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St. Vincent Greenway, Inc. (SVGI) is pleased to publish its second annual **Report to the Community**. Please see our website (stvincentgreenwayinc.org) to read our report for 2011.

SVGI is a 501(c)(3) community development corporation founded in February 2011. Our Mission Statement is: St. Vincent Greenway, Inc. serves as a catalyst for advancing the health, safety, vibrancy and interconnectivity of communities and neighborhoods along the St. Vincent Greenway. Central to our mission is community outreach, seeking to understand the needs of those in our service area and to bring the necessary resources to help meet those needs.

To that end we added members to our Board of Directors who are residents of the communities we serve and filled vacancies on our Community Council. We have also expanded our projects and events and strengthened our organization with both human and financial resources.

Our major accomplishments in 2012 were:

- Hosting our second annual Halloween Party in St. Vincent Park in collaboration with residents of Greendale and Pagedale, the Zeta Rho Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta sorority at UMSL, and local organizations;
- Producing our first annual Jazz on the Greenway in Ruth Porter Park with other participating organizations including Better Family Life, West End Neighbors, the West End Neighborhood Association, St. Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO), Cornerstone Corporation and the Social Systems Design Laboratory of the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University;



Scenes from 2012 Jazz on the Greenway

- Acquiring property for our first community garden at Porter Park and Chamberlain Ave. which we will clear and plant in the spring of 2013;
- Having a highly successful "Friend Raiser" which enabled us to form our Community Advisory Council (see our website under "Governance");
- Acquiring staff support by obtaining an Americorps VISTA volunteer who is based at our sister organization, Great Rivers Greenway District, but devotes the majority of her time to SVGI;
- Obtaining accounting services from Stone Carlie & Company, LLC;
- Achieving greater financial stability through funding from Enterprise Bank and Trust Company, Beyond Housing, the City of Greendale, and the Housing Authority of St. Louis County;
- Participating in a grant awarded by the Missouri Foundation for Health in collaboration with SLACO for innovative programming for youth in the West End and Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhoods of St. Louis;
- Receiving grant funding for our Jazz on the Greenway event for 2013 from Great Rivers Greenway District;
- Establishing an Arts and Culture Initiative for the creation of community-based art projects throughout our service area;
- Proposing a beautification project and clean-up of Engelholm Creek to the City of Wellston.

In January 2013 we will undertake a 6 hour professionally facilitated strategic planning session to help clarify future directions. We remain committed to fulfilling our mission and plan to expand our efforts in the coming year. For further information, to volunteer, or to donate please see our website.



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