



**The Chalmers Center**

For Economic Development

## Creating Objectives for your Matched Savings Program

Ultimately, your program seeks to see the poverties of spiritual intimacy, community, being, and stewardship alleviated in the lives of participants and church members. In order to accomplish this, your ministry objectives must be holistic. A holistic set of objectives addresses the root causes of poverty: broken relationships and broken systems. Consider the following examples.

### Example Objectives

- Participants and church members will have deepened their walk with the Lord (Poverty of Spiritual Intimacy).
- Participants and church members will have developed deep and lasting relationships across racial and/or socio-economic lines (Poverty of Community).
- Participants' and church members' will better understand who the Lord says they are (Poverty of Being).
- Participants' and church members' will better understand what the Lord would have them do (Poverty of Stewardship).
- Church members' and participants' will have increased their understanding of what it means to steward God's resources through financial literacy.
- Participants will be connected to a local financial institution
- Participants will have either joined, or increased their involvement, in a local church.
- Participants will have accumulated a base of productive assets.
- The IDA ministry will have facilitated deep, real, and long-lasting relationships between participants and congregants.
- Participants will have chosen to and be capable of leaving public assistance.
- People within the congregation will have realized how they are poor.
- The congregational will have developed a passion for holistic ministry to the poor.
- Mentor/participant relationships will have continued beyond the IDA program.
- Participants have felt consistently loved by the church body, not just individuals.
- Participants will have built a foundation that will lead to long-run economic success.
- Church members and participants will have come to a better understanding of what it means to be the Body of Christ.
- Church giving to the poor will have increased through developmental activities.
- Graduated will have returned to the ministry as financial literacy trainers, mentors, and donors.