Signature Projects:

Health and Wellness House:
Referrals to primary care, vision and dental services, transportation to health providers, support groups, violence prevention, trauma and grief counseling, mindfulness training, and wellness programs

Centennial Pavilion:
Outdoor concerts, plays, worship services, weddings, events, and family activities

Rebounding Force Transition House:
Temporary housing for graduates of URC’s Rebounding Readiness workplace readiness program, providing young men with a safe, supportive environment while they begin their career journey

Children’s Learn and Play House:
A place where children can enjoy fun activities while participate in learning activities, coaching, mentoring, and tutoring services

Civic Park Heritage House:
Restoration of a historic house in the Civic Park neighborhood to display and store artifacts, archive stories as a National Site of Consciousness, and encourage engagement between UM-Flint and the community

Civic Park Agricultural Land and Facility:
Partnership with local and international experts on urban agriculture to renovate a formerly vacant home into a facility for teaching community gardening and basic agricultural concepts to urban populations

In addition, URC provides affordable housing opportunities and workforce development services to marginalized and chronically underemployed populations by engaging them in neighborhood beautification and housing rehabilitation.

What is Ubuntu?
From a Zulu term meaning “humanity towards others,” Ubuntu is a philosophy of development that recognizes the innate humanity of all members of a community.
Ubuntu is grounded in the understanding that all people are connected in a common network of mutuality and that the thriving of one member of that community depends on the thriving of all other members.

“There is a oneness to humanity; we achieve ourselves by sharing ourselves with others, and caring for those around us.”
- Barack Obama

What is Ubuntu Village?
Ubuntu Village is a community transformation project of Urban Renaissance Center. The project operates at the intersection of people and place to create equitable change using a two-fold approach:

1. Provide critical supports to help community members meet basic needs
2. Foster neighborhood conditions that encourage residents to realize their individual potential and create new economic opportunities for themselves and their community

By focusing on a 15 block area in Flint’s Civic Park neighborhood, URC’s Ubuntu Village project seeks to create a thriving and sustainable community that supports the common welfare of all residents.