

# RISE Foundation

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**RISE**

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**REVIEWED**

**CEO/Executive Director:** Ms. Linda Williams

**Board Chair:** Ms. Terri Browne

**Company Affiliation of Board Chairman:** Sedgwick Claims Management Services

**Type of Organization:** Alliances & Advocacy

**Mission Statement:** *To empower people to become self-sufficient by building and sustaining human and financial assets.*

*"The curse of poverty has no justification in our age. . . . The time has come for us to civilize ourselves by the total, direct and immediate abolition of poverty."--Martin Luther King, Jr.*

The curse of poverty is the cause of many of our country's worst problems – from crime to illness to hopelessness and despair. From the outside, we are the wealthiest nation in the world, often referred to as the land of opportunity. But there are deep pockets of poverty, tucked away in patches of our nation - especially in Memphis. Memphis has more than(...See Profile for more information)

**Impact Statement:** A partnership between the Community Foundation of Greater Memphis, the Memphis Housing Authority, the Hyde Foundation and the United Way of the Mid-South led to the creation of RISE in October 1999. With its original mission to help public housing residents achieve financial independence, and on a first year budget of only \$22,000, RISE served 48 families and helped them create assets of \$83,000. Since that time, we've provided over 768 families with financial information that has assisted them with purchasing their first large assets helping to reduce poverty. We've encouraged over 400+ youth/annually(...See Profile for more information)

**Full-time Staff:** 8

**Volunteers:** 80

(excludes part-time staff)

## Programs

Save Up

Goal Card

Silver Neighbors

**Projected Revenue:** \$1,135,100.00

**Projected Expenses:** \$1,125,000.00

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$804,374	\$753,210	\$826,866
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$967,359	\$899,766	\$1,008,309