

# isles 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

*"I got started at IYI because I was going to Trenton High and was never going to class. The people here actually cared. They will help you out if you need anything and you can go to talk to them at any time, [but] it's really up to you if you are going to finish school. The bond that I've built with the staff here, the students... it was worth it."*

– Jorge Santiago, 2019 Isles Youth Institute Graduate



- 13** first homes purchased
- 17** foreclosure customers reached positive mortgage outcomes
- 55** average credit score points increased
- 118** housing certificates earned, enabling lower mortgage interest rates
- 146** customers established a sustainable budget
- 533** employees, individuals, and families received financial and housing counseling

- 42** students enrolled in Isles Youth Institute
- 15** students earned high school diplomas
- 30** students and alumni gained job internships
- 56** earned certifications in construction, CPR/First Aid, & OSHA
- 118** youth participated in evening services
- 157** home visitors and community residents trained in healthy homes services at Isles' Center for Energy & Environmental Training (CEET)
- 83** energy efficiency contractors and lead workers received professional training & certifications through Isles' CEET

“At camp we got to plant beets, carrots, bok choy, radishes and cilantro,” said eight-year-old camper **Mary**.

We offered the second year of Camp Carrot—a 3-week camp where 17 kids explored nature, cooked healthy meals, took field trips and discovered the environment and gardening by getting their hands dirty through fun and educational activities.



## LIVE GREEN & HEALTHY

- 150** homes tested for lead in soil, water, and paint, for a total of **1,000+** over the past **3 years**
- 60** homes made lead safe, healthy, and more **energy efficient** at an average of \$7,000/unit
- 400** pounds of **honey harvested** from 12 Isles-managed beehives
- 710** elementary school students in **38 classrooms** across **seven schools** received gardening and nutrition education
- 700** pounds of **fresh food donated** to emergency food suppliers
- 10K** vegetable seedlings and **hundreds of pounds** of seeds distributed
- 20K** pounds of food grown on **68 gardens**



## REVITALIZE COMMUNITIES

- 8** vacant buildings and lots acquired to create **more green, affordable homes**.
- 1,800** people, mostly youth participated in “T-Recs” recreation activities
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Trenton-wide survey of **25,000+** parcels to assess vacancy, posted on [restoringtrenton.org](http://restoringtrenton.org)
- \$4M** of new financing secured through the New Markets Tax Credit program to complete the **Social Profit Center at Mill One**
- 1/3** of the Social Profit Center pre-leased to nonprofits, social profit organizations, and artists, with marketing efforts underway at [socialprofitcenter.org](http://socialprofitcenter.org)

**Thank you for supporting self-reliant families and healthy, sustainable communities.**

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