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# BIG IDEAS



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# THINKBIG *Conversation Topics*

THINKBIG conversations took place in high schools, libraries, colleges and universities, offices, churches, restaurants and other public spaces throughout Stark County. Facilitators led participants in conversation about a specific topic chosen from a list provided by THINKBIG organizers. Groups discussed how the topic related to their community. Through this process, they developed ideas of how the community could be improved, specific actions that would need to be taken and the players who would need to be involved.

## Arts & Culture

- 29 Survey responses
- 48% Satisfied with community
- 92% Involved in the community and neighborhood activities
- 85% Likely to take actions identified in conversation
- Top three issues to take action on: Drug & Alcohol Addiction, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Arts & Culture



### IDEAS

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- *Summer Showcase*
- *Grand Arts & History Festival, Arts & Culture event App, Centralized Arts & Culture information and calendar*
- *Bring arts programming to schools and workplace*
- *An artist alliance*
- *Arts outreach outside of downtown*
- *Group or joint ticketing*
- *Free summer programming for youth*

### ACTIONS

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- *Organize showcase of arts*
- *Host networking events for artists*
- *Market events*
- *Provide meeting space for artists*
- *Build partnerships with untraditional partners*
- *Create collaborative arts & culture calendar, keep the conversation going*
- *Create blog or newsletter featuring arts & cultural assistance available*

## PLAYERS

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- *ArtsinStark*
- *Avenue Arts*
- *Banyan Dancers*
- *Blue Coats*
- *Businesses*
- *Canton Ballet*
- *Canton Film Festival*
- *Canton Museum of Art*
- *Canton Palace Theater*
- *Canton Preservation Society*
- *Canton Symphony Orchestra*
- *Cantonology*
- *Carnation City Players*
- *City governments*
- *EN-RICH-MENT*
- *First Ladies Museum*
- *Hoover Foundation*
- *Local artists*
- *Massillon Heritage Foundation*
- *Massillon Museum*
- *McKinley Presidential Library and Museum*
- *Ohio Arts Council*
- *Players Guild Theatre*
- *Pro Football Hall of Fame*
- *Public libraries*
- *Public parks*
- *Pueblo Foundation*
- *Schools*
- *Spring Hill Historic Home*
- *Stark Community Foundation*
- *Visit Canton*
- *Voices of Canton, Inc.*

## Childcare

- 27 Survey responses
- 28% Satisfied with community
- 89% Involved in the community and neighborhood activities
- 91% Likely to take actions identified in conversation
- Top three issues to take action on: Childcare, Drug & Alcohol Addiction, Education



### IDEAS

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- *Adequate pay for childcare professionals*
- *Expand Alliance Employee Promise to childcare centers*
- *Collaboration with transportation programs*
- *Coordinate with SARTA*
- *Seek funding from foundations*
- *Embed training and education into Step Up to Quality*
- *Appeal to businesses to take a role*
- *Mentoring programs*
- *Create new image for childcare*
- *Expand assistance for “over income” parents*

### ACTIONS

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- *Promote needs of smaller childcare facilities*
- *Help write grant requests*
- *Increase awareness of hard work of childcare providers*
- *Use medical and education employees to advocate for early childhood care*
- *Educate community on importance of early childhood*
- *Address transportation issues*
- *Rebrand childcare to stress importance of brain development in kids ages 0-3*
- *Strengthen connections of organizations and resources*

### PLAYERS

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- *Boys and Girls Clubs*
- *Business leaders*
- *Childcare centers*
- *Churches*
- *Colleges & universities*
- *Doctor’s offices*
- *Early Childhood Education Alliance*
- *Early Head Start*
- *Epworth UMC*
- *Foundations*
- *Head Start*
- *Hospitals*
- *JRC Learning Center*
- *Ohio Department of Job and Family Services*
- *Politicians*
- *SARTA*
- *School districts*
- *SPARK*
- *Stark Education Partnership*

