



bc IMPACT 2015



In 2015 buildingcommunityWORKSHOP established an office in Washington DC. As [bc] continues to evolve, we are increasing our impact to include national as well as Texas based work.

The buildingcommunityWORKSHOP is a Texas based nonprofit community design center seeking to improve the livability and viability of communities through the practice of thoughtful design and making. We enrich the lives of citizens by bringing design thinking to areas of our cities where resources are most scarce. To do so, [bc] recognizes that it must first understand the social, economic, and environmental issues facing a community before beginning work.

2015 OVERVIEW

65 active projects & initiatives

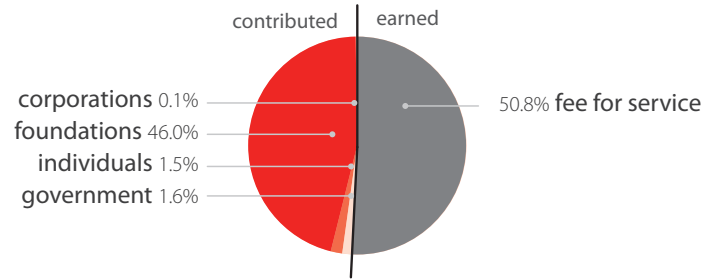
758,329 square feet designed or built

37,125 voices heard

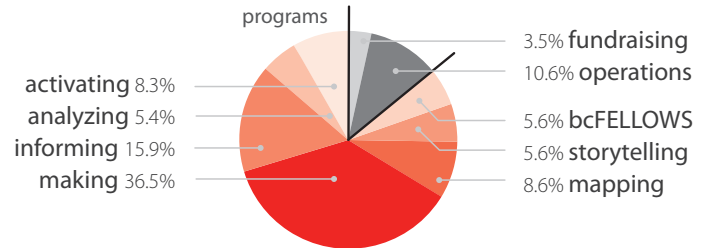
89 histories documented

178 community engagement meetings & events

REVENUE



EXPENSES







In 2015, [bc] was recognized by local, state, and national awards. These awards included:

For RACE & PARKS -

American Society of Landscape Architects, Texas Chapter, Honor Award
Environmental Design Research Association, Annual Great Places Award

For RAPIDO -

SXSW Eco Place by Design Award, Social Impact
AIA-Lower Rio Grande Valley, Design Award

Left: [bc]'s Michael and Isaac meet with a Congo Street resident to design her new home as a part of Phase 2 of the initiative.

Above: Jesse and Elaine pose with the SXSW Eco Place by Design Award.

Right: Lizzie, Isaac, & Thomas with the American Society of Landscape Architects Honor Award.



[bc] continues to share our work across the United States at a wide range of conferences, workshops and events, including at:

Association for Community Design Conference, *Richmond, VA*

Design Futures Student Forum, *Lawrence, KS*

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas: Las Colonias in the 21st Century, *McAllen, TX*

Innovation in Colonias on the Texas-Mexico Border, *Wilson Center - Washington DC*

LRGV Stormwater Conference 2015, *South Padre Island, TX*

Neighborhoods USA, *Houston, TX*

Structures for Inclusion 15, *Detroit, MI*

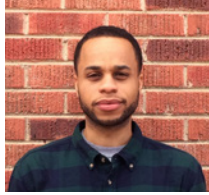
SXSW Eco, *Austin, TX*

Texas Architects Annual Convention & Design Expo, *Dallas, TX*

Texas American Society of Landscape Architects Conference, *Galveston, TX*

USGBC: Greenbuild International Conference & Expo, *Washington, DC*

Vernacular Architecture Forum, *Chicago, IL*



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ACTIVATING. Bringing people together to share food, stories, art, experience, and histories enables neighbors to talk, to learn, and to organize; activation leads to cultural, physical, and political changes that can revitalize neighborhoods, improve infrastructure and bring economic benefits to residents.



ANALYZING. Having access to reliable, intelligible, and current data can build partnerships and support decision-making and results in positive change for all. We use data to create thoughtful response strategies to individual issues, in service to comprehensive strategies.



