



**What... CR connects people citywide as the Relational Foundation**

**How... 3 platform strategies working together**

**Why... *because* relational disconnection causes societal decay; *and in order to* grow ever-renewing communities / society**



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***“Society is a system of relationships.”***

***“Great civilizations are not murdered. They commit suicide.”***

**Arnold J. Toynbee** – British historian, philosopher of history and professor, University of London; *A Study of History* – 12 Volumes (1934-1961)

“The chief enigma of history is found in the question, ***‘Why do we keep collapsing civilizations we construct?’*** ”

*...gadgetry emphasis, city centers breakdown, institutions will save us...*

**Lewis Mumford** – historian, sociologist, philosopher; 1938, *The Culture of Cities*; 1956, *The Transformations of Man*; 1961, *The City in History*

***“Apply and scale the rules of positive relationships.”***

1. Dynamic
2. Intentionality.
3. Commonality



**Mack McCarter**, Founder & Coordinator, Community Renewal International

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## 5 Guiding Questions considered deductively & inductively

**What kind of *world* do we need (does God want)?**

Everyone is safe, loved, and fulfilling their potential in community

What kind of *society* makes possible that kind of world?

Ever-renewing... emerging (growing) from a foundational system of caring

**What kind of *person* makes possible that kind of society?**

Whole persons, individually & collectively

What kind of *environment* makes possible that kind of person?

Connected, Trusted, Diverse & Nurturing Relationships...Whole System

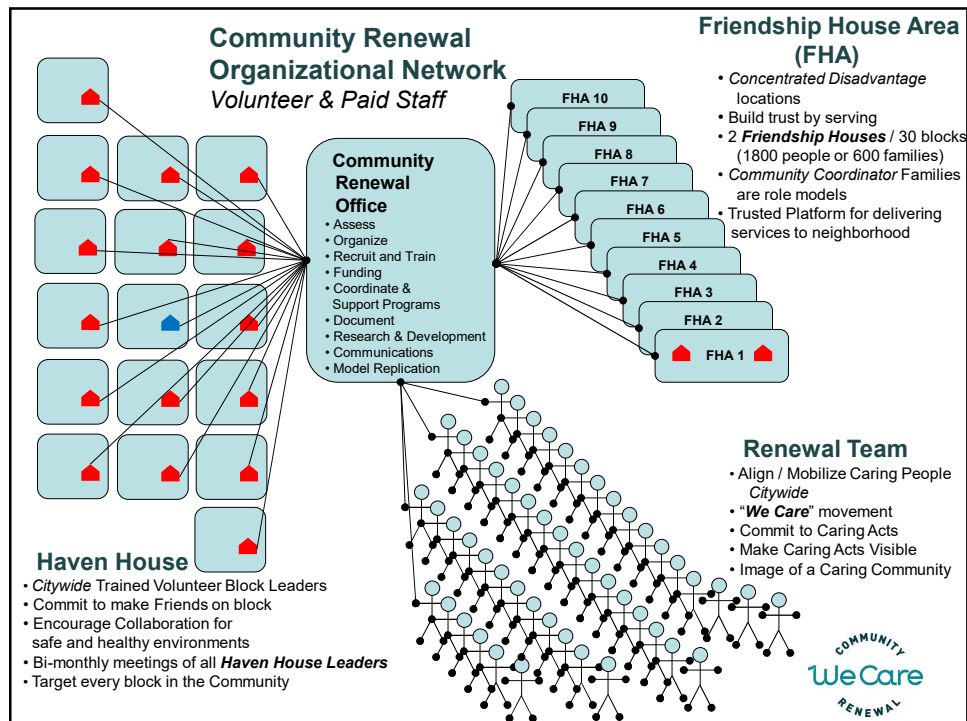
**What must we do to make possible that kind of environment?**

Become the change we seek

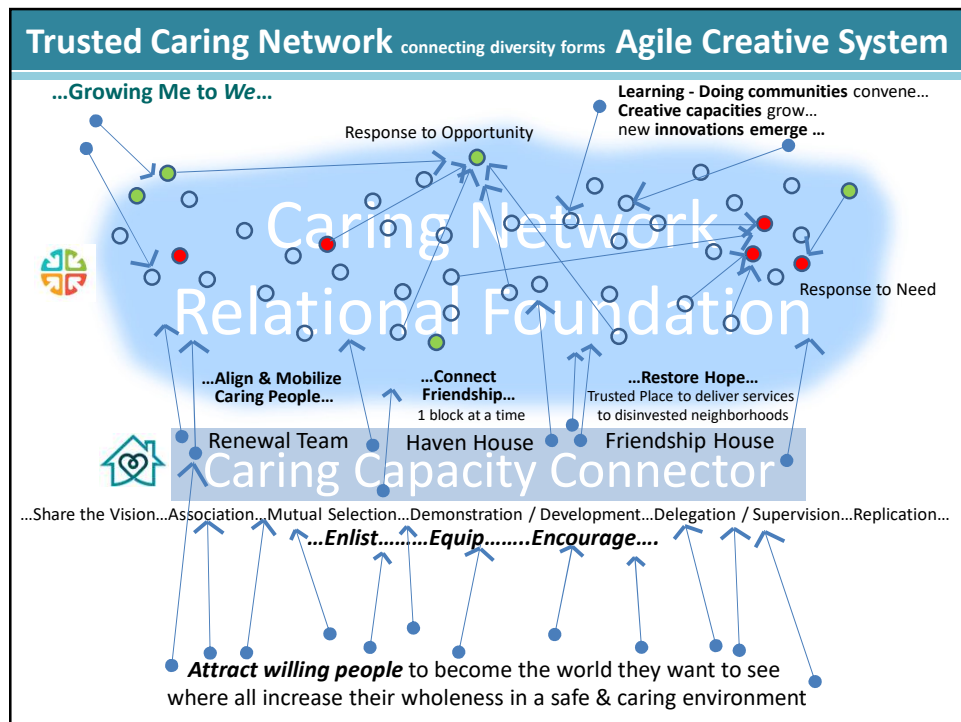
*To have a "better society," you must find a way to have "better" people. We define a "better" person with the description of what we consider to be "A Whole Person." ...*

*Mack McCarter*

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**Community Renewal** actualized and continues to develop a model to *intentionally and systematically connect what we all share, our capacity to care.*

*Caring together forms a new community asset, the **relational foundation**, from which we grow to our potential wholeness, individually and collectively.*

**Trust, diversity & creative emergence** are notable characteristics of networks that *connect caring relationships across all lines of difference.*

CR model provides **custom pathways** for *willing individuals to find meaning and purpose in community.*

*“Caring relationships are our most valuable and value-creating resource.”*  
Robert Hall

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**We Care**  
**RENEWAL**

*Connecting People to  
Change Lives that are  
Transforming Communities*

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