

Free Services Offered

Harambee is committed to building up and strengthening our community. Because of the funding we receive from city agencies and the many contributions made by private & corporate donors, we are able to provide services to eligible city residents *for free*.

We provide **tuckpointing** (replacing old, worn-out mortar between bricks with new mortar) on:

- Brick exteriors (*March-November*)
- Basement stone foundations (*winter*)

Our youth participants (ages 12-18) provide quality tuckpointing for eligible homeowners by working on Volunteer Community Service Projects. Each year, we plan to tuckpoint the homes of 20-30 city residents. *This is the only type of repair we do.*

NOTE: Our youth are carefully supervised by adults and a journeyman bricklayer to make sure that the work is done properly and safely.



How To Apply

Please note that you must **own and live in your home** in order to apply.

1. Fill out a **Project Application** completely.
2. Mail your completed application to our office as soon as you are able.

If you are eligible for our services, you will be contacted by one of our staff sometime before next summer to set up a time for us to visit you at your home.

After we visit you and take a look at your home, we will let you know if we are able to tuckpoint your home. We will also try to give you a good estimate of how long it will be before we can schedule your project.

Special Note for Persons with Disabilities:

If you have special accessibility needs that you are afraid will prevent you from applying for Harambee's services, do not worry! You are not required to come to our offices. *If you need an application, just call us and we will mail it to you.*

How We Select Our Projects

We use the following criteria to decide which homeowners we will be able to serve:

1. **Location**—we currently serve residents of the following St. Louis city neighborhoods: Academy, Central West End, Covenant Blu-Grand Center, DeBaliviere Place, Fairground Neighborhood, Fountain Park, Greater Ville, Hamilton Heights, Jeff Vanderlou, Kingsway East, Kingsway West, Lewis Place, O'Fallon, Penrose, Skinker DeBaliviere, The Ville, Vandeventer, Visitation Park, Wells Goodfellow, & West End
2. **Proof of ownership and occupancy**—you or a close family member must own and live in your home and it must be insured.
3. **Income level**—we use current HUD standards based on household size and total household income.
4. **Urgency of repairs needed**—Some homes need repair immediately; others are less urgent.
5. **Our ability to handle the job**—We may not be able to help you if your home has structural problems or other issues that prevent us from working safely with the youth volunteers.



Project Scheduling

Harambee operates throughout the entire year, though most of our projects take place in the summer during our 8-week Summer Program.

We typically have a waiting list of 60-80 homeowners, which means that unless your home is in desperate need, you may have to wait 2-3 years for us to work on your home. We will carefully evaluate your needs.



Harambee is a Swahili word meaning “Let’s push together and get this thing done!”

Our Mission

Harambee Youth Training is committed to training youth in the St. Louis area by providing an opportunity for them to gain both personal character development and the necessary work experience to succeed in a work environment. In order to accomplish this, Harambee seeks to build partnerships that connect resources and create relationships with individuals, communities, businesses, churches and government agencies. All of this is to be done in the context of serving the elderly, widows, immigrants, single-parent households and the poor.

Contact Us

Have questions? Need an application?

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Harambee Youth Training is a member ministry of Restore St. Louis.

Restore St. Louis (RSL) promotes a network of Christian ministries that desire to show God’s love to the poor, widows, orphans, immigrants and refugees of St. Louis. RSL is under the oversight of New City Fellowship of St. Louis.



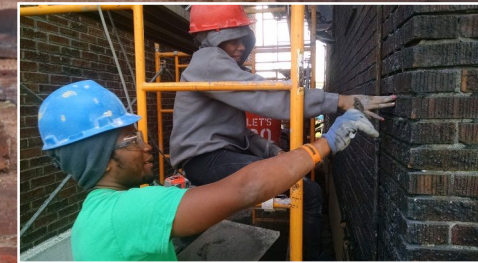
For more information about Restore St. Louis and its ministries, please visit www.restorestlouis.org.

Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

Isaiah 58:12

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