderbrand, 2002). *Possibilities* specializes in engaging citizens at the grassroots level where the power of cooperation, creativity and community can be leveraged to create lasting change.

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Camp Possibilities includes intensive, hands-on grassroots community development training, working with communities to assess and address needs, community organizing, and support to carry out and evaluate projects.

Possibilities has built its program on the principle that all residents, regardless of income and status, have important assets on which to build: strong family ties, vibrant cultures, committed social groups and the talent and determination to find solutions to their most persistent problems. At the urban level, they have the greatest opportunity to impact policy-making processes and to exert influence over implementation. *Possibilities* connects people at the grassroots level to build local leaders, resulting in more sustainable impact. *Possibilities* looks to local solutions for the problems faced. *Possibilities* listens to how local people define both their needs and their vision for their community.

Possibilities' work permanently improves the social, economic and physical resources available within a community.

With *Possibilities*, people gain the skills to work together for lasting change. The result is self-reliance, rather than dependence on external aid.

With *Possibilities*, people create their own vision for their community, resulting in greater community involvement and longer-term impact.



Camp Possibilities

The training curriculum includes:

- Tools that allow people to connect to one another in order to work together
- Tools that build confidence including analyzing personal strengths and weaknesses and practicing public speaking
- Tools to increase participation in meetings by creating a safe environment and offering many avenues for everyone to be heard
- Tools for self-reflection and discovering internal motivation
- Tools that help diverse groups work together
- Tools for effective communication
- Tools for widening the definition of community participation in our fast-paced, mobile society
- Tools for accessing and acquiring resources needed for community work (i.e. people, money, in-kind donations)
- Tools for creating a collective vision, prioritizing individually and with a group, analyzing current conditions, creating strategies and action plans
- Tools for dealing with and resolving conflict
- Tools that empower people to take action for what they wish to achieve



A snapshot of projects from last year:

- Beautification and clean-up efforts
- Neighborhood organization
- Engaging nontraditional participation and community building
- Creating multi-neighborhood collaborations
- Building community within a school, and reaching out to the community around a school
- Tutoring students and encouraging a love of reading
- Creating a system for welcoming new neighbors and sharing information
- Building collaborative relationships between 2 schools, a house of faith, a neighborhood, local businesses and service organizations
- Crime prevention
- Providing support to isolated senior citizens



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Possibilities continues to work side by side with people to make their dreams come true.



Impact

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Because the work of *Possibilities* focuses on building community, the impact of its work is widespread. Find a snapshot of the impact of a few recent community projects below.

Capitol Hill Neighborhood, Mount Saint Mary's High School, Sacred Heart Parish and School, many local businesses and Catholic Charities are collaborating to assess community needs and work together to meet identified needs. Efforts so far include 4 neighborhood clean-ups, where students completed community service hours in their school's community for the 1st time, and numerous community building events creating avenues of participation for the high number of Spanish speaking families in the area to participate. Campers in the area have also secured grants to provide new lighting and signage for the area.

Campers are bringing together four northeast neighborhoods to work together towards common vision; Medical Community, Lincoln Terrace, Classen's North Highland Parked, and Culbertson. Campers have held multiple community building events to discourage crime, and have secured grants for lighting and signage. Campers also have regular events to honor and reach out to isolated seniors in the community.

In the Paseo neighborhood, efforts have resulted in new neighborhood association leadership, numerous community building events, a citizen crime patrol, and "welcome baskets" to engage new neighbors in ongoing efforts and to educate them about the community.

In Millwood Public Schools, campers worked with teachers and 30 students to plan and carry out a community carnival to help unite the school and the surrounding community. Having acquired community support and donations, the community carnival was very successful with over 700 people attending. In addition, *Possibilities* had the opportunity to provide additional training to Millwood teachers and students. *Possibilities* facilitated a training retreat for 55 Millwood teachers, focused on team building and working with different learning styles, which impacted more than 1,000 students and their families in Millwood Public Schools by facilitating a more cohesive teaching strategy. Throughout the school year, *Possibilities* facilitated a regular self-esteem and capacity building class with more than 30 high-risk Millwood students, which resulted in a 73% decrease in office referrals and suspensions.

At Broadway Village Apartments, children are isolated and do not have much to do during the summer. Partnering with a house of faith and Reynolds Ford, campers planned and acquired the needed resources to hold a summer tutoring program designed to encourage a love of reading.

Campers are partnering to organize a long unorganized neighborhood to address issues of crime and deterioration. These campers have been busy reaching out to others in the community, including the high number of Hispanic families, and building momentum to implement an "out-of-the box" system for engagement and participation. The "Wannabee a good neighbor" campaign allows for inclusive and broad based participation, resource education and sharing, and celebrating community contributions.