- *Step Up to Quality*
- *United Way*
- *YMCA*
- *YWCA*

# Community Improvement



- 93 Survey responses
- 46% Satisfied with community
- 85% Involved in the community and neighborhood activities
- 91% Likely to take actions identified in conversation
- Top three issues to take action on: Community Improvement, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Housing

## IDEAS

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- *Build and grow downtown*
- *List of local vendors for business and restaurants*
- *Act local and think local*
- *Utilize local experts instead of outside consultants*
- *United front of community leaders*
- *Community Celebration*
- *Children’s services*
- *Access to healthy foods*
- *Build on what is working*
- *Welcome packets for new residents*
- *Education on available resources*
- *Promotion of events through social media*
- *Use of vacant buildings*
- *Promote and market Stark County*
- *Mentoring*
- *NFL involvement in Pro Football Hall of Fame Village*
- *Strategic or Master Plan*
- *Business development*
- *Improve 619 Corridor*
- *Support for people with disabilities*
- *More neighborhood discussions*
- *More philanthropy*
- *Remove competition between towns*
- *Transportation*
- *Summer work programs*
- *Improve housing stability*
- *One stop resource center*
- *Breaking divide between socioeconomic classes*

## ACTIONS

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- *Keep discussing and educating others*
- *Focus on businesses that have growth opportunities*
- *Have area businesses support students who have small business ideas*
- *Spring clean-up*
- *Develop welcome packets*
- *Commission report on effective media use*
- *Combining similar organizations under one roof*
- *Seek out mentoring programs*
- *Change negative perceptions*
- *Create housing in vacant buildings*
- *Develop uber-like transportation for people in need*
- *Encourage business development*
- *“Right-size” public offerings with public need*

- *Curate and maintain list of community resources*
- *Volunteer*
- *Create repository for community feedback and information*

- *Develop stable housing program*
- *Visit and learn from other communities*
- *Start a film commission*

- *Include people from margins of society in these conversations*

## PLAYERS

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- *ArtsinStark*
- *ArtsinStark 20/20 Committee*
- *Arts organizations*
- *Aultman Hospital*
- *Businesses*
- *Canton Food Tours*
- *Canton Repository*
- *Catholic Charities*
- *Chambers of commerce*
- *Churches*
- *Colleges & universities*
- *Drug and alcohol organizations*
- *Elected officials*
- *Flourish 44703*

- *Foundations*
- *Governments*
- *Habitat for Humanity*
- *Health care organizations*
- *Homeless Hotline*
- *Hunger relief*
- *Pro Football Pro Football Hall of Fame*
- *Rising Hope Canton*
- *Rotary Club of Canton*
- *Rubbermaid*
- *SARTA*
- *Schools*
- *Special Olympics*

- *Stark Community Foundation*
- *Stark County Community Action Agency*
- *Stark County Fix-it-Fund*
- *Stark County Hunger Task Force*
- *Stark Economic Development Board*
- *StarkFresh*
- *Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority*
- *United Way*
- *YMCA*
- *YWCA*



## Drug & Alcohol Addiction

- 19 Survey responses
- 15% Satisfied with community
- 100% Involved in the community and neighborhood activities
- 95% Likely to take actions identified in conversation
- Top three issues to take action on: Drug & Alcohol Addiction, Mental Health, Education



### IDEAS

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- *Improve public transportation*
- *24/7 access to hub with real-time information about treatment options and capacity*
- *Better options for supervised sober living*
- *Medicaid and mental health service expansion*
- *Recovery support*
- *Lead with our hearts*
- *Educating students about addiction*
- *Help after prison discharge*
- *Peer support*
- *Education to break the stigma*
- *Leadership development*
- *Faith based recovery programs*
- *Clearing house for information*

### ACTIONS

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- *Help recovering people become job ready*
- *Develop a single “release” among stakeholders*
- *Educate community about early recognition of mental health and addiction*
- *Improve continuity of care between agencies*
- *Add transitional/sober housing to community*
- *Create more awareness in schools*
- *Link physical and mental health providers with community-based organizations*
- *Hub for weekend needs of community*
- *Provide transportation to meetings & resources*
- *Provide faith-based recovery*