INFORMING. Sharing the tools and methods we use with others allows both professionals and community members to apply thoughtful design to the challenges that affect their lives. Through a variety of platforms workshops, conferences, seminars, events, and media, we can empower others to make a difference.



MAKING. The act of building is central to all of our work and keep us grounded in the physical world. Structures and landscapes are the product of the communities they inhabit. They are conscious of their environments and work to support local social fabrics.



MAPPING. Mapping reveals relationships to place, history and future possibilities. Mapping permeates our work on almost every level. We use maps to distill complex information, transfer that knowledge and advocate for change.



STORYTELLING. Stories provide a historical context to the work we do from the perspective of those who we intend to serve. They document the people, places and things that make a community, and amplify the voices that are less often heard.

[bc] utilizes six methods when approaching our work: Analyzing, Activating, Informing, Mapping, Making, and Storytelling. These methods illustrate the tools we use to build capacity within communities, neighborhoods, cities and regions. We believe it is imperative that those working in community engaged design have a variety of tools, beyond their discipline, to address the challenges they are working on with communities.





ACTIVATING

Left: A raft built to allow Brownsville residents and Belden Trail users to access and enjoy the resaca nearby. The trail and its amenities encourage active recreation and help connect residents to the natural landscape.

Right: The second annual Ark Festival on Noah Street was held in May, 2015; in partnership with Operation 10th Street.



All parts beyond
visualization due to
gaps in collective impact
infrastructure

Storytelling

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bcANALYTICS examines the ecosystem of data availability and use, as well as serving nonprofits to build their capacity through data driven decision making. The Data Ecosystem Project is creating a model for increased access to and use of data by organizations across North Texas.



ANALYZING

Opposite Page: Feedback from an activity at the first Dallas Data Ecosystem focus group.

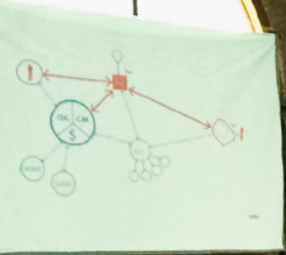
Above: AIM Labs 1 & 2.



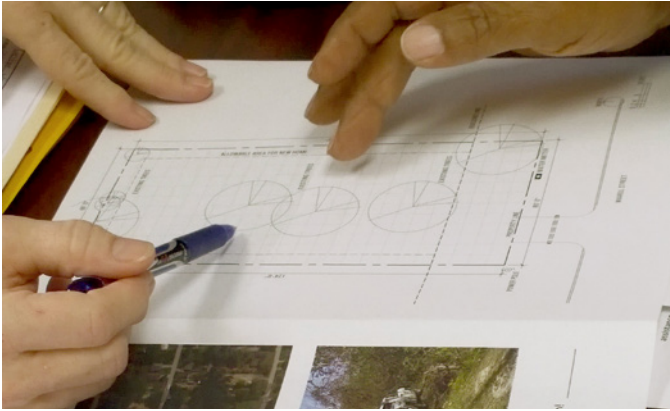
The Affordable Infill Housing Model initiative examines choice in housing and neighborhoods. The initiative works to improve the productivity of Dallas's single-family affordable housing system and increase the choices available to low-to-moderate income homebuyers.

Three Labs were held in 2015, convening local, regional, and national housing experts. These identified challenges facing housing-related activities and began analyzing the relationships among these organizations.





bcWORKSHOP hosted two Public Interest Design Institutes in partnership with Design Corps. The institutes, held in Brownsville in January and Dallas in September brought over 30 speakers and 150 designers together.



The Texas General Land Office (GLO) granted \$152 million to the City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) to administer Round 2 of the City's Disaster Recovery Program (DR2). The recovery funds provided needed relief for affected homeowners, while also creating areas of opportunity and future neighborhood revitalization.

