Advocate, Activist, Collaborative Leader

Robert L. Caldwell, Jr

Primary Professional Focus:
Low-income urban community transformation through advocacy for research based and culturally informed public policy, strategic multi-disciplined collaboration and the development of asset oriented social and human service programs and services

- Over 25 years of social service and community development experience

- Award winning developer of social service programs

- Advocacy efforts have resulted in over $200 million dollars in community development investment

- Developed programs and services that have served over 5000 families

- Proven civic leader and community servant

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Robert has a successful history of working with and on behalf of low-income urban communities with a particular focus on sustainable living wage employment, safe and affordable housing, educational enrichment for youth and adults. He has extensive experience working in collaboration with both public and private sector organizations for community development including: The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio, City of Columbus, The Ohio State University, Wagenbrenner Development, Columbus City Schools, HKI Associates, United Way of Central Ohio, Columbus Foundation, The Children's Hunger Alliance, the Community Development Finance Fund and the Ohio Environmental Council.

Community Service Achievements
Robert served the center city community where he and his family lived as the founder and past president of the Weinland Park Community Civic Association, a coalition of residents, social service and community organizations and city officials working to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Weinland Park Community; as an Area Commissioner representing Weinland Park on the University Area Commission (a community extension of the Columbus City Council) and as a member of the Board of Directors of Columbus Compact Corporation, the federally designated administrator of Columbus Ohio's Empowerment Zones, charged with the revitalization of Columbus' center city neighborhoods. He is a Senior Co-Advocate for The American Center for Civic Character, a character-based civic leadership development initiative, and Senior Fellow for the Mission Columbus Institute for Community Change, a group of Church & Ministry Leaders working to facilitate collaborative efforts between congregations regardless of their various theological distinctives. In 2007, Robert was appointed to the Mayor's 2012 Bicentennial Commission and served as Safety Committee Co-Chair. **In 2016 Robert received a Distinguished Service Award** from The Ohio State University for his work in the Weinland Park Community.

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Collaborative Leadership Achievements
The Weinland Park Neighborhood Plan – worked with the City of Columbus Department of Development, community residents and stakeholders as the Committee Chair to develop a comprehensive economic development plan impacting over 100,000 residents, students and employees in living and working in the Weinland Park and South Campus Area.

The Schoenbaum Family Center Development – worked with Columbus Public Schools and The Ohio State College of Education & Human Ecology to facilitate resident and stakeholder involvement in the design and development of a State of the Art community-based child & family development center.

The Holistic Community Assessment Project – worked with Mission Columbus and Central Ohio Youth for Christ to design a holistic community assessment tool to help strategically direct faith community resource investment toward key community issues.

Fees: Base Rate: ***$150 per/hr**   Day Rate: ***$1200 per/day**

30 – 90 min lectures/speeches/presentations /2– 4 - hour trainings /Half Day /Full Day Workshops

*Fees DO NOT include materials, travel, accommodations and/or other related expenses. Actual costs will be determined with formal service agreement