



Isles YouthBuild Institute students renovate buildings and open space. Here, students transformed an unused courtyard into a classroom, garden & dining space!



Urban Agriculture—Joe Hicks, an agricultural intern and YouthBuild student, works with Jim Simon, Isles staffer, at the new ADA accessible garden at LIFE St. Francis. The garden is designed for seniors who are in wheelchairs or with limited mobility. The beautiful cedar raised beds were built by YouthBuild students under the direction of site trainer Harry Dunckley.

Isles Builds Wealth—by providing innovative services to move families out of debt and into financial self-reliance.

- ◆ 12 Isles Financial Solutions members received Springboard and Emergency loans
- ◆ Members saved a total of \$65,000 in fees and interest payments
- ◆ 50% of members increased credit scores by 100 points
- ◆ **50% of members achieved a savings goal of \$500**



Buy and Keep a Home

Isles offered a range of counseling services to families. One-on-one training and group first-time homebuyers workshops were held.

We achieved 27 positive outcomes for foreclosure customers that included mortgage modification, forbearance agreements, and reinstatement.



Isles Center for Energy and Environmental Training (CEET) provides green job training and helps place un- and under-employed and current workers in the field. In 2012, CEET will train and/or certify 300 people in green building science, energy efficiency, and healthy home environments.



2012 in Review

PATHS TO SELF-RELIANCE



Plan and Develop Your Neighborhood! Community residents attended the kickoff of the Trenton Historic Development Collaborative (THDC). Isles began working with a committed group of stakeholders, primarily located in Trenton's West Ward, to bring about broad and lasting change in the THDC target neighborhood.



2012 Isles YouthBuild Institute Graduates



Grow Your Own—Isles continues to expand our community and school gardening work. We added four new gardens in 2012, bringing the total to 40 gardens throughout the city.

We expanded Isles' CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) project. YouthBuild interns grew and distributed fresh, and sustainably grown, produce from June through November.



Mentoring Matters!
Here, mentors and mentees get acquainted.

Your gift helps foster self-reliant families and healthy, sustainable communities. Become a member of **Isles Bridge Builders** or **Legacy Society** by contacting Yuki Moore Laurenti at ylaurenti@isles.org or call 609.341.4721. Please look for information in early 2013 about the Isles Bridge Builder Annual Gathering.

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