



# Palestine Neighborhood Center Caring Communities

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## City grant to improve Palestine facilities, services

The Palestine Neighborhood Resource Center will use a \$150,000 grant from the City of Kansas City, Mo. for building rehabilitation and expansion of services to area residents.

The city's Housing Committee awarded the Community Development Block Grant program funding to Palestine Neighborhood Development Corp. The center houses the Palestine Caring Communities initiative.

Third district Councilwomen Sharon Sanders-Brooks and Melba Curls were instrumental in securing the grant.



*A \$150,000 city grant will fund rehabilitation and expansion of Palestine Neighborhood Center, 3449 Indiana.*

The grant will pay for green rehabilitation of the building, making it more energy efficient and lowering utility costs. In addition, the grant will allow the resource center to acquire a vacant property which will be converted into a community learning center.

Palestine programs such as RISE UP, which offers afterschool academic enrichment for the 33 youth enrolled, will have room to grow. The new learning center will serve as the RISE UP drop-in center assisting students who have fallen behind academically from Central High School and other schools.

Adult literacy and workforce development will also be offered at the new center, which will house the Full Employment Council's Share Network Access Point (SNAP) and literacy training for the ex-offender population in partnership with the Missouri Dept. of Corrections-Office of Probation and Parole.

The Palestine Neighborhood Center is a partnership between the City of Kansas City, Mo., Palestine Neighborhood Development Corp., and the Local Investment Commission (LINC).

Caring Communities is a LINC initiative to encourage volunteerism and community improvement, and provide neighborhood-based services in low-income neighborhoods.

Through its partnerships, Palestine Caring Communities offers services related to housing, seniors, parents and youth.

The city of Kansas City provides funding for the Palestine Neighborhood Center.

Neighborhoods served include E. 23rd St. PAC, Key Coalition, Knoches Park, Oak Park, Palestine CDC, Santa Fe, South Round Top, Vineyard and Washington Wheatley.

## Volunteers show support for Central Academy families

Residents of the Palestine, Santa Fe and Oak Park neighborhoods, along with University of Missouri-Kansas City interns, supported students and parents when they volunteered at Central Academy's parent-teacher conferences recently. The event was organized by the Historic East Neighborhoods Coalition (HENC) in partnership with Central Academy.

Volunteers helped families register to vote, distributed information on neighborhood resources, and provided school supplies donated by the Missouri Department of Corrections-Office of Probation & Parole.

HENC's commitment to bridging the gap between schools and their community includes volunteering at reading groups at Central Academy and Milton Moore.

Palestine resident Heather Jones, a Central High School graduate who is currently attending nursing school at UMKC, said, "I volunteer at Central Academy because I care about the students' education and their role in being positive leaders in the community."



*Volunteers provided resources to parents and students at Central Academy parent-teacher conferences.*

## Area plan to help chart a new economic course

The Historic East Neighborhoods Coalition brings together neighborhoods, congregations, city government and other stakeholders to create a new economic outlook for Kansas City's third district. As part of this effort HENC members serve on the steering committee for the Heart of the City Area Plan with the City Planning and Development Department.

The Heart of the City Area Plan will serve as the "plan of record" for the area, recommending guidelines and strategies related to development, housing, neighborhoods, economic development, transportation, capital improvements, open spaces and urban design. The plan will present a single, coordinated policy, building on previous planning efforts in the area (e.g. Vine District Economic Development Plan, Ivanhoe neighborhood Plan, Prospect Corridor Plan).

The planning boundaries are Interstate 70 (North), Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd. (South), Blue River (East), Woodland Ave. and the Paseo (West).

For more information, contact Randy Dunn, third district city planner, at (816) 513-2805.

## Historic East Neighborhoods Coalition awarded grant

The Historic East Neighborhoods Coalition (HENC) was recently awarded a \$15,000 grant by Catholic Charities and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

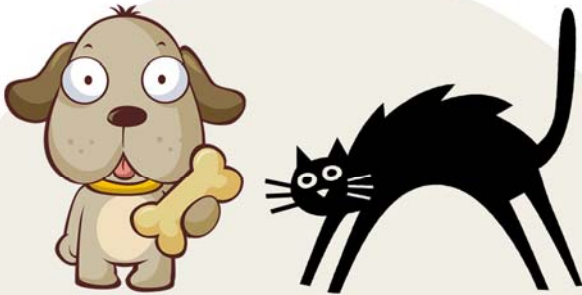
The Concepts for Effective Services grant is designed to assist organizations serving low- and moderate-income individuals with economic recovery issues. Through the grant HENC will receive board development and leadership development training, strategic planning, incorporation as a legally recognized organization, and community engagement.

HENC will use the grant to work with residents, city government and other stakeholders to develop a plan for economic recovery in east Kansas City, Mo.

# Community Support Services

Palestine Neighborhood Caring Communities

 Call (816) 924-3211



## KCMO Codes Enforcement & Animal Control

Appointments with inspectors and officers at Palestine Neighborhood Caring Communities upon request.

## Minor Home Repair, Weatherization, & Paint Programs.

Applications available at [www.kcmo.org](http://www.kcmo.org) or in the resource center.



## Employment Assistance

Full Employment Council  
Shared Network Access Point (SNAP) computers available Monday - Friday, 10am - 4pm.  
One-on-one workforce literacy training



## Utility Assistance

Limited funding for gas, electric and water assistance available.

## After School Program

Monday - Friday, 3 - 6pm



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<h2 style="text-align: center;">Meeting Schedule</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Palestine Caring Communities Area Neighborhoods</h3>	
Boston Heights/ Mount Hope	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 4:00 pm Central Patrol Division Linwood Blvd
East 23 <sup>rd</sup> St. PAC	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:00 pm East Patrol Division 27 <sup>th</sup> & Van Brunt
Key Coalition	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 2:00 pm L.H. Bluford Library 31 <sup>st</sup> & Prospect
Oak Park	Last Thursday, 6:00 pm Brush Creek Community Ctr 3801 Emanuel Cleaver
Palestine Neighborhood	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:00 pm Palestine Neigh. Ctr. 3449 Indiana
Santa Fe	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday, 11:00 am St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 3910 Victor
Seven Oaks	Last Thursday, 6:00 pm 4418 E 39 <sup>th</sup> St (Laundromat)
Vineyard	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 pm Vineyard Neighborhood Ctr. 4301 E 43 <sup>rd</sup> St.
Washington Wheatley	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, 6:00 pm Seton Center 2816 E 23 <sup>rd</sup> St (23 <sup>rd</sup> & Benton)

