



The Heidelberg Project: A Detroit Story

Why Heidelberg is needed in Detroit?

Narrator:

It was the decline of auto industry which led to a mass exodus from Detroit. A city that once had a population of 2 million and now has under 1 million.

Dan:

It makes me feel awful bad because there's a lot of vacant homes on my street where I live. About every two, three houses is a vacant house. And that's all over the city.

It is a beautiful city and at one time it really was beautiful. There weren't a whole lot of vacant homes and things. But now its kind of run down but it can be built up. And hopefully they will do that. I think its going to come back. I think its going to come back if they get the right people in the right places.

Narrator:

Jenenne believes that the Heidelberg Project is playing a crucial role in changing the city.

Jenenne Whitfield:

We want to use art as a catalyst to rebuild this once thriving and important and historical community.

Sherry:

So when people say well what is it that's so special and meaningful about the Heidelberg Project? It's not tangible. Its inspiration. It's those things that ignite and excite you from inside that make you want to do something, that make you want to change.

Its removes complacency. It removes just the common way of just existing through life.