

## Habitat - Gerry's Goods

Gerry's Goods, Inc. was founded in September 2006 in a small conference room at New Song Center. A team of individuals from New Song and Columbia Presbyterian Church (primarily Kathryn Brod) came together in that room to commit to fulfilling a vision offered by one of Sandtown's favorite sons, Gerry Palmer. Gerry's vision was to open a neighborhood corner store that would enable him to "give back" to the community he has called home his entire life. The Gerry's Goods Team conducted numerous surveys of the community and decided that the corner store would be a hybrid business: part gourmet coffee shop and part convenience store. The name "Gerry's Goods" was chosen as a tribute to its founder, and the motto "Everything's Good at 1500!" was adopted to reflect the nature of this store and the role it will play in the Sandtown Community. The chosen location, 1500 Presstman Street, is at the corner of Presstman and Stricker Streets and sits in the heart of the Sandtown community. This corner is renowned within the community. It has been the scene of many events over the past decades - some tragic, some triumphant. It is in this spirit that Gerry's Goods aims to restore this corner and reclaim it for the community.

Gerry's Goods opened at the beginning of January and is already a beacon of light in the community where it is clear that the focus is on "Loving God and Loving Our Neighbors". You can see Gerry's Goods from the front door of CPC's Calhoun Street house, so head on down for the finest cup of coffee in Sandtown!

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