### PLAYERS

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- *12 step programs*
- *Alcoholics Anonymous*
- *Celebrate Recovery*
- *Adult Protective Service*
- *Catholic Charities*
- *Child Protective Services*

- *CommQuest*
- *Crisis service providers*
- *Free legal services*
- *Goodwill Industries*
- *Health Department*
- *Health providers*
- *Hospitals*

- *Housing organizations*
- *Job and Family Services*
- *Law enforcement*
- *Men's Challenge*
- *Mental health providers*
- *Minerva Mission Conquest*
- *Peer support groups*

- *Phoenix Rising*
- *Social service agencies*
- *Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities*
- *Stark MHAR*
- *Treatment providers*

## Education

- 36 Survey responses
- 52% Satisfied with community
- 91% Involved in the community and neighborhood activities
- 85% Likely to take actions identified in conversation
- Top three issues to take action on: Education, Mental Health, Drug & Alcohol Addiction / Employment & Entrepreneurship (tie)



### IDEAS

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- *Expansion of SPARK*
- *Network of alumni engagement*
- *Housing/Campus for public high school*
- *Comprehensive community plan*
- *Programs to improve awareness & teach life skills*
- *Consensus on educational testing*
- *Human resource connections*
- *Collaborations between educational institutions and community organizations*
- *Participate in programs of change*
- *Create “hotsheet” listing resources*
- *More funding for education*
- *Universal quality preschool*
- *Grassroots decision-making*
- *Computer-based training for adults*
- *Reduce stigma for mental health*
- *Transportation*
- *Specialized schools*
- *Provide food and hygiene products to students in need*
- *Help families get kids school ready*
- *Increase teacher wages*
- *Collaborate with local colleges/universities*
- *Eliminate geographical territories of high schools*
- *Increase mentoring programs*

### ACTIONS

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- *Develop academic success center for high school seniors and recent graduates*
- *Institute year-round school*
- *Help write grants for assistive technology*
- *Continue the conversation*
- *Create a “one-stop shop” for educational transitions*
- *Create transportation to food, clothing, furniture resources*
- *Mentor students and recruit mentors*
- *Collaborate with agencies to support families*
- *Attract younger generation to stay in Stark*
- *Link employers to students to assist in affording college*

## PLAYERS

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- *Alliance Career Center*
- *Canton Country Day School*
- *Canton Museum of Art*
- *ECEA*
- *Goodwill*
- *Greater Alliance Foundation*
- *Hunger relief organizations*
- *Libraries*
- *Nonprofits*
- *Ohio Department of Education*
- *Ohio Department of Higher Education*
- *Parents/guardians*
- *Preschools*
- *School districts*
- *Sisters of Charity*
- *Stark Community Foundation*
- *Stark County Education Service Center*
- *Strengthening Stark*
- *United Way*
- *University of Mount Union*
- *Young professionals*

## Employment & Entrepreneurship

- 62 Survey responses
- 45% Satisfied with community
- 78% Involved in the community and neighborhood activities
- 87% Likely to take actions identified in conversation
- Top three issues to take action on: Employment & Entrepreneurship, Community Improvement, Drug & Alcohol Addiction



### IDEAS

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- *Physical and virtual job resource center*
- *Community resource center for employers*
- *Job sharing*
- *Collaborative recruiting at college job fairs*
- *Resource center for job seekers*
- *Food access*
- *Public access to broadband*
- *Change mindset to accept possibility of failure*
- *Create awareness of jobs*
- *Transportation*
- *Promote Stark as a good place to work to college/high school students*
- *Improve infrastructure*
- *Good base of manufacturing*
- *Create entrepreneur/start-up fair*
- *Increase minimum wage*
- *Employer led training programs*
- *Strong leadership for economic development efforts*
- *Jobs and internships for high school students*
- *Entrepreneurship opportunity for all age ranges*
- *Utilize retired educators as mentor*
- *Train people for current and future job opportunities*
- *Collaborative space for nonprofit and business*
- *Entrepreneur resource hub*
- *Social media campaign #whatiloveaboutstark*
- *Help local businesses start*
- *Improve housing & transportation & childcare*
- *Develop common community goals and plan*