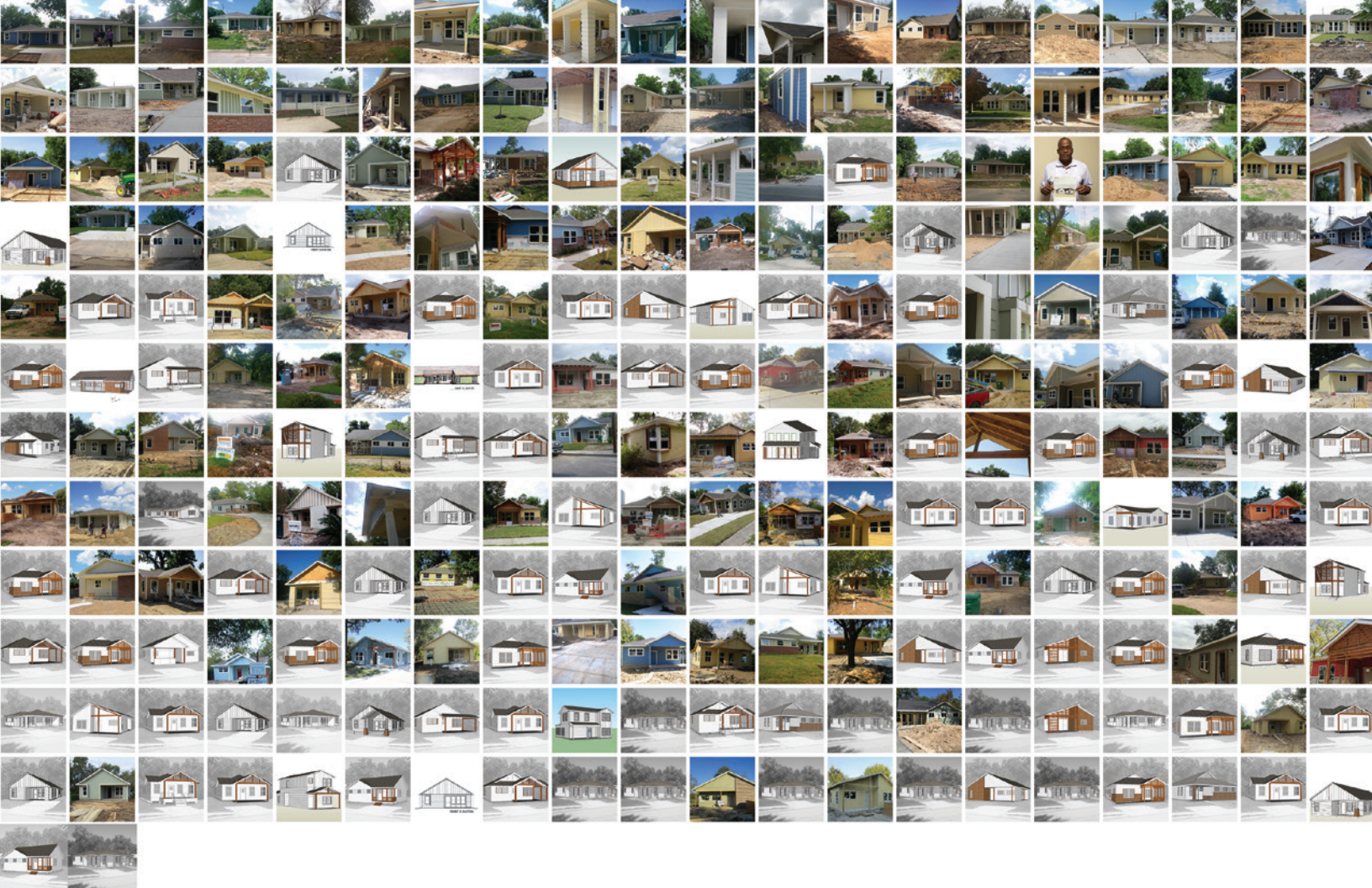
Highlighting design and choice, the DR2 process creates a collaborative relationship between the City of Houston, residents, advocates, and local designers. Together we engaged over 300 families in a community engaged design process, connected local designers to historically underserved neighborhoods, and built new relationships that would not have existed otherwise. The result has been the creation of a catalog of neighborhood appropriate home designs, of which 260 families to date have been able to select and adjust to fit their needs.



