



Greater East St. Louis Community Fund



2014 Annual Report

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY THROUGH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS, TARGETED FUNDING AND SUSTAINED MENTORSHIP.

THE GREATER EAST ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY FUND ADDRESSES SOME OF THE MOST PRESSING CHALLENGES FACING THE COMMUNITIES OF EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS AND BROOKLYN, ILLINOIS. PARTNERING WITH LIKE-MINDED COMMUNITY GROUPS, WE SEEK TO ELEVATE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE ADULTS AND CHILDREN WHO CALL THESE COMMUNITIES HOME.

FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, WE'VE REMAINED COMMITTED TO HELPING THE RESIDENTS OF EAST ST. LOUIS AND BROOKLYN MOVE UP AND OUT OF POVERTY AND ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.

A Message from Our Executive Director

I AM PLEASED, PRIVILEGED AND DELIGHTED TO REPORT THAT THE GREATER EAST ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY FUND IS AS HEALTHY AS EVER AND CONTINUES TO IMPROVE UPON ITS SUCCESSFUL TRACK RECORD OF BEING A VALUED FRIEND, PARTNER AND NEIGHBOR IN THE COMMUNITIES OF EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS AND BROOKLYN, ILLINOIS. BY EVERY MEASURE, OUR 2014 PERFORMANCE DEMONSTRATES THE FUND IS STRIKING THE RIGHT NOTES IN DELIVERING CRITICAL IMPACT TO EAST ST. LOUIS AND BROOKLYN THROUGH OUR DIRECT EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT.

IN 2014, WE EXPANDED OUR REACH, ENABLING MORE SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN TO HAVE SAFE AND EXCITING PROGRAMS TO PARTICIPATE IN. WE SUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT GREATER OPPORTUNITIES TO TOUCH THE RESIDENTS WHO LIVE HERE. WE TRAINED DOZENS OF SUMMER WORKERS. AND WE CONTINUED PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DESERVING YOUNG STUDENTS WHO ARE PURSUING THEIR ACADEMIC GOALS.

WHAT FOLLOWS HERE IS A SNAPSHOT OF HOW WE ENGAGED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND A LOOK AT HOW THE FUND CONTINUES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITIES IT SERVES.

Pamela R. Tucker Coaxum
Executive Director

"BECAUSE OF THE SUMMER WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM, MY SUMMER STAFF CAME THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP PREPARED AND READY TO MAKE IT A SAFE AND FUN EXPERIENCE FOR OUR CHILDREN."

MT. SINAI FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Expanding Community Partnerships

IN 2014, THE GREATER EAST ST LOUIS COMMUNITY FUND CONTINUED ITS LEADERSHIP ROLE BY EXPANDING SUMMER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN.

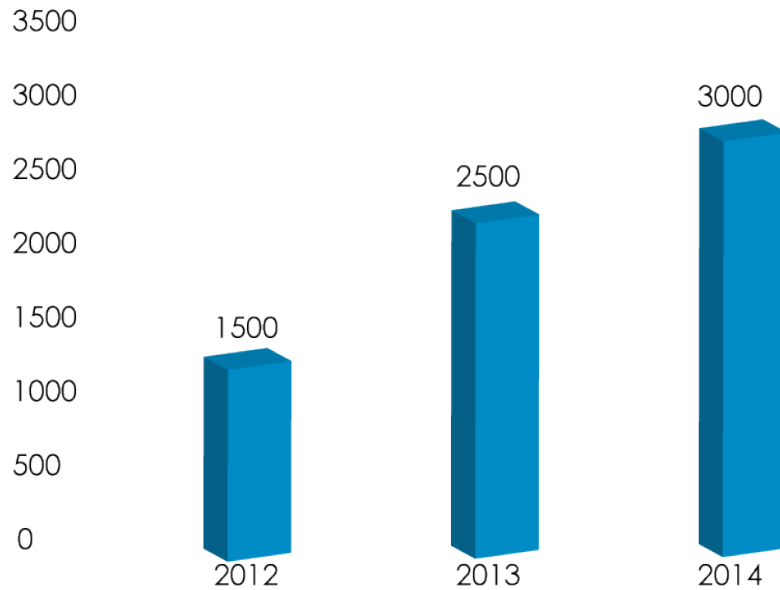
IN 2012, THE FUND IDENTIFIED YOUTH-SERVING AGENCIES AND BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER TO FORM THE EAST ST. LOUIS YOUTH COORDINATING COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL'S PURPOSE WOULD BE TO COORDINATE AND EXPAND OUT-OF-SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN, PLACING PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON SUMMER PROGRAMMING.