### ACTIONS

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- *Share info with school administrators,*
- *Showcase opportunities for jobs at good companies in Stark County*
- *Career Coaching*
- *Find transportation and housing solutions*
- *Develop micro-funding*
- *Educate college and high school students about Canton*
- *Treat all equal*

- *Create an entrepreneur/start up fair and hub*
- *Move bus stops closer to factories/employers*
- *Engage higher education in economic development*
- *Share this conversation with Mayor*
- *Job fairs for students*
- *Allow development of high-end apartments*
- *Engage retirees for mentorship*

- *Connect and train people for right careers*
- *Continue the conversation*
- *Attend township and city council meetings*
- *Strengthen technology skills of young people*
- *Buy from local business*
- *Create resource connectors to assist employees*
- *More support to United Way*

## PLAYERS

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- *Be A Better Me Foundation*
- *Canton Development Partnership*
- *Canton Repository*
- *Chambers of commerce*
- *Federal Credit Union*
- *Goodwill*
- *Innis Maggiore*
- *Journey Discovery*
- *Junior Achievement*
- *MAGNET*
- *Model UN*

- *Ohio Department of Development*
- *Ohio Department of Job and Family Services*
- *Ohio Department of Transportation*
- *Ohio Means Jobs*
- *Pro Football Hall of Fame*
- *SARTA*
- *SCORE*
- *Simply Youth*
- *Stark Board of Trade*

- *Stark Community Foundation*
- *Stark Economic Development Board*
- *StarkFresh*
- *Stark Small Business Center*
- *StartupStark*
- *Team NEO*
- *TomTod Ideas*
- *Upward Bound*
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- *YMCA*

## Entertainment & Recreation

- 17 Survey responses
- 29% Satisfied with community
- 94% Involved in the community and neighborhood activities
- 93% Likely to take actions identified in conversation
- Top three issues to take action on: Community Improvement, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Drug & Alcohol Addiction / Entertainment & Recreation (tie)



### IDEAS

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- *Increase library use and attendance*
- *Listen to others*
- *Work together*
- *Education about what community has to offer*
- *Interacting with neighbors*
- *Connect people to resources*
- *Create app to promote community*
- *Community calendar*
- *Interactive map of indoor recreation activities available in community*
- *Build more community centers*
- *Block parties*
- *Engage high school and college students*
- *Be more open-minded about diversity*
- *Socialize with neighbors*

### ACTIONS

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- *Continue the conversation*
- *Make an all-inclusive brochure about community*
- *Create a community center for all ages*
- *Create a county-wide app with information*
- *Stay, pay and play here*
- *Create a countywide event*
- *Meet with townships to create inventory of indoor and outdoor recreation amenities and needs*
- *Promote more block parties*
- *Improve communication through marketing*
- *Provide ways for students to be more engaged*

### PLAYERS

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- *Arts District*
- *ArtsinStark*
- *Business/industry*
- *Canton Ballet*
- *Canton Charge*
- *Canton Palace Theater*

- *Canton Repository*
- *Canton Symphony Orchestra*
- *Chambers of commerce*
- *Churches*
- *Colleges/universities*
- *First Tee of Canton*
- *Foundations*
- *Gervasi Vineyard*

- *Hartville Marketplace and Flea Market*
- *Hospitals*
- *Libraries*
- *Local government*
- *Mimi on the Fly*
- *Museums*
- *Parks*
- *Players Guild Theatre*

- *Pro Football Hall of Fame*
- *Public schools*
- *Radio stations*
- *Restaurants*
- *SARTA*
- *Service organizations*
- *TomTod Ideas*
- *Visit Canton*
- *YMCA*



## Environment & Public Space

- 15 Survey responses
- 26% Satisfied with community
- 66% Involved in the community and neighborhood activities
- 81% Likely to take actions identified in conversation
- Top three issues to take action on: Environment & Public Space, Transportation, Drug & Alcohol Addiction



