

Groups team up to improve near-east side

INDIANAPOLIS — With only about eight months to go before Indianapolis hosts the Super Bowl, organizations and individuals on the near-east side are seeing significant results from the energy poured into the Super Bowl Legacy Project.

The project's building programs, neighborhood clean-ups, housing rehabilitation, and health and service programs for the neighborhood are the most visible changes going on, thanks to

an influx of money and attention to the area.

The Building a Living Legacy project, sponsored by the Realtor Foundation, kicked off in mid-May with the goal of having 32 single family homes and doubles built in the area to house families at risk of becoming homeless. Twelve residences are nearly complete. The homes are the property of Indy-East Asset Development, and will be managed by the Boner Community

Center, which will also provide financial coaching services and other programs to help the families. Recently, Realtors did a neighborhood cleanup of St. Clair Place neighborhood — the second cleanup of the area.

Businesses are also opening along 10th Street, including Green Bean Boutique, Pogue's Run Grocer, and the Made for Each Other community Art Gallery. The revitalization of the area also inspired the "I Am East

10th St." project, which incorporates the words and faces of residents to represent the diversity of the area on large canvasses. The artwork debuted on June 3 in the Made For Each Other art space, but visitors to East 10th St. will be able to see the works along the streets at busy intersections.

For more information about the Super Bowl Legacy Project, visit www.indianapolissuperbowl.com/legacy-project-overview/