

Storefront for Community Design

10 Years, 10 Stories of Impact

Ms. Thompson's Kitchen

Interview Clip Transcript [Conversation with Storefront founding members]

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"So I was asked to come to the meeting (Storefront meeting) and of course I went to listen to what was going to happen. They started talking about the community and my ears were open to that. Council person Newbille always said that the services we want to provide, we want Miss Jones and anyone who needs services in the community, we want to be able to give those services to them. During that time we had a lot of persons that were physically handicapped, so the main thing was providing ramps and then we ventured out and asked others to come in and utilize the services that we were offering. One of my civic league members, I think she had something done to her yard and then I let them go ahead and step up first and then I said, "Hey Burt, I would like for you to come by the house."

He came over and in just a few minutes he drew a design for my kitchen, and I followed the plan and I said this will work. I took it to Home Depot and HHGregg and they got everything that I needed. As a result, you will see, that's a result of his knowledge and expertise. I let him get away from me because I need to design a patio. I was going to do a deck but I decided I don't want a deck, I want a patio so you still may have to come back."

- Ms. Mary Thompson