Mission: "...build strong communities through resident participation"

Goal: Identify how residents define sense of community.

Project Aim: Determine recommendations for Mutual Housing to enhance sense of community.

Project Design
- Recruitment
- Focus Groups
- Key informant interview
- Interview guide
- Community Sites:
  - Norwood
  - Owendale
  - Sky Park

Themes
- Social Connection
  "Feeling like you belong"
  "I once had nothing and they all fed me"

- Leadership
  "They taught me how to become a leader."

- Collaboration
  "When you are a part of something"

Leadership development classes
Community organizing

Team building activities
Support groups

Interview Guide
- Needs Fulfillment: How does this community help fulfill your needs?
- Membership Belonging: What ways does this community make you feel you belong here?
- Influence: How do you inform someone of an idea, suggestion, issue, concern, or question you have about your community?
- Emotional Connection: What has the community done in the past or present that has affected you or touched you and in what ways?

Recommendations
- Framework for Sense of Community: feelings of responsibility for a community is under-theorized and an unrepresented aspect of the experience in community in current operationalizations

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