The Garden Community is home to a high number of senior citizens, and many are isolated and unable to care for their property. To reach out, campers organized a clean-up effort that attracted more than 40 volunteers. These volunteers worked hard cleaning up and beautifying seniors' yards. Beyond making the community more attractive, campers sent the message that seniors in their community are honored and cared about. Relationships formed will continue to bring joy into isolated senior's lives.

The progress continues after the initial year of *Camp Possibilities*. Many campers continue to request technical assistance from *Possibilities*, having experienced success and wishing to maintain the momentum and broaden the scope of their projects. When additional training and/or project support is requested, *Possibilities* continues to work side by side with people to make their dreams for their communities come true.

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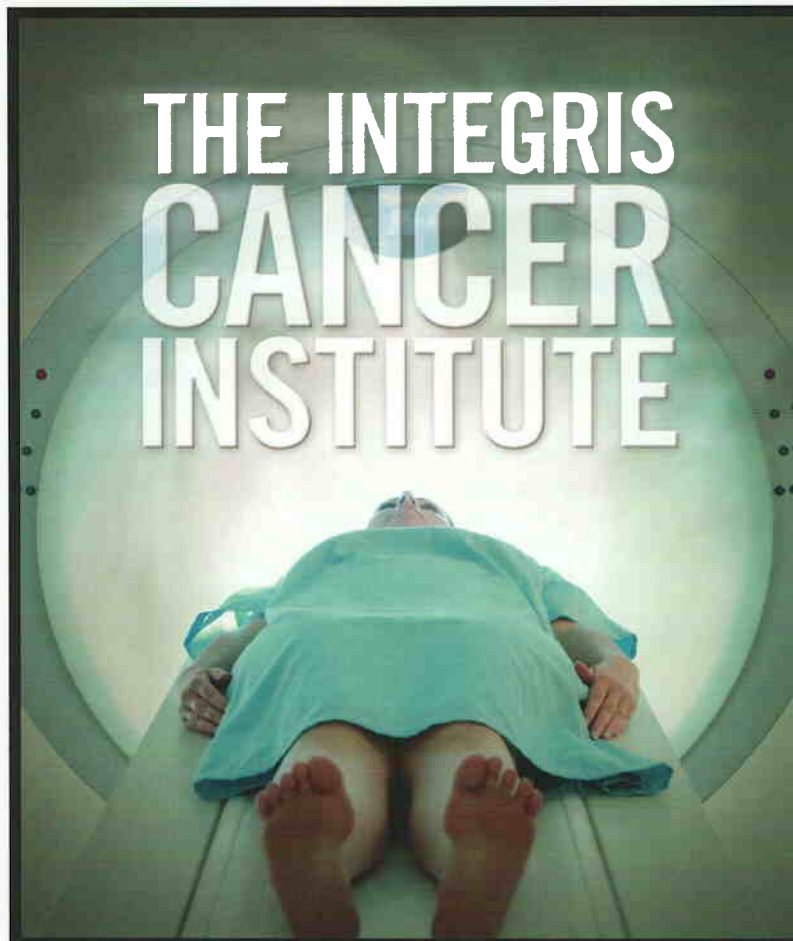
Neighbors, who once connected outdoors as they sat on porches to escape the heat, are now often isolated in their homes

In today's society, about 54% of eligible voters vote, and about 26% of citizens volunteer in their communities. Our society has become very isolated. Many factors disconnect us; technology, overly burdened schedules and fear all play a part. Even something as simple as air conditioning plays a role. In the past, neighbors would interact with one another simply because they were outside together to escape the heat.

Today, many people connect with their computer, television, or video games more than they connect with other human beings. However, the desire to connect is still present – just look at how many millions of people vote on television shows such as *American Idol* or *Dancing With the Stars*. This outlet allows people to feel a part of something greater than themselves.

Possibilities is a very unique organization that supports people being a part of something right here in our own communities, whether that community is a school,

a neighborhood, a house of faith, or anywhere else people come together to live, work, play, and learn. When people feel connected, or a part of something, amazing community changes happen. People work together to create a vision for their community, and work towards making that vision a reality. And, because people create their own goals, the changes are *lasting* and sustained from within. *Possibilities* creates space and teaches tools for people from all walks of life to connect to each other, and to what is possible for their communities. Then, *Possibilities* provides the training and support needed to make community changes happen. Whether the dream is a job placement program, a neighborhood clean up, a community carnival, a literacy program, or a safety patrol, *Possibilities* is there every step of the way, helping others help their communities. The possibilities are truly endless when people are given the opportunity to connect.



