100% Graduation Rate
At UrbanPromise Trenton, we believe that an educated child becomes an empowered adult. That is why our goal is to see each and every teen in our program graduate from high school. We have achieved that goal each year since our program started, and many of our teens are now enrolled in college.

From academic support to valuable life skills, UrbanPromise is preparing the next generation of Trenton youth for leadership within their own communities and beyond.

Volunteer to Change a Life
UrbanPromise offers you many ways to make a difference in the lives of Trenton youth. Help the kids with homework in our AfterSchool program. Open their eyes to new possibilities by sharing your skills and talents. Get involved behind the scenes and help build, support, and market our programs by serving on one of our committees. Of course, donations are always welcome and appreciated.

To donate or for volunteer information, contact us at:

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Urban Trekkers
UrbanTrekkers offers hands-on learning and journey-based experiences to our Trenton teen StreetLeaders. Through travel to places beyond their everyday lives, these youth are motivated to learn more about themselves and the world around them, developing their potential as young leaders. Each trip is focused on environmental awareness, cross-cultural experiences, historical knowledge and community awareness.

Our Mission
To equip children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth, and Christian leadership.

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The UrbanPromise Trenton Story
Executive Director Carl Clark (pictured below) started UrbanPromise Trenton in 2011. As a product of UrbanPromise Camden, Carl knows firsthand the impact this program can have on children. He began participating in UrbanPromise at age seven and thrived in the UrbanPromise environment despite a difficult home life. After completing his college degree and establishing a career in banking, Carl had a calling to create UrbanPromise in Trenton. Leaving his career behind, he launched with one location on West State Street. His goal is to expand programming to all five wards of Trenton.

The Reality of Trenton
The city of Trenton ranks among the poorest cities in the State and has one of the country’s highest crime rates. Nearly a third of Trenton’s residents live below the poverty level, and the city’s graduation rate is under 50 percent. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, Trenton’s population was 84,913 of which 27.7 percent were nineteen and younger. That equates to 23,582 vulnerable kids. With gangs recruiting children as young as eight years old, the children of Trenton are at risk. In the face of continuing budget cuts, this situation will only get worse.

AfterSchool Program
UrbanPromise Trenton offers two free AfterSchool Programs that serve over 100 children. During the academic year, these children enjoy a safe and nurturing environment where they form positive relationships with StreetLeaders and caring adults. They receive tutoring and homework help as well as participate in enriching activities like music, art, dance, Bible study, and life skills classes.

StreetLeader Program
At UrbanPromise Trenton, area teens are employed as StreetLeaders, acting as counselors, tutors, and mentors for the children who attend our AfterSchool Program and Summer Camps. For many, this is their first employment opportunity, but more importantly, being StreetLeaders keep these teens off the streets and away from the lure of gangs and Trenton’s crime scene. In addition to job training, they participate in academic enrichment, tutoring, leadership workshops, and college preparation. The graduation rate speaks for itself, and the StreetLeaders report an improved confidence, self-esteem, and hope for a brighter future.

College Intern Program
UrbanPromise Trenton partners with area universities to offer internships to qualified college students in their field of study. Both in the classroom and behind the scenes, these volunteers bring another level of care to our children, become role models for our Street Leaders, and provide valuable assistance with communications, computers, and social media.

Summer Camps
Each summer, over 100 children take part in UrbanPromise’s free summer camps at two locations in Trenton. For five weeks, the children enjoy days filled with educational and fun activities. Whether participating in a cooking class or Bible study, learning tennis or golf, or taking a field trip to a farm or local play, the children’s smiling faces say it all. Our waiting list says even more. The need is great, and our goal is to inspire more bright smiles, expanding our program to serve more of the deserving children of Trenton.