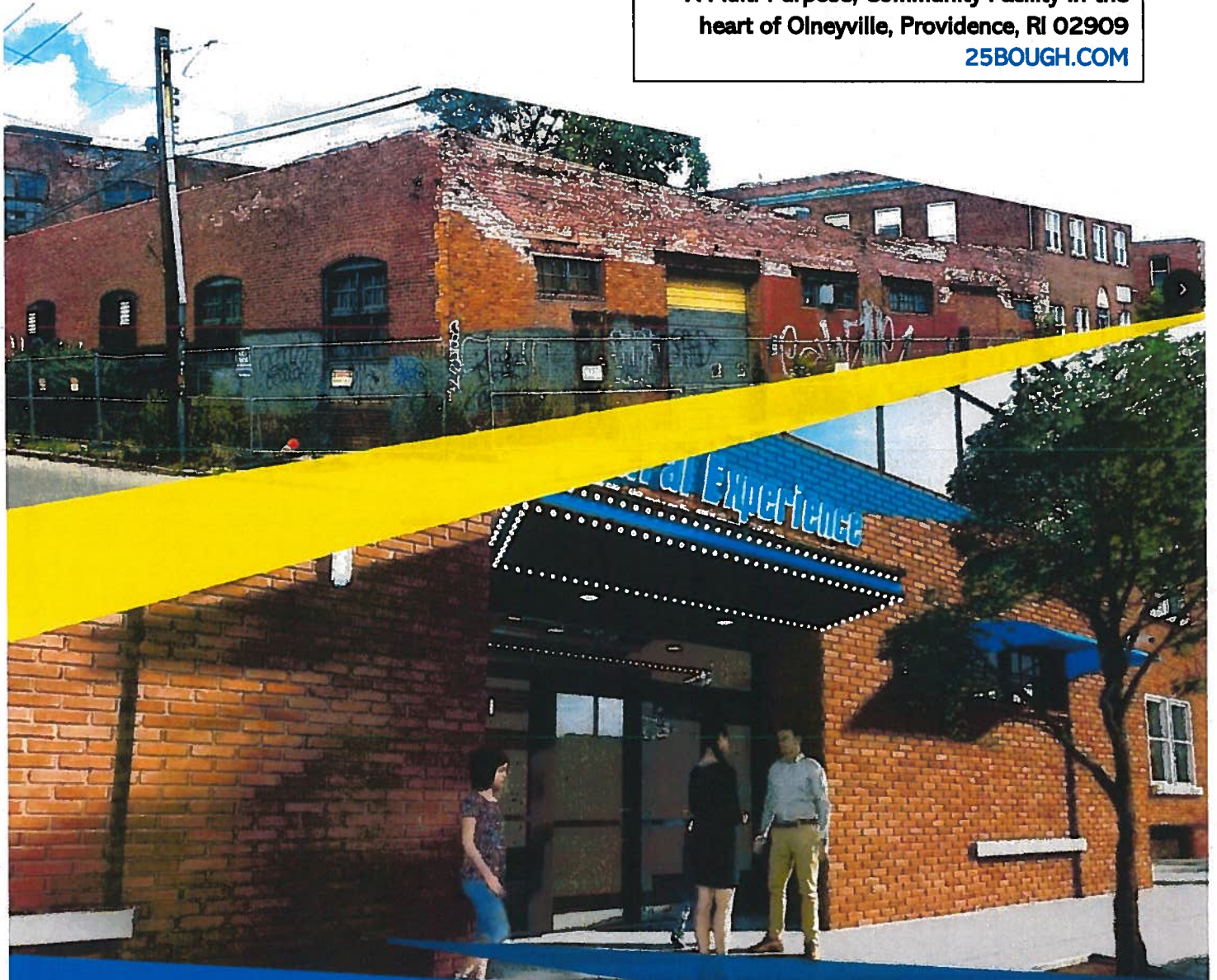


A Multi-Purpose, Community Facility in the  
heart of Olneyville, Providence, RI 02909  
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# THE 25 BOUGH STREET