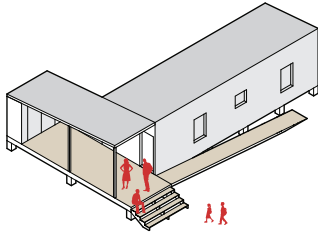
MAKING 

Left: A design meeting and finished home from the DR2 project in Houston, TX.

Right: The DR2 program in Houston has resulted in hundreds of homes designed and built through a thorough community engagement process that began in 2014.



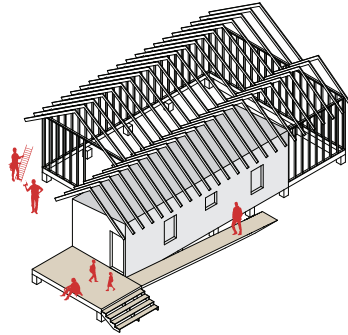
1 temporary unit



FAMILIES LIVE IN THE CORE

Families receive a standardized "CORE" home that contains essential living facilities, families will reside in the CORE for four months until the eligibility process is completed and resources are allocated.

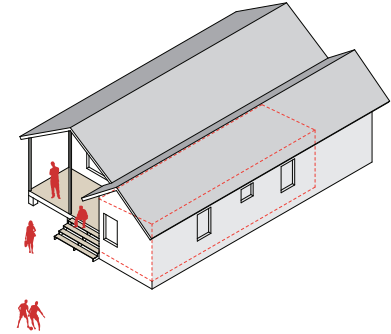
2 custom expansion



EXPANDED CORE TO FIT FAMILY'S NEEDS

When time and resources are available the CORE is expanded into a permanent home. Families participate in a one-on-one design consultation to choose floorplans and home designs that can meet their needs and preferences. The CORE additions are built in 60 days.

3 permanent home



FAMILIES ENJOYS HOME

The temp-to-perm approach, together with the engaged design process results in home designs that increase the feeling of pride and ownership. This process increases the variety and quality of home designs available after a disaster ensuring families will be better prepared for the next disaster event.

MAKING



Left: The RAPIDO temp-to-perm housing strategy.

Right: The Cordero family in front of their new home - one of 20 prototype RAPIDO homes that were completed in 2015 as a part of the Rapid Disaster Recovery Housing Pilot Program in the Rio Grande Valley.

Eight years after Hurricane Dolly struck the RGV in 2008, families are still recovering from the damage it caused. RAPIDO takes a systemic approach to rethinking the current model of disaster recovery housing; and proposes a comprehensive system of pre-coverty and localized response to natural disasters.





MAKING

The Cottages at Hickory Crossing project has been underway since 2009. Its design and construction has been the work of many [bc] staff and FELLOWS in Dallas over the lifetime of the project. The 50 unit development of permanent supportive housing, located on Malcolm X Boulevard, will be home to the 50 most chronic cases of homelessness, and provide on-site services for residents.

The official groundbreaking ceremony for The Cottages at Hickory Crossing occurred on April 17, 2014, and construction has continued through 2015.

[bc]'s Benje and Jennifer visit the construction site. The permanent supportive housing project is expected to be completed in the Spring of 2016.





MAPPING

1. The Know/Draw Your Neighborhood set of tools was refined and released in 2015 and engaged Downtown Dallas neighborhoods to update the Downtown 360 plan.
2. Using the Know/Draw Your Neighborhood tool at peopleorganizingplace.com to confirm neighborhood boundaries of Dallas, TX.
3. Information about the use of public transit in the valley is mapped at city-events in the Rio Grande Valley.
4. A meeting with Indian Hills colonia residents to map Low-Impact Development and drainage strategies for the community.
5. An asset map created to assist community advocates engage UT RGV, the newly merged UT Brownsville and UT Pan American.





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OBJETIVOS DE LA COMUNIDAD

1) SALUD COMUNITARIA REGIONAL

Atender los problemas distintivos y apremiantes de la región. Construir sobre iniciativas de salud existentes y basadas en la comunidad para promover un enfoque de salud que incluya aspectos físicos, sociales, mental, económico y ambiental del bienestar.

