

Pillars of Promise

Vision

Dignity, not dependence
Choice, not charity

Mission

Pillars of Promise is a non-profit organization that brings a bold, radically different approach to the fight against urban poverty in Des Moines. We invest in a means, not an end. The mission is to equip people with tools to rewrite their futures daring to go where well-intentioned programs and charity falls short. The mission is grounded in collaboration and embraces public, private and non-profit entities with intentionality and focus of meeting the needs of the urban core and the Greater Des Moines Community to establish "A city without poverty".

Pillars of Promise Tenets

- Family- Father / Husband ministry programs
 - Relationship Tools- parenting and relationship programs
- Nutrition- Food pantry / kitchens- along with a means to harvest own food
- Education- important to build a STEM school along with adult education program
 - Pathway to College- cradle to career tutoring / mentoring support
- Sports & Arts- work in partnership with Grubb YMCA and FCA
 - Includes indoor track/multi-purpose space for programming and sports
- Sustainable Employment / Jobs- work in partnership with Evelyn K. Davis Center
 - Extension of successful training, mentoring, teaching, educating
- Spiritual – Elim will be the foundation to build on spiritual and moral development
 - Establishing/Building the moral, spiritual and heart of the community
- Health & Wellness- Work in partnership with Broadlawns and YMCA programming

Key Partnerships and Collaboration

- City of DSM; Polk County; State of Iowa -
- State of Iowa Capitol Planning Commission - purchase of Elim
- Drake University - Drake has vested interest in surrounding neighborhoods
- Grubb YMCA – Wellness and Health
- CFUM- after school program / education for youth
- Evelyn K. Davis Center - sustainable employment, Education, Training
- FCA- sports activities, mentor, education, character development
- FCA & Quick Trip- Nutrition and Food Access
- Food Bank of Iowa
- Broadlawns – Medical Clinic
- Lutheran Church of Hope

Urban Ventures - Modeled approach of successful implementation – Minneapolis Minnesota.



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- **Uniting existing and building new community services to work holistically in support of families with a focus on education, employment, food, character development and building healthy relationships.**
- **Working in partnership to fight urban poverty in radically new ways by connecting individuals, corporations, government, churches and other non-profits ... We are better together!**

