

# Partnership Opportunities with Residents of 38126



In 2010, the Consortium for Health Education, Economic Empowerment, and Research (CHEER) held a health summit in the 38126 zip code area. Residents, faith leaders, and service providers shared their ideas with Dr. Noel Hutchinson, Pastor of First Baptist Church Lauderdale. *The purpose of the health summit was to find out the major challenges residents living in the zip code area face in meeting their health and health care needs.* Summit participants identified resources in the zip code area that have helped residents to meet their health and health care needs. *Residents want effective programs to address these challenges.* Creating sustainable and effective programs will strengthen community assets and residents' health.

Partnership Characteristics	Partnership Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ An organization committed to staying together</li> <li>✓ Partners should be willing to pool resources</li> <li>✓ Collaboration committed to health</li> <li>✓ Limit efforts to one or two areas of health to be impacted</li> <li>✓ Church as the designee for distributing information</li> <li>✓ Organized by faith leaders and social service organizations</li> <li>✓ Partners are supportive of one another</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ CHEER should arrange focus groups to help churches set up health ministries</li> <li>✓ Organization should develop a community benefits agreement that developers and new businesses in 38126 would sign</li> <li>✓ Provide a vehicle for development of community co-op food stores, banks, and transportation companies</li> <li>✓ Provide transportation to grocery stores, open more farmer's markets, and implement cooking classes</li> <li>✓ Bring UTMG doctors to a community clinic</li> </ul>