SINCE THEN, THE FUND'S GUIDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT HAS RESULTED IN INCREASED SUMMER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHILDREN OF GREATER EAST ST. LOUIS. THROUGH OUR EFFORTS, THE NUMBER OF PROGRAM SLOTS HAS DOUBLED FROM INITIAL OFFERING. AS A RESULT, CHILDREN THIS YEAR WERE PROVIDED WITH MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE PART IN POSITIVE PROGRAMS WHILE SCHOOL IS OUT.

THE GREATER EAST ST. LOUIS YOUTH COORDINATING COUNCIL INCLUDES:

- GRIFFIN CENTER: CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAMS
- CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY CENTER
- JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE FOUNDATION
- NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
- SINAI FAMILY LIFE CENTER
- LESSIE BATES DAVIS NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
- EAST ST. LOUIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 189
- SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY: EAST ST. LOUIS CENTER
- CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAMS: GRIFFIN CENTER
- ILLINOIS DIVISION OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

**Greater East St. Louis:
Increase of Summer Program Slots: (Est)**



Citywide Summer Program Slots

Citywide Summer Worker Training

DELIVERING THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTHS MEANT HAVING AN ADEQUATELY TRAINED WORKFORCE. THE GREATER EAST ST LOUIS YOUTH COORDINATING COUNCIL CREATED A CITYWIDE SUMMER WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM TO ADDRESS THAT NEED.

MORE THAN 90 SUMMER WORKERS FROM VARIOUS AGENCIES IN GREATER EAST ST. LOUIS GATHERED FOR TRAINING JUNE 21ST. HIGHLIGHTING THEIR SESSION WAS AN ADDRESS FROM JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE WHO UNDERSCORED HOW THE WORKERS WERE ESSENTIAL TO THE PROGRAM'S SUCCESS. SHE EMPHASIZED HOW THEIR DEDICATION WOULD BE VITAL IN MEETING THE CHILDREN'S NEEDS.

OTHER TRAINING TOPICS INCLUDED:

- REQUIREMENTS FOR BEING A MANDATORY REPORTER
- FIRST AID
- BENCHMARKING TO MEASURE FITNESS IN CHILDREN
- CREATING POSTIVE BOUNDARIES WHEN WORKING WITH CHILDREN

Grants

THE GREATER EAST ST LOUIS COMMUNITY FUND PROVIDED GRANT SUPPORT TO 5 AGENCIES THAT SERVED MORE THAN 2,759 SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN DURING THE SUMMER OF 2014. PARTNERING AGENCIES INCLUDED:

1	CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAMS: GRIFFIN CENTER	\$2,500.00
2	CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY CENTER	\$5,000.00
3	JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE FOUNDATION	\$78,500.00
4	NEW BETHEL MB CHURCH	\$1,000.00
5	RANKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$5,000.00
6	SINAI FAMILY LIFE CENTER	\$2,500.00
7	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY: DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING	\$5,000.00

Scholarships

SINCE 1992, THE GREATER EAST ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY FUND HAS PROVIDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO EAST ST. LOUIS AND BROOKLYN COLLEGE-AGED STUDENTS TO ATTEND ACCREDITED COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST RESIDE IN EAST ST. LOUIS OR BROOKLYN AND BE A GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WITH A MINIMUM 2.5 GRADE POINT AVERAGE. STUDENTS MUST ATTEND AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY. IN 2014, THE FUND AWARDED 8 NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AND RENEWED 12 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR RETURNING STUDENTS WHO CONTINUED AS SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS OR SENIORS.