Colonias y Residentes de Bajos Ingresos
 Muchos residentes de colonias y de bajos ingresos no están conscientes de la mayor parte de las iniciativas de la salud disponibles. Utilizando organizaciones comunitarias con quienes la comunidad tenga una relación fuerte para conseguir información, ampliar la difusión de la información, y capacitar a los residentes de colonias para convertirse en líderes de sus comunidades.

Grupo Multi organizacional
 Compartir información, recursos, comentarios comunitarios, y las necesidades regionales surgientes a través de múltiples organizaciones para aumentar el impacto de la información de salud y la participación comunitaria. Reducir silos organizacionales y la duplicación de las iniciativas de salud.

Reforzar Redes de Promotoras
 El modelo Promotora ha mostrado ser muy eficaz al compartir información de salud y formar relaciones dentro de colonias y comunidades de bajos ingresos. Ampliar el alcance del programa Promotora existente a través de la capacitación y preparación de información con otras organizaciones comunitarias de como compartir recursos para la salud con comunidades. Utilizar el modelo de Promotora en la formación de nuevos programas y al entender las necesidades de residentes de colonias y de bajos ingresos.

2) Acceso a la Asistencia Médica

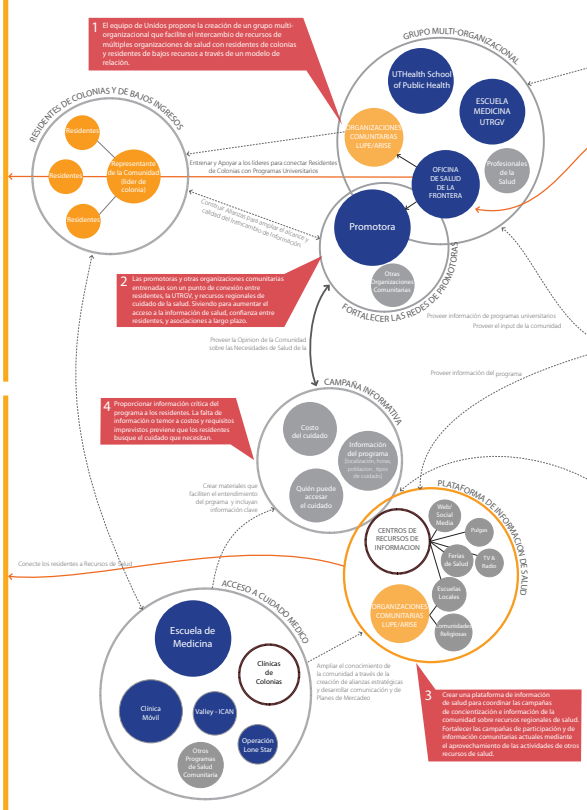
Crear el acceso equitativo a recursos para la salud e implementar estrategias innovadoras de proporcionar la asistencia médica a poblaciones que carecen de servicios.

Plataforma para Información de Salud
 Crear un Centro de Información de Recursos que conecte a organizaciones locales, regionales y comunitarias con la información de programas de salud. Coordinar el intercambio de información y estrategias de compromiso a través de programas de salud, y asegurar que la información compartida correspondiera a la necesidad de información de los residentes.

Acceso al Cuidado Médico

El acceso a un doctor y al cuidado médico es una preocupación importante de residentes de colonias y de bajos ingresos. Superar estos requisitos y costo del cuidado afectan el acceso al cuidado médico. Los recursos para obtener el acceso económico y gratuito de asistencia médica para residentes de bajos ingresos son necesarios en estas comunidades. Además, los residentes necesitan un acceso información práctica y al contenido sobre recursos médicos disponibles a través del valle. Compartir esta información e información debería hacerse a través de la Plataforma de Información de Salud.

