

B.R.E.A.D (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity)

Contact: John Aeschbury

Phone: (614) 220-9363

Email: jaeschbury@sbcglobal.net

Agency: BREAD exists to bring together people, building power to work on issues of justice and equality in the community. Their order of operations is cyclical each year starting in the fall with house meetings, surfacing communities and issues as well as creating a network through which to address the chosen issues. They then choose a team of people to research the issue, identifying the best practices and procedure in order to map out a course of action on the issue chosen. Training then begins to happen and the agency then hosts a big meeting to continue to involve the greater community and neighboring congregations. There is some focus on legislature passage and contributing to campaigns to get public official attention.

Some initiatives in the past have included crime and drug issues, healthcare issues, payday lending, pushing the city and county to set up affordable housing trust fund, and truancy reduction programs in the campus area. Many other issues have been addressed in a tangible and productive way, and many more will be addressed in the future.

Student Responsibilities: Could be involved in research committees, press releases, press conferences, as well as many other contributions, all to the end of learning about power in the public arena.

For more information on this agency, browse their website:

www.breadcolumbus.org/