### IDEAS

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- *Need for a noise ordinance*
- *Educate on climate change through climate reality project*
- *Increase awareness among teachers about environmental issues*
- *Provide education and actionable responses to a range of audiences*
- *Mentorships, include public housing residents in discussion*
- *Transportation*
- *Create more walkable places*
- *More assessment and better monitoring of groundwater contamination*
- *Create county-wide park entity*
- *Encourage local business and organizations to promote individual sustainability efforts*

### ACTIONS

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- *Open and utilize industrial compost facility*
- *Promote use of existing industrial infrastructure for green industries like wind and solar*
- *Encourage strong community involvement*
- *Give access to more information to public housing residents*
- *Innovative transportation options*
- *Connect the many paths/bike lanes/trails in area*
- *Free shuttle to Pro Football Hall of Fame*
- *Ask local businesses and organizations to contribute to environmental causes and to invest in green initiatives*

### PLAYERS

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- *Businesses*
- *Canton Water Department*
- *Churches*
- *Climate action groups*
- *Colleges/universities*
- *Environmental groups*
- *Focus of Stark County*
- *Green Alliance*
- *Green Commission*
- *Kiwanis*
- *Land trusts*
- *Local government*

- *Local grocery stores*
- *McKinley Monument*
- *Nature centers*
- *Nonprofit organizations*

- *Police*
- *Pro Football Hall of Fame*
- *Property/home owners*
- *Public parks*

- *SARTA*
- *StarkFresh*
- *University of Mount Union*
- *Working with Juvenile*

## Food

- 23 Survey responses
- 39% Satisfied with community
- 87% Involved in the community and neighborhood activities
- 95% Likely to take actions identified in conversation
- Top three issues to take action on: Food, Drug & Alcohol Addiction, Mental Health



### IDEAS

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- *An app with information about area nonprofit events*
- *Share information with others*
- *Create better ways to communicate between groups*
- *Improve availability of transportation and fresh food*
- *Transportation for elderly*
- *Create pocket-sized listing of hunger relief organizations*
- *Create app that identifies and maps food services including farmers markets, hot meals, pantries and grocery stores*
- *Spread the word about food insecurity in community*
- *Continue the conversation*
- *Create program for transportation from food pantries using recycled aluminum to pay for passes*
- *Implement backpack program in middle and high schools*
- *Connect SARTA and farmers*

### ACTIONS

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- *Create app for community events*
- *Spread word about hunger on social media*
- *Continue the conversation*
- *Be open and helpful to others*
- *Provide nutrition programs*
- *Transportation to providers*
- *Host family meals at schools*
- *Increase collaboration between nonprofits with similar missions*
- *Start a pay what you can restaurant*
- *Host mobile pantries*
- *Increase backpack programs to high school, middle school and corporations*
- *Provide information about hunger relief for those re-entering from jail and those aging out of foster care*

### PLAYERS

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- *Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank*
- *Canal Fulton Community Cupboard*
- *Churches*
- *Aultman Hospital*
- *Catholic Charities*
- *Clubs*

- *Community Harvest*
- *Farm Bureau*
- *Farmers markets*
- *Farms & orchards*
- *Food pantries*
- *Harvest for Hunger*
- *Live Well Stark County*

- *Matthew 8:20*
- *Meals on Wheels*
- *Nonprofits*
- *OSU Extension*
- *Perfectly Imperfect*
- *Refuge of Hope*
- *Restaurants*

- *Salvation Army*
- *Schools*
- *St Michael's Food Pantry*
- *Stark County Hunger Task Force*
- *StarkFresh*

## Healthcare & Medicine

- 21 Survey responses
- 40% Satisfied with community
- 75% Involved in the community and neighborhood activities
- 95% Likely to take actions identified in conversation
- Top three issues to take action on: Mental Health, Drug & Alcohol Addiction, Healthcare & Medicine