I. Lanre Ajakaiye, CEO & Founder.

P.O. Box 5895  
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25 Bough Street  
Providence, RI 02909

**25** BOUGH  
OLNEYVILLE

### *Background, Context and Existing Neighborhood Conditions.*

The Olneyville section within Providence, zip code 02909 was the most devastated by COVID-19 within the state of Rhode Island. The same area and zip code has over 73% communities of color. This under and sometimes unserved community has one of the lowest median household incomes across the entire state of Rhode Island.

There is a statewide recognition to the inequitable health outcomes, food deserts and lack of healthy choices in the area leading it to be a designated Health Equity Zone by the Rhode Island Department of Health. Life expectancies in the area are nine years less than the rest of the state. Moreover, the area is a CRA (community reinvestment act) zone and one block from an opportunity zone.

It is directly here that the 25 Bough Street development is located and will be re-developed delivering impact in the heart of these realities. Without the forthcoming solutions within 25 Bough Street, outcomes could be devastating to Rhode Island's future. It is high time to make impact which turns the tide.

### *Community Testimonials for the 25 Bough Street Development.*

## **COMMUNITY TESTIMONIALS FOR THE 25 BOUGH ST DEVELOPMENT, THE FOUNDER & PROJECT**

1. Because I believe in Lanre and his vision for 25 Bough Street! – Cortney Nicolato, President & CEO, United Way
2. I believe wholeheartedly in Lanre and his wife. I believe in the power and passion of our youth. I believe all under-represented people have important lessons and gifts to teach and share. I love my home city, Providence. I love Olneyville and I love City Camp. This project brings hope to so, so, so many people. This project fills my heart and so many others with light, love, excitement and a purpose beyond themselves. Thank you Lanre for your bravery, intelligence, conviction and fastidiousness. Thank you for taking the lead on this transformational project. My mom, my brother, my husband and my family support you and yours fully and will support 25 Bough Street in any way we can. After four years of sitting next to you in homeroom at Classical, I felt certain you were destined for great things. I cannot wait to see how this evolves and positively transforms the community! -Anna Anderson Kimes
3. 25 Bough Street is the kind of community-driven development that combines improvement AND equity to make society stronger. – Adam Olenn, CEO & Founder, Rustle & Spark
4. The vision that Lanre has put together for 25 Bough is something that I have been wanting to see happen in Providence for years; taking abandoned property and it



around to benefit and empower our community! I am proud to see him take bold action and lead in this way but I expect nothing less! Having this vision of 25 Bough come to fruition for our community and in the State of RI will be a dream come true! I am excited and look forward to it. Let's Go! -Teresa G

5. I invested because I believe in Lanre and his vision to bring tremendous value to the Olneyville community! – Kate Kennedy, USI, Vice President
6. I believe in Lanre's vision and want to contribute to Providence AND Rhode Island. - Mike Ritz, Executive Director, Leadership Rhode Island
7. Because I believe in everything Lanre is doing and I have faith that he will sustain our community. Joshua Corria, Community Programs Manager at Brown's Annenberg Institute
8. I invested because I am inspired by Lanre's vision and I believe in the potential for the facility to be transformative. Stephanie Fortunato, Director, Arts, Culture & Tourism, City of Providence
9. Lanre, you're a great man and I'm thrilled to offer what I can right now (certainly more in the future!) to support your incredible vision. As things progress, I look forward to volunteering my services and my time to support this soon-to-be hub of the community. (I'm envisioning negotiation courses for community members, conflict resolution for youth, leadership development for entrepreneurs - sky's the limit!). I grew up only a couple of streets away and am excited to see the renewal in progress! Thanks for you leadership and vision. Time to RISE! - John Abbruzzee, Mobius Executive Leadership, Senior Leadership Consultant
10. To support your leadership and vision. This investment is for the babies in my life! Thank you for blazing the trails so our youth that is of color can see that leaders do look like them! Thank you! – Wanda Brown, College Unbound
11. Lanre's vision for the Providence youth is infectious! We are proud to be able to be part of Lanre's positive transformation of this vital community – Mauren M
12. I believe in community. I think Lanre's commitment to community, personal skills, and innovative model, combined with the strength he surrounds himself with, is something worth investing in. We all benefit from this effort and I am so excited to offer some support! -Audra Lavoie, University of Rhode Island
13. Lanre's dream is everyone's dream....he's doing it for all of us! - Dennisse Reyes
14. I believe in you, your passion and your business knowledge. You can do this and make things better for RI, it's youth and everyone! Thank you! Kristen D

