

## About Mustard Seed

**Mustard Seed Neighborhood Development Corporation** was founded in 1995 by a group of friends interested in building affordable housing and doing community development work in Oakland. From '95 to '05 Mustard Seed built and rehabilitated houses, trained construction workers and helped low-income families buy their first homes. After ten years, the primary contractors (Greg Hendsch (<http://www.hendschconstruction.com>) and Mike Hoffman – Cirulean Construction) left to pursue other opportunities in construction.

Now Mustard Seed continues its community development work through supporting public education, community gardening and recreation programs. Rick Chan Frey, the executive director, stayed on and currently runs the organization, the books project and anything else Mustard Seed is doing. This Mustard Seed Books website and the Mustard Seed Books project is a current example of a program being run by Mustard Seed. Rick just finished his PhD in education at U.C. Berkeley and has been writing and presenting on the books project at a number of educational conferences.

Mustard Seed Neighborhood Development Corporation is a 501(c)(3), non-profit corporation.



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New Hope Community Church

Temescal Co-Housing Project

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