EQUIPOS REGIONALES DE SALUD



RECURSOS DE LA UNIVERSIDAD

- Departamentos Administrativos**
 - Dept. de Involucramiento Comunitario
 - Coordinación en el grupo Multi-organizacional
- Programas de Salud Comunitarios**
 - Oficina de Salud Promotora
 - Actividades diseñadas para capacitar a Promotoras, ve su comprensión a través.
 - Abra Salud
 - Un foro para la investigación y los mejores prácticas implementadas a nivel de los diseñados y implementados que reducen las costumbres de salud.
 - Centro de audición y lenguaje
 - Preparación servicios lingüísticos del habla y la audición para infantes y adultos.
- Investigación Médica y de Salud Pública**
 - Escuela de UF de Salud Pública
 - Una de centros de UFHealth el Campus Regional del valle ofrece educación de posgrado y recursos vitales de los estudiantes de salud pública.
 - Centro de investigación de la Salud Pública
 - Actividades se concentran en reducir o eliminar las disparidades de la salud entre hogares que viven en la zona fronteriza del Sur Este y suvalle cercano.
 - Unidad de investigación clínica de UFHealth
 - Un grupo de investigación, ubicado en el Centro Médico de la Florida, está realizando investigaciones de largo alcance de la población local.
 - Centro de la ciencia de UFHealth, Centro Académico de Salud Regional (SRAC)
 - UFHealth es un centro de educación médica que desarrolla actividades que fortalece la salud en la comunidad.
 - Control de enfermedades de la salud de la frontera del Sur de Texas
 - Propósito es la prevención y promoción del entendimiento de la preparación de disparidades de la salud que la población en gran parte pertenece a la zona de la frontera de Nuevo Estado Unidos.
- Concientización de programa y educación**
 - Tu Salud Si Cante
 - Campaña comunitaria para promover opciones saludables y cambios de comportamiento. Utilizando los recursos y trabajadores de salud comunitarios (promotoras) y miembros de policía para cambiar el cambio.
- Promoción y educación de la Salud Comunitaria**
 - Centro Académico Regional de Salud
 - Una extensión de UFHealth Science Center, San Antonio, el SRAC alberga un Educación Médica y de desarrollo de investigación.
 - Organización Estudios Comunitarios
 - Una misión médica anual entre el género y el ciclo que ofrece servicios médicos gratuitos a residentes en el valle.
 - Mand (mente, género, nutrición, salud)
 - Preparación una intervención de educación de la salud en las familias con niños en situación de riesgo de obesidad.
- Atención y Acceso Médico**
 - Clínica de Salud
 - Una misión médica anual entre el género y el ciclo que ofrece servicios médicos gratuitos a residentes en el valle.
 - Clínica Médica de UFHealth
 - Preparación la asistencia médica gratuita a residentes no asegurados en áreas rurales del Condado de Collier.
 - Escuela de medicina de UFHealth
 - La escuela ofrece a los estudiantes de medicina ofrece el gran oportunidad de tener recursos médicos necesarios a residentes de bajos ingresos o a residentes no asegurados en la región.

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[bc] Media, a digital productions and film unit focused on issues of equity within the built environment. This unit works to empower residents, neighborhood organizations, and other stakeholders through the use of film + digital media products.

In 2015, [bc] Media produced two films broadcast on KERA's Frame of Mind series in December - Bonton + Ideal and Neighborhood Stories - as well as 5 profiles of work done by [bc] as well as the important work of our peers and neighbors. Over the course of the year, 89 interviews were collected from Dallas, Rio Grande Valley, and Houston residents. These stories are important in establishing neighborhood-based identities, address and overturn preconceived ideas of place, and celebrate the community leaders and trailblazers that make our communities better.



STORYTELLING

Top: Bonton + Ideal Neighborhood Stories film
Bottom: Dallas Public Library Homeless Engagement Initiative

Right: [bc] Senior Media Associate, Craig, and residents of the Bonton and Ideal neighborhoods do a Q&A after a community screening of the Bonton+Ideal film. The film was broadcast on KERA's Frame of Mind series on December 24th, 2015.



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The Gardner Preparatory School celebrates the completion of a Little Free Library / Libros Libres.

Front cover: Jennifer and Ideal Neighborhood residents reviewing plans for Macon Starks multi-family development.