### IDEAS

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- *Volunteer bus drivers for summer programs*
- *Awareness of the support in community*
- *Increase number of home inspectors to ensure landlord compliance*
- *Work with employers to provide transportation*
- *More transportation in outlying Stark County*
- *Inform more people about health care programs*
- *Educate uninsured about large medical bills*
- *Get one, give one flu shot program*
- *Start a Stark County Healthcare Coalition*
- *Compose list of health care resources including restaurants*
- *Three-digit hotline for seniors*
- *Prescription costs*
- *Collaboration between healthcare and education institutions*

### ACTIONS

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- *Create Lyft service for those in need*
- *Move bus stops to meet community need*
- *Reduce or eliminate cost of bus fare*
- *Pursue rental assistance for those willing to relocate to area with better jobs, schools and resources*
- *Distribute health resource brochure at doctor's offices*
- *Create community garden, incorporate Medicaid education into existing outreach programs*
- *Get one, give one flu shots*
- *Create Walk-in Clinics to reduce ED visits*
- *Bring group back together in four months*
- *More resources to lower prescription costs*
- *Develop a Stark Healthcare Study*

### PLAYERS

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- *211 Lifeshare*
- *Access Health Stark County*
- *Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank*
- *Alliance Community Hospital*
- *Aultman Hospital*
- *Beacon Charitable Pharmacy*

- *Canton Christian Home*
- *Extended care facilities*
- *Government & politicians*
- *Habitat for Humanity*
- *Health Department*
- *Health fair*
- *Homeless Hotline*
- *Hospitals & pharmacies*
- *ICAN*
- *Insurance companies*

- *Legal Aid*
- *Lifecare Family Health and Dental Center*
- *Lyft*
- *Medicaid & Medicare*
- *Mercy Medical Center*
- *Nursing schools*
- *Rotaries*
- *SARTA*
- *Schools*

- *Stark County Health Department Transportation Committee*
- *Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority*
- *Stark MHAR*
- *United Way*
- *Wellness on Wheels*
- *YWCA*

## Housing

- 36 Survey responses
- 35% Satisfied with community
- 91% Involved in the community and neighborhood activities
- 100% Likely to take actions identified in conversation
- Top three issues to take action on: Housing, Mental Health, Employment & Entrepreneurship



### IDEAS

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- *Assess current programs and collaborate on new solutions*
- *Build low- and moderate-income housing*
- *Association to purchase vacant housing*
- *More housing for homeless*
- *Pathways to home-ownership*
- *Educate residents*
- *Listen to those in need*
- *Promote home-ownership in minority communities*
- *Reimagine land bank to help access to ownership*
- *Eviction sealing*
- *Livability of city*
- *Grants for housing for families with abandoned properties*
- *Assistance to homeless and victims of domestic violence*
- *Affordable senior living facilities*
- *Collaboration among nonprofits*
- *More politicians and foundations involved*
- *Neighborhood-level efforts*
- *Volunteer board to address housing needs*

### ACTIONS

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- *Implement Lyft program*
- *More government involvement*
- *Connect people who need help to resources*
- *Continue to get together*
- *Target slumlords*
- *Court mediation program for evictions*
- *Individual actions improve community*
- *Restructure and re-imagine Landbank*
- *Eviction sealing*
- *Education program about home ownership*
- *Develop tax lien foreclosure alternatives*
- *Develop more affordable housing*
- *Host a caregiver career day*
- *Increase communication between providers*
- *Start a housing council enabled to address housing crisis needs*

### PLAYERS

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- *Alliance for Children and Families*
- *Catholic Charities*
- *Churches*

- *Equitas Health*
- *Flourish Stark*
- *Foundations*
- *Goodwill*
- *Habitat for Humanity*
- *Homeless Hotline & 211*
- *HUD Housing*
- *ICAN*
- *Land bank*
- *Lenders*

- *Local governments*
- *NAACP*
- *Neighborhood associations*
- *Ohio Department of Job and Family Services*
- *Pro Football Hall of Fame*
- *Refuge of Hope*
- *Salvation Army*
- *SARTA*
- *Senior living organizations*

