

# Quality of Life Assets and Challenges of 38126



In 2010, the Consortium for Health Education, Economic Empowerment, and Research (CHEER) held a health summit in the 38126 zip code area. Residents, faith leaders, and service providers shared their ideas with Dr. Noel Hutchinson, Pastor of First Baptist Church Lauderdale. *The purpose of the health summit was to find out the major challenges residents living in the zip code area face in meeting their health and health care needs.* Summit participants identified resources in the zip code area that have helped residents to meet their health and health care needs. *Residents want effective programs to address these challenges.* Creating sustainable and effective programs will strengthen community assets and residents' health.

Challenges	Assets
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Transportation and limited access to working vehicles</li> <li>✓ Inadequate health and dental care</li> <li>✓ No pharmacies within walking distance</li> <li>✓ Poor access to fresh produce</li> <li>✓ High food prices at convenience stores</li> <li>✓ Faith-based organizations lack information on how to help community address problems</li> <li>✓ Lack of mentorship for young men</li> <li>✓ Recidivism often caused by frustration with lack of job opportunities</li> <li>✓ Ineffective second chance programs</li> <li>✓ Lack knowledge about community legal services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Strong community network</li> <li>✓ Health facilities</li> <li>✓ Mustard Seed, Inc.</li> <li>✓ Southwest Tennessee Community College</li> <li>✓ Public library</li> <li>✓ Emmanuel Center</li> <li>✓ Abundance of churches</li> <li>✓ Committed principals within the school system</li> <li>✓ Caring people who open their homes to friends and loved ones, no homelessness issues</li> <li>✓ Rich cultural history</li> <li>✓ Many Memphis leaders are from this community</li> <li>✓ Leading doctors produced by this community</li> </ul>