

“Right-Sized” Grocery Stores

FOCUS Churches of Albany

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1. **Store:** Brown's Super Stores

Location: 6 in food desert neighborhoods of Philadelphia, 5 in surrounding areas

Initiator: Jeff Brown (4th generation in the grocery business)

- Brown's Super Stores

http://www.shoprite.com/member_browns/ (includes lots of links to articles, videos)

- Business info re: Brown's Super Stores (Philadelphia area).

Look at how many jobs Jeff Brown created! (2700, with most hired from and trained in the neighborhood. Brown also “banned the box” on the application form, asks about convictions at end of interview.)

http://www.philly.com/philly/business/20150614_BROWN_S_SUPER_STORES_INC_.html

2. **Store:** Daily Table

Location: Dorchester, Massachusetts

Initiator: Doug Rauch, former President of Trader Joe's

dailytable.org/

<http://www.cnbc.com/2016/03/11/daily-table-sells-healthy-food-at-a-deep-discount.html>

3. **Store:** Carver Neighborhood Market

Location: South Atlanta neighborhood of Atlanta, Georgia

Initiator: Focused Community Strategies (Robert Lupton's group)

www.carvermarket.com

<https://vimeo.com/148153016>

Carver Market Mission Statement on food access, local sources, affordable prices, healthy eating:

<http://www.carvermarket.com/about/food-access>

Coffee shop with community meeting space, same building as Carver Neighborhood Market. (It's become a major neighborhood hangout): <http://communitygrounds.com/>

Focused Community Strategies Mission Statement:

We partner with underserved neighborhoods to provide innovative and holistic development that produces flourishing communities where God's Shalom is present.

FCS VALUES:

1. Dignity: We practice equality, believing that every voice matters and that all people are made in the image of God.

2. Empowerment: We practice friendship with a guiding adage, “Never do for others what they can do for themselves.”

3. Neighboring: We practice local living, believing that the poor and the privileged need each other and benefit from living life together.

(FCS encourages staff to live in the neighborhood where the organization is working: joining neighborhood organizations like PTA, block clubs, neighborhood watch, etc. They also buy and rehab housing, with market-based and affordable housing mixed on each block.)