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Professional Summary

Community leader, nonprofit board president, and neighborhood restorer with over 20 years of experience living and working in Milwaukee's 53206 neighborhood. Dedicated to addressing systemic challenges such as blight, **illegal dumping**, and disinvestment through youth engagement, housing rehabilitation, and grassroots organizing. Combines hands-on property redevelopment with nonprofit leadership to create cleaner, safer, and more vibrant neighborhoods.

Experience

We Got This Milwaukee — *Nonprofit Organization*

Board President & Program Coordinator | 2021 – Present | Milwaukee, WI

- Manage **10 group leaders** and coordinate **150 youth every Saturday during a 12-week summer program at 9th & Ring**, where teens remove trash, mow lots, and beautify their community.
- Lead fundraising and partnerships to provide **\$40K+ in annual youth stipends**, ensuring meaningful paid opportunities for participants.
- Oversaw the creation of a **youth-led flower farm** on formerly vacant lots, turning blighted land into a thriving community asset.
- Build partnerships with residents, city agencies, and businesses to reduce blight, address illegal dumping, and restore neighborhood pride.

Bruzan Construction

Inner City Home Remodeler | Jan 2016 – Present | Milwaukee, WI

- Purchase, remodel, and rent homes in Milwaukee's inner city, restoring neglected properties into safe, high-quality living spaces.

- Focus on stabilizing housing in the 53206 ZIP code, combating vacancy, neglect, and deterioration of residential blocks.
- Hands-on experience with identifying, cleaning, and rehabilitating properties affected by illegal dumping and neglect.

53206 Cast Podcast

Podcast Host | Aug 2020 – Present | Milwaukee, WI

- Co-host weekly podcast focused on reshaping narratives about Milwaukee's inner city, with frequent discussions on housing, blight, and community renewal.
- Use storytelling to build awareness of challenges and highlight resident-led solutions.

West Allis-West Milwaukee School District

Administrator & High School Math Teacher | Aug 2010 – Aug 2021

- Taught math and led project-based learning initiatives at James E. Dottke High School.
- Integrated community-focused projects to connect students with real-world problem-solving, including urban development and restoration themes.

Skills & Expertise

- Community Organizing & Nonprofit Leadership
- Neighborhood Beautification & Illegal Dumping Prevention
- Property Rehabilitation & Housing Stabilization
- Youth Mentorship & Employment Program Management
- Grassroots Fundraising & Partnership Development
- Public Speaking & Community Engagement

Community Impact

- Over 20 years living in Milwaukee's 53206 neighborhood, actively working to combat blight and restore pride.
- Directed efforts that employed dozens of youth each summer to remove trash, restore vacant lots, and create safe, clean spaces.

- Transformed vacant properties into functional community assets (flower farm, maintained rental homes, restored lots).
- Advocate for sustainable policies that reduce dumping, support housing stability, and foster neighborhood renewal.