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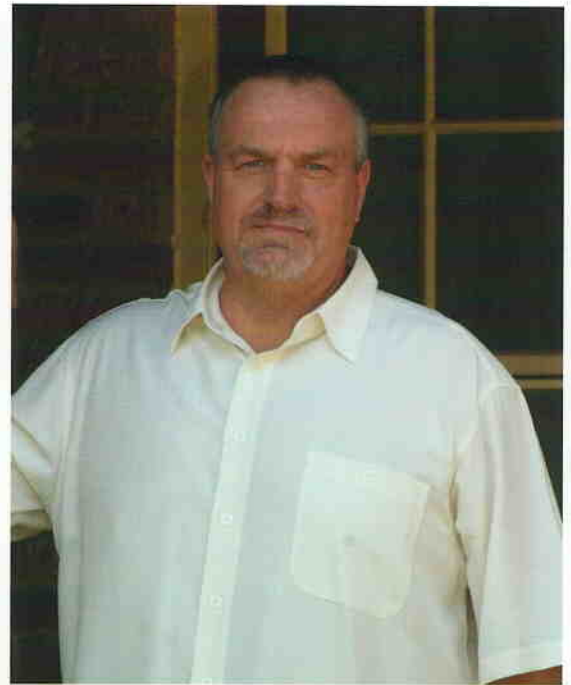
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Meet Jerry Cable



When Jerry Cable was voted in as the neighborhood association president of Medical Community, he modestly said, “Hopefully, I can make our area better.” Through *Camp Possibilities*, Jerry says he’s learned to do more listening than talking. It must be working well for him, because he has held five crime prevention events that each attracted between 200-400 people, has delivered more than 100 Christmas baskets to isolated seniors and has built a sense of community identity in the neighborhood that has achieved lower crime rates, numerous beautification efforts, and increased property values.

In his community, Jerry is regarded as a trusted friend to the community that works tirelessly for everyone!

After moving to Northeast Oklahoma City, Jerry took great pride in his own home, and received compliments from his neighbors. As he met neighbors, they invited him to the neighborhood association meetings and Possibilities. Jerry was unsure about Possibilities at first, but about a year into it, he started to figure things out. He has participated in Camp Possibilities and reports gaining skills to work with others. He now stops and listens before making judgment or comments, and thinks of others’ feelings. He knows how to handle complicated situations, like when he persuaded neighbors who came to a meeting to complain to become active block captains. He brings ideas from Possibilities back to the neighborhood association, which is working to address issues like crime and drugs in the community. He finds the motivation to stay involved in his community working with Possibilities. He is able to reach outside of his comfort zone, and apply “out of the box” ideas to encourage others

As the neighborhood association president, Jerry has guided lots of action in Medical Community. Beautification efforts have grown – around the community and with people taking care of their own property. There are regular block parties and National Night Out events to fight the crime and drugs. The community has neighborhood garage sales, and has received grants for lighting, neighborhood signage, and landscaping. While delivering newsletters, Jerry noticed elderly neighbors who lived alone on the newsletter route. That year, Jerry started the tradition of delivering Christmas Baskets to elderly residents filled with food, gifts, and other goodies. He feels it is important to give back to and honor senior citizens who have given their community so much. Now, each year neighbors fill Jerry’s house to help make the baskets; in fact, there are so many volunteers that Jerry worries how they will all fit in the house!

Medical Community neighborhood is a different community now. Crime is reduced. Property values have increased – Jerry reports that the values have tripled since 1991. There are more neighbors involved and more neighborhood association members. Membership has grown from just a few to more than 60. Things are brighter and happier around the neighborhood – people have something to look forward to. People are talking to each other and are appreciative of everyone’s efforts. Jerry feels the more the association does, the more people appreciate it, and want to get involved. Jerry feels great because the neighbors feel better about the neighborhood. Jerry reports there is hope for the community – people had given up hope about community and now they notice changes. While there is still fear, now there is also hope. People in Medical Community are genuine; no one is competing or thinks they are better than anyone else.

With the support of Possibilities, Jerry says he is more confident, and knows how to be a leader. Jerry is trying to make his neighborhood the best that it can be. In fact, he has been nominated for Neighbor of the Year two years in a row, and Medical Community has been nominated for neighborhood of the year this year. Jerry learned from his family that a person should give rather than receive. Jerry lives that legacy by giving to his community, and encouraging others to do the same.

Directors



Members of the Possibilities board, left to right: Ted Streuli, Mary Trivitt, Leo Paquin, Janis Hodges, Tena Slaughter, Lucy Fritts, Dan Martin, Pat Schonwald, and Amos Wamble.

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Staff



The Possibilities staff, left to right: Byron Jackson, Denise Stump, Shannon Dennis, Madeline Fowler, Minnie Vickers and Mario Medrano.

Shannon Dennis, Executive Director, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work and a Masters of Social Work: Administration and Community Planning degree from the University of Oklahoma. She is an experienced facilitator who has served as a consultant for the Center for Nonprofits and as a faculty member for the University of Phoenix. Her experience in grassroots community development combined with her skills for planning and developing systems for sustainability serve her vision for a well-connected and vibrant Oklahoma City.

