



Truth Spring

"Truth shall spring out of the earth..." Psalm 85:11

The mission of Truth Spring is to rebuild the North Highland community with Christ-centered projects and strategies.

www.truthspring.org

Two Quick Facts

- The average household income for this area of Columbus is \$19,374.
- Only 1.9% of all churches focus on employment as a means to alleviate poverty.



Truth Spring Timeline

- 2005 - The Strickland family moves into North Highland.
- 2009 - Highland Community Church starts a community development organization called Truth Spring, Inc.
- 2012 - Truth Spring holds its first community meeting. The question is asked, “What do you want Truth Spring to be about?”.
- 2015 - Truth Spring Academy opens its doors and Truth Spring Housing begins renovating its first home.
- 2018 - Truth Spring hosts another community meeting and asks the question, “What next?”. The community says, “JOBS”!



We want to work!

So what's stopping you?

- No transportation
- No childcare
- No marketable skills
- No prior work experience
- No high school diploma
- Criminal background





Truth Spring Workforce Objective

To give every resident in North Highland the opportunity to engage in productive, meaningful work as they rebuild their own community with their own hands (Isaiah 61:4).

Truth Spring Trade School

January 2021 - March 2021

- Begin the on site, 8 week in-classroom training using an internationally acclaimed curriculum called *Jobs for Life* (jobsforlife.org). This curriculum focuses primarily on soft-skill job training as well as learning to see work as a blessing and not a curse.
- Through our partnership with Columbus Technical College, on-site GED classes will also begin during this 8 week period.
- This is a “pay to learn” program.



Truth Spring Trade School

March 2021 - December 2021

- Upon successful completion of the JfL curriculum, students will then transition into their trade skill training program (construction, culinary arts/food services, janitorial, and urban farming.)
- This will be a paid training program based on a 40 hour work week.
- Example: 3 days a week students will learn the construction trade, under the guidance of a licensed contractor, and then use those skills to repair homes/build homes in the North Highland community.
- 2 days a week students will be in the classroom getting supportive services (GED completion, in-depth financial training, bible study, family counseling, and wellness classes with Mercy Med).



Truth Spring Trade School

December 2021

- Students will complete the trade training program and will now be trained and equipped for the purposes of seeking full-time employment within the private sector of Columbus, GA.



“We cannot continue to try and solve poverty and unemployment from the outside looking in. If we want to be successful, we are going to have to change our method and start solving the problem from the inside - out.”

–Truth Spring Workforce