- *Sisters of Charity*
- *SMHA*
- *Stark Community Foundation*
- *Stark Housing Network*
- *Stark State College*
- *Town councils*
- *United Way*
- *Urban League*
- *YWCA*



## Inclusion

- 60 Survey responses
- 28% Satisfied with community
- 81% Involved in the community and neighborhood activities
- 92% Likely to take actions identified in conversation
- Top three issues to take action on: Inclusion, Mental Health, Employment & Entrepreneurship



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### IDEAS

- *Promote value of older adults in workplace*
- *Teach communication and interview skills to youth*
- *Teen center*
- *Unite to include the excluded*
- *Group for kids with mental health issues*
- *Include target audience in decision making*
- *Need community support and influences*
- *Strengthen current resources, educate definition of inclusion*
- *Engage in courageous conversations*
- *Get to know neighbors*
- *Advocate for policy change*
- *Prioritized physical and mental disabilities and minority groups*
- *Commission on disabilities in each community*
- *Reduce barriers to employment*
- *Focus on similarities rather than differences*
- *Promote the kNOWn Network*
- *Remove barriers that limit group housing*
- *Collaborate with universities*
- *Housing for people with disabilities*

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### ACTIONS

- *Support those that feel excluded*
- *Create intergenerational programming*
- *Improve mentoring programs*
- *Open a Rec Center with teen programming*
- *Get to know each other*
- *Start United Club*
- *Hold countywide unconscious bias training*
- *Promote acceptance of all*
- *Create a city level commission on disabilities*
- *Vote*
- *Have more equity in agencies*
- *Advocate for inclusivity training in community*
- *Develop education and awareness campaigns*
- *Employee trainings on inclusion*
- *Explore independent living and local nursing home options*
- *Engage universities*
- *Include people with disabilities in the conversation*
- *Promotion of inclusion by leaders in community*

- *Hold school boards accountable*

- *Create a hub for sharing resources*

## PLAYERS

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- *ArtsinStark*
- *Aultman Hospital Hospital*
- *Board of Developmental Disabilities*
- *Canton Challenger Baseball*
- *Chambers of commerce*
- *Churches*
- *Coming Together Stark County*
- *Corporations*
- *Day centers*
- *employers*
- *Ford Foundation*
- *Good Will Center*
- *Junior Achievement*
- *Kent State University at Stark*
- *Libraries*
- *Local sports*
- *Massillon Museum*
- *NAACP*
- *Pegasus Farm*
- *People First*
- *Physical and mental health providers*
- *Politicians*
- *Refuge of Hope*
- *SARTA*
- *Siffrin Academy*
- *Social services*
- *Stark County Cultural Competence Committee*
- *Stark County Family Court*
- *Stark County Minority Business Association*
- *Stark Sharks*
- *Stark State College*
- *Students*
- *Support groups*
- *The Arc of Ohio*
- *The Greater Canton Martin Luther King Jr Commission*
- *TomTod Ideas*
- *United Way*
- *VANTAGE Aging*
- *YMCA*
- *Young Life*

## Mental Health



- 21 Survey responses
- 15% Satisfied with community
- 70% Involved in the community and neighborhood activities
- 95% Likely to take actions identified in conversation
- Top three issues to take action on: Mental Health, Drug & Alcohol Addiction, Education / Employment & Entrepreneurship (tie)

### IDEAS

- *Community involvement*
- *Coordination among groups*
- *Inpatient unit at Aultman Hospital*
- *Include everyone in community in addressing issues*
- *More help at the family level to support school programs*
- *Making schools more like community centers*
- *Increase open conversations to reduce stigma*
- *Create better awareness of community resources*
- *Peer mentorship in area of mental health*
- *Create advocacy program to facilitate and initiate care*
- *Centralized access hub*