Byron Jackson, Community Worker, came to *Possibilities* with a background in Social Work, earning his degree at the University of Oklahoma. Byron has an impressive track record of presenting community training on cultural diversity, team building and many other topics. His skill in working with diverse groups along with his extensive community contacts, sense of humor, unpredictable behavior, and odd assortment of clothing provides the *Possibilities* team with many assets.

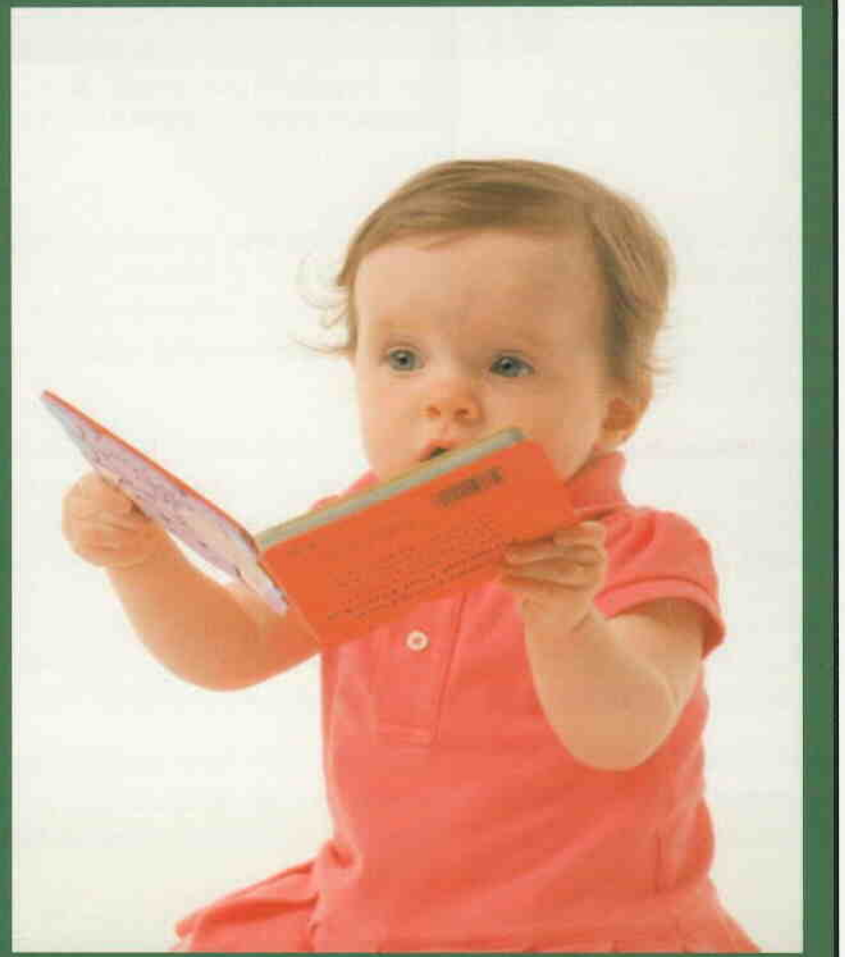
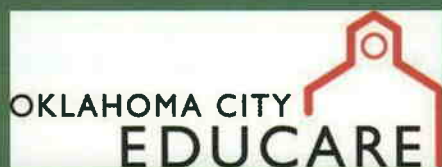
Madeline Fowler, Community Relations Coordinator, started with *Possibilities* as a volunteer at the age of 12. Her dream was to work at *Possibilities*. She is a *Camp Possibilities* Graduate and has done many surveys, neighborhood cleanups, and a youth camp. Now that her dream is a realization, she is working with *Possibilities* as a Community Relations Coordinator.

Mario Medrano, Community Worker, came to *Possibilities* from the Hispanic American Student Services Office of the Oklahoma City School Board of Education where he served as the Bilingual Field Facilitator. Mario has facilitated program development as well as worked in community organization through various projects. He brings bilingual skills as well as commitment to grassroots community work. Mario is also a skilled photographer.

Denise Stump, Office Manager, came to *Possibilities* in October 2007. She has an Associates Degree in Business Management from Oklahoma State University. Denise has previously held Office Manager positions in two Dentists offices, and helped run a family owned business. Denise is a devoted OSU Cowboys football fan. She is the mother of two grown daughters and the very proud Grandma (Mema) to her granddaughter Kacey. She and her better half Clyde love to spend time with their daughters and granddaughter. This is Denise's first experience working for a non-profit, and she has thoroughly enjoyed learning the ropes and working with such wonderfully diverse community partners.

Minnie Vickers, Community Worker was discovered by *Possibilities* during work in the Garden Oaks area. Minnie had a successful career in business and now devotes her time to community work and the development of women's investment clubs.

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