15. We believe in Lanre and we believe in 25 Bough Street! We are so honored and excited to be a part of making this incredible vision come to life! – Tahnee Cookson Muhammad
16. I invested because I believe in the vision, I believe in the man behind the vision, and want to help bring about a major change in the community the helped make me who I am today. Rudy V
17. Congratulations Lanre & Hilina, there's no stopping you! Happy to help create more equity in RI. Katie S
18. I couldn't be more proud of you and your vision... it only inspires me to push with more conviction on mines. I'm more than certain that you will prosper and I'll be on the sidelines rooting for you Josie
19. My wife and I believe in him. The idea of changing lives for the better is the greatest virtue than one can do. I've known Lanre for many years and his aura exudes "what can I do to make your life worth living". Be it for himself, his family, his friends and his community. Who wouldn't want to invest in someone like that. This project in itself is an embodiment of his character. I'm grateful for his presence in this lifetime. Thank you for the opportunity. KeepRisingFromWithin – Dennis Delano Barbosa
20. Because I believe in Lanre and his vision. I grew up near there and this could be an amazing transformation for that area. You're an amazing man my friend! -Dori Graft
21. Lanre and his team have worked incredibly hard to get here, and I too believe in the vision of 25 Bough Street and the impact it will have in the same community I grew up in. I've known Lanre for a few years now and am honored to call him a great friend. I'm happy to support this amazing cause! – Jose Dure, AAA Northeast
22. I was born and raised in providence Rhode Island I resided on the southside of Providence many times in my life. I currently live in the area, I am raising two beautiful black queens which gives me the drive to want to get out and make a change . I want to be able to provide a path that leads my children to success .in hopes that they never come across some of the obstacles dead ends est. that I had to deal with coming up due to generational curses lack of resources est. I am all about bringing more resources to the side of town (really anywhere in providence)because we need it Our children need it and in a way I feel Connect it I've been on the southside of Providence for many years so to see it begins in Blossom would be more than a blessing. Lashara Newkirk

23. Community space for the things that you are thinking about is needed and I have utmost confidence in you. Dr. Sherri Bevel
24. I believe in what you are doing, and I believe in you! – Virginia Dunleavy, Executive Director, RISD
25. I invested because I believe in you and your vision. I'm with you 150% of the way ♥ – Monica T
26. Because I believe in Brother Lanre and his vision. Bobby B
27. Believe in Lanre as a visionary, and in his vision for a better Olneyville! -Richard S
28. As a nearby business for 22 years I am excited and grateful for your vision, and leadership. Do beautiful things. Jephry Floral Studio
29. What is there not to say about Idrees Lanre?! He is and always has been extremely passionate, ambitious, courageous and a strong leader for our community. I'm proud of my friend and wish him the best on his endeavors. – Monique Watson, Founder and
30. I love the ideal of transforming an abandoned building into something useful for the community, a place where the future generation can go an express there talent and keeping them away from drugs and alcohols. – Joel J Lacoste
31. There is no better mission than investing in the future of our children and I have the utmost confidence that Lanre and Hilena will make this a success! I am so looking forward to seeing 25 Bough succeed. – Lisa D. Curtis
32. We strongly believe in the mission and purpose of 25 Bough Street, especially with Lanre behind this amazing project. We're invested in the vision and the goal to offer our community the best there is! Hydyn Vales
33. I worked with Lanre in the past and saw his passion and commitment to getting the job done. After thoroughly reviewing the prospectus and chatting with Lanre for more than an hour explaining his vision, I'm convinced he will move the goal post in creating a sustainable and viable organization that will positively impact the underserved in his community. Rudy Loney
34. I have known Idrees Lanre Ajakaiye for over 30 years since high school. I'm not surprised how successful he is and how he's still striving to make his dreams come to fruition. His ideas of a brighter future for generations to come go beyond

