could be built upon. A group was first convened to discuss collaborative improvement efforts in early fall 2014.

Portions of the Thomas Park/Avondale and South Central neighborhoods were selected as the focus area not only because of great need, but because groups were already working in the area and there were many assets in place that could be used to open a dialogue about neighborhoods in need of reinvestment.

In Spring 2014, Vectren Foundation approached the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate and Ball State University’s Building Better Neighborhoods Program to lead an effort to raise $1 million dollars in support of grassroots efforts to revitalize the Thomas Park/Avondale and South Central neighborhoods.

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