



**2011  
Memorandum of Agreement  
(Partner Name)  
And  
Communities First Association**

**PARTNERSHIP DESCRIPTION:**

This is a one-year collaborative partnership between the Communities First Association (CFA) and **XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX** to transform a growing number of communities/neighborhoods in **XXXXXXXXXXXXX (name the geographic region)** utilizing ABCD practices and principles.

**XXXXXXXX (Name of partner) will:**

1. Identify potential community partners.
2. Provide coaching and training to community partners.
3. Provide services and support for community partners.
4. Continuously invite churches in the target areas to take next steps towards community transformation.
5. Utilize regional knowledge, expertise, and credibility to develop an enriching community among community partners that supports and grows Christian Community Development in the region.
6. Participate actively in the Communities First Association (interacting with association members and participate in meetings).
7. Plan and report on results; Enter **XXXXXXXXXXXXX(your name)** RBM (Results Based Management) into newdea.com and provide quarterly reports and stories.
8. Update the “cfaleaders” databases on Intuit (Quickbase) monthly.
9. Pay a membership fee to CFA of \$100.

**CFA will provide the following:**

1. Support, training and coaching in:
  - community development related technologies and practices;
  - organizational capacities and practices.
2. A growing tool kit of resources.

3. Facilitation for semi-annual CFA meetings for continuous learning; professional development; and collegial support.
4. Leadership development resources and funds as available (upon request).
5. Individual coaching and support for XXXXXXXX's (your name) continuous learning and support.
6. Connecting members to tools and best practices from other regions.
7. Open access to the CFA managed AmeriCorps program.
8. A network of regional and national "experts" in Community Development and Leadership Development.
9. Brokered tools and services at reduced prices for members

### **Communities First Association Mission Statement**

CFA is a professional association of Intermediary Christian Community Developers that provides a supportive learning environment, resources, and tools to those who transform communities.

### **Communities First Association Vision Statement**

More communities are being transformed  
More Christians (and congregations) are engaging in their community transformation story.

### **XXXXXXXX (Partner Organization's) Vision/Mission Statement**

Please enter it here.

### **OUTCOMES AND EVALUATION:**

CFA with XXXXXXXX (Your organization) will monitor the following result areas:

- Number of communities increasing their community transformation capacities using ABCD practices. (Reporting monthly using the Quickbase "Partnerships" list)
- The number of each type of leader being trained/coached in the region.
- The number of leaders being equipped to lead their communities or engage in development work. (Reporting monthly using the Quickbase "Leaders" list.)

We share the following view of community transformation progress.

### **The Seven Dimensions of Community Transformation are:**

1. Shared Vision
2. Sense of Community
3. Ownership
4. Leadership
5. Resources, Knowledge and Skills
6. Ongoing Learning
7. Kingdom, or *Shalom*

- A story of transformation will be uploaded to newdea.com quarterly with photos.
- Any AmeriCorps sites and members awarded to this region will be monitored and reported as outlined in the AmeriCorps manual.

This agreement will be reviewed at the end of one year.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_(date of signing)

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XXXXXXXXXXXX  
Executive Director  
Partner Org XXXXXXXXXXXX

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Jay Van Groningen  
CFA Executive Director