daydreaming. He is a go getter and trend setter. He is highly motivated and extremely determined. I know he will succeed in whatever he is working for. Lanre is a family man; a loving, dependable son and brother; a doting and caring husband and father; and a friend that I know I can count on in time of need. Danielle Tutt

35. Lanre's vision and model for 25 Bough street is desperately needed in this city and across the United States for us to remain competitive. I wholeheartedly support this endeavor and proud to be an investor! -Blessing Ekperi, Owner, BET Salon
36. Lanre is a well focused man with impeccable character and a top notch organisational and leadership skills. – Babatunde Bishi
37. I have complete trust that the founder will fulfill on the vision and once that happens the community will be forever enriched. – Mira Estaphanous, Vice President, USI
38. I believe in the shared vision of Idrees Lanre Ajakaiye. His commitment to investing in the future of his community through the redevelopment of 25 Bough St is a testament to his desire to lead by example. Vanessa Goodridge
39. I believe in you Lanre and your ventures as well as your family. This will be such an asset to where we grew up. Many blessings. Ps I still live in the area. Michelle Ziombroski
40. I did it for OUR people! - Lawrence Young II
41. Our future is dependent on the health and wellness of all our citizens. – Kenneth R Levy
42. I invested because I like the idea of giving our young people crucial skills such as financial literacy that will help empower them and help close the wealth gap. I know there's a long way to go, but it's an excellent start. Chani Jones
43. I believe in this mission! -Amelia Nixon
44. We invested because it's a great program that will benefit so many children and young adults in the nearby neighborhoods and or through out the state. Victor Silva
45. I wholeheartedly believe in Lanre & his vision. I support 1000% and cannot wait until this dream becomes a reality! -Sean Adu Gyamfi
46. I'm investing in the founders. I believe in the amazing work both Lanre and Hilina have been doing in the community for years and wish them the best of luck on this new endeavor! – Doris Adesuyi, **Legal & Policy, Office of the Governor-RI; Business, Intellectual Property, Government**



47. I believe in this project and in Idrees Lanre Ajakaiye! Let's make a difference in our home town Providence! I believe in the betterment of our community and I believe in Idrees Lanre Ajakaiye. -Olatunde Kamson
48. I love and support this vision and can't wait to see what great things come from the existence of 25 Bough St.! Best wishes to you and the team! – Christina Clement
49. To support a family that has always been for the community! – Robert McCauley, CEO & Founder, Ardent Principles
50. After reading about what will be available at Bough Street, I invested in this project because I believe it will provided hope in the community. – LaShanna Taylor Sweeney
51. A chance for me to help better my city, as well as educate and support our youth and communities – Rafael Blanco Jr-
52. Our dear goddaughter, Anna Anderson, made us aware of the 25 Bough Street project. The project sounds like it will be an exciting new resource for many members and organizations in our community. – Guy Buzzell
53. I believe in Lanre. I believe in the mission. – Keno Mullings
54. I believe in you and I am inspired! I can't wait to see everything come to light. Congratulations! – Jai Ana Baker
55. We believe in your vision! #Changemakers. – Anthony Holehouse
56. To make a historical shift in RI for RI – Jarrell De Los Santos



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