### ACTIONS

- *Build educational awareness across community*
- *Empower clinicians and counselors to go to students & build relationships*
- *Continue conversations with urgency*
- *Increase salaries of mental health professionals*
- *Increase number of trained mental health professionals in schools*
- *Implement countywide K-12 mental health course*
- *Collect data on families/children to allocate funding to the right places*
- *Bring all mental health providers in county together*
- *Advice hotline for housing*
- *Connect private mental health providers with community resources*

### PLAYERS

- *Aultman Hospital*
- *Beech Creek Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve*
- *Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health*
- *Coleman Professional Services*
- *Crisis Center Mobile Unit*
- *Heartland Behavioral Health*
- *HOPE*
- *Hospitals*
- *Mental health agencies*
- *NAMI Stark County*
- *Nonprofits*
- *Ohio Guidestone*
- *Pediatric nurses*

- *Private companies*
- *Schools*
- *Stark Community Foundation*

- *Stark County Educational Service Center*
- *Stark County Health Department*

- *Stark County Mental Health Board*
- *Stark Juvenile Court*
- *United Way*

## Transportation

- 13 Survey responses
- 50% Satisfied with community
- 62% Involved in the community and neighborhood activities
- 82% Likely to take actions identified in conversation
- Top three issues to take action on: Transportation, Housing, Healthcare & Medicine



### IDEAS

- *Find transportation solutions*
- *Add Ride United with Lyft to this community*
- *Transportation for food and children*
- *Supplement SARTA with modified Uber systems*
- *Committee on transportation with leadership from Stark County*
- *Reduce cost of bus passes*
- *Improve information and communication*
- *City to city connections*
- *Pilot free transportation for one year and measure impact*
- *Better connect city to make it more walkable*

### ACTIONS

- *Provide at-home food delivery to children during summer*
- *Carpool systems with employers to get people to work*
- *Work with churches and organizations for school and employment transportation*
- *Implement alternative methods of transportation like Ride United*
- *Promote SARTA*
- *Develop health transportation*
- *Add a trolley or tram system*

### PLAYERS

- *City governments*
- *Community health centers*
- *Elected officials*
- *Environmental groups*
- *Fair Housing*
- *Grant writers*
- *Habitat for Humanity*
- *Hammer & Nails*
- *Health departments*
- *Hospitals*
- *ICAN*
- *Stark County Job and Family Services*
- *Local transportation groups*
- *Parks*
- *Project REBUILD*
- *SARTA*

- *Schools*
- *Social services*
- *Stark County Auditor*

- *StarkFresh*
- *Stark MHAR*
- *Uber & Lyft*

- *United Way*
- *YWCA*

# THINKBIG *Student Ideas*

**Describe one idea your group discussed that you think has the most potential to strengthen our community.**

- A botanical garden
- Add a hockey rink
- Affordable housing
- All school districts have the same opportunities
- Beautify Stark County
- Careers other than agriculture and engineering
- Change or eliminate state testing requirements
- Community places for young adults
- Community-wide events
- Convert abandoned buildings to green space
- Create retirement for elderly
- Cultural festivals
- Decrease price of household recycling
- Easy to go to college
- End drug epidemic
- Expand after-school programming
- Fix roads
- Fund rehab programs
- Give youth a voice
- Healthcare
- Help poor
- Help with planning for post-graduation
- Improve education
- Improve safety
- Improve transportation
- Include LGBTQ in health curriculum
- Increase awareness of poverty
- Involve students in voting
- Job opportunities with good wages
- Keep changing and innovating
- Know your community
- Listen to youth talk about mental health issues
- Make connections
- Mental health services
- Mindfulness
- More bike trails
- More businesses
- More community art
- More entertainment
- More fast food
- More free clinics
- More jobs for teens
- More low or no-cost activities & events
- More recreation sites
- More restaurants
- More stores
- Parent involvement in children's mental health
- Peer mediators
- Promote diversity
- Raise tobacco to age 21
- Reduce food waste and focus on hunger relief
- Reduce stress on students in athletics and education
- Regulate prescription drugs
- Safety to reduce sex trafficking
- Sidewalks
- Staying close to relatives
- Support groups
- "Women of Honor" club
- You can always return