IN JULY, 2014, UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE DONALD G. WILKERSON PRESENTED THE NEW AND RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIP CERTIFICATES.

NEW FOUR-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS INCLUDED:

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| DANIELLE CASH | SPELMAN COLLEGE |
| AMBRIELLA DUNLAP | TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY |
| STAR-RETEICE GIBSON | UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS |
| ANGELICA HOWARD | SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY:CARBONDALE |
| CAYCI LEWIS | ALABAMA A&M |
| PRECIOUS PATTERSON | SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE |
| KAMIA SUGGS | MCKENDREE UNIVERSITY |
| AZA WALKER | UNIVERSSSITY OF ILLINOIS |



Scholarship Recipients with United States Magistrate Judge Donald G. Wilkerson

Scholarships (cont'd)

STUDENTS WHO ENTER THE PROGRAM AS A COLLEGE FRESHMAN ARE ELIGIBLE TO RENEW THEIR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4 YEARS, PLUS ANOTHER 2 YEARS IF THEY EARN THEIR BACHELORS DEGREE AND ARE ENROLLED IN GRADUATE SCHOOL TO EARN A MASTER'S OR PHD.

OUR RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WERE:

JANELL ANTHONY	ASHFORD UNIVERSITY
SHONTRICE GARRETT	JACKSON STATE
DESHAUN KING	NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
KAYLA LOVELESS	UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
SHACORA MCCOY	TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
KENDRA WALKER	MCKENDREE UNIVERSITY
RAVEN WARD	CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY
ALEX HOPKINS	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY: CARBONDALE
MORGAN FARRELL	INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
KAYLANI MOORE	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY: CARBONDALE
CORTESHA SPENCER	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY: CARBONDALE
JAMES WASHINGTON	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

AN EXTERNAL EVALUATION WAS CONDUCTED OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS IN THE JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE FOUNDATION EAST ST. LOUIS YOUTH PROJECT. RESPONSES SHOWED THAT 89% AGREED OR STRONGLY AGREED THAT THEY FELT SAFE WHEN THEY WERE AT AN EAST ST. LOUIS YOUTH PROJECT SITES.

Making a Difference, Having an Impact

CHILDREN NEED THINGS TO DO. WITHOUT ACTIVITIES, THEIR MINDS GO UNCHALLENGED AND THEY BECOME BAIT FOR MISCHIEF OR WORSE. THROUGH ITS FINANCIAL SUPPORT, THE GREATER EAST ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY FUND PROVIDES ACTIVITIES THAT KEEP CHILDREN ENGAGED IN HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES IN SAFE AND CARING ENVIRONMENTS.

IN 2014, OUR QUALITY PROGRAMS WERE PLACES OF REFUGE FOR SO MANY CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE NO PLACE TO GO WHEN SCHOOL WASN'T IN SESSION. OUR PARTNER AGENCIES PROVIDED A COMPREHENSIVE ARRAY RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS, SPORTS, FIELD TRIPS AND A VARIETY OF SUPPLEMENTAL LEARNING PROGRAMS.

Activities

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014
CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS **2014**
REVENUE, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT

DONATIONS	\$ 1,388
INTEREST & DIVIDEND INCOME	159,307
NET REALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	118,794
NET UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS	(130,780)
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	3,375
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS OTHER SUPPORT	152,084
EXPENSES	
YOUTH ACTIVITIES	39,937
EDUCATION	208,001
NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS	5,707
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	253,645
FUNDRAISING	5,707
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	64,802
TOTAL SUPPORT EXPENSES	70,509
TOTAL EXPENSES	324,154
CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(172,070)
CHANGE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	
DONATIONS	4,000
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	(3,375)
TOTAL TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED REVENUE, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	625
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(171,445)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,914,435
NET ASSETS, END OF THE YEAR	2,742,990

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