

RESTORE SAINT LOUIS

ACT JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY AND WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD



Please pray, participate and give.

Dear Restore Saint Louis Partners,

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. By God's grace, Restore Saint Louis ministries have been blessing St. Louis families for almost 30 years under the oversight of New City Fellowship. Many thanks to all of you who have volunteered, prayed and given towards this work.

We would appreciate if you would consider beginning, continuing or growing your partnership with us.

Please pray.

We are calling out to the Lord to see more people come to Christ and grow in Christ through the Restore Saint Louis ministries.

Please participate.

We need more volunteers. I would be glad to send you a list of 25 ways that you can volunteer with Restore Saint Louis. It includes everything from tutoring a child, to writing letters to an inmate, to building a wheelchair ramp.

Please give.

We need new and additional giving to carry on the work that God has called us to. Would you consider partnering with us financially as a monthly donor, with a one-time donation, or a gift of stock?

We pray you are encouraged by God's faithfulness through Restore St. Louis!

Much grace,

John Aten

Andrew Stern Executive Director Restore St. Louis



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The vision of **Restore Saint Louis** is to see the Church of St. Louis express the love of Christ by meeting needs of the community, especially the poor, the widow, the fatherless, the imprisoned, the immigrant and the refugee. God has called the Church to be the hands and feet of Jesus to meet the needs of the poor. Restore St. Louis seeks to be the vehicle that God's people can join and meet those needs.

What does the LORD require of you? To act justly and love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. – Micah 6:8





Discipling and equipping the Church for Spirit-led deeds of justice and Mercy

Restore Saint Louis is a group of seven ministries birthed under the oversight of New City Fellowship Church. Each of the seven ministries are led by their own boards.

Our mission is to disciple and equip the Church to do Spirit-led deeds of justice and mercy in St. Louis because we believe that Jesus has called the Church to display His glory in justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God. By God's grace, we will accomplish this mission by recruiting, training, coaching, and unleashing disciples of Christ Jesus to lead the Church in completing this work.







For as the soil makes the sprout come up and as a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations. – Isaiah 61:11

Our Vision & Purpose

Firm Foundation Tutoring Program

envisions children and youth from our atrisk communities serving more productively because they have received academic assistance and have come to know the love of God through caring, mutually beneficial relationships facilitated by the Firm Foundation Tutoring Program. God has called his people to show his love to children. Firm Foundation is a practical way to show God's love by helping children academically and relationally. Most of the children we serve are behind academically and need additional support to catch up to grade level goals.





Building transformative relationships

Firm Foundation Tutoring seeks to build transformative relationships across cultural, socioeconomic, generational, and other dividing lines through tutoring and mentoring. Our South City and West End after-school programs pair volunteer tutors one-on-one with the same student each week, while both sites also run highly relational summer programs with additional opportunities for volunteers to lead children and youth from atrisk communities in academic, socio-emotional, and spiritual growth as they themselves learn and grow in process. We serve students from elementary through high school who hail from more than ten different ethnic groups, and our volunteers come from a variety of cultural backgrounds and range from high school youth through retirees.

In 2022, Firm Foundation provided a place of healing for children/youth impacted by two significant traumatic events: a police shooting in our West End apartments and the CVPA/Collegiate school shooting in South City.







The Freedom School exists to raise up young people to reach their unique potential as restored image bearers and servant leaders of God who steward His creation and proclaim His kingdom of righteousness through practical deeds of justice and mercy to those in their school, community and the world. All this without regard for ability to pay!

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: [a] The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. – 2 Corinthians 5:17-18





Reconciling children to God

The Freedom School is a place where children in the City of St. Louis come to be reconciled to God as our committed staff introduce them to the person and work of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. They discover His Word is the basis for all truth, and they are taught to rejoice in the manifold expressions of His truth in all of creation.

They also learn to be reconciled to self by knowing they are made in the image of God for His purpose; and God doesn't make mistakes.

Finally, they are guided into reconciliation with others. Embracing differences, encouraging one another and living in Christian community are core lessons. Through these stages of growth, they then become reconcilers themselves...kingdom builders and ambassadors for Jesus Christ.







And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in. - Isaiah 58:12

Our Vision & Purpose

Harambee Youth Training seeks to see youth disciple in the Gospel of Christ become productive members of society who reflect God's love as they work to build their community. There is an incredible need to put youth in the City of St. Louis to work so that they have job experience, mentorship and training. There is also an incredible need to rebuild brick homes in which the masonry has deteriorated.

Harambee seeks to train teenagers to rebuild widows' and seniors' homes in their community so that both the trained youth and community members are blessed.





Training & encouraging youth with the hope of the Gospel

Harambee Youth Training was blessed to have 91 youth during last year's summer and after school programs provide \$222,885 worth of free tuck-pointing to low income homeowners in the St. Louis City area. The youth also completed 11,342 volunteer hours in tuck-pointing the homes of the elderly, disabled, and widowed individuals and families. The Lord provided funding to secure all of Harambee's needs through partnerships, donations, and federal grants.

Harambee 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.







Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel. – Proverbs 27:9

Our Vision & Purpose

Health Connection seeks to have a community where the fatherless, widow, refugee, immigrant and poor have health advocates that empower them to stay healthy and receive quality healthcare. God has called the church to meet the health needs of the poor, specifically widows, the fatherless, immigrants and refugees. The poor in St. Louis do not have adequate access to health services. Health Connection seeks to meet the need for adequate access to health services for the poor in St. Louis.





Recruiting & training health advocate volunteers

Health Connection is a ministry that passes beyond the giving of things and into the forging of relationships. It is our mission to serve the widow, the under resourced, the immigrant and refugee, the orphan, and the disabled in St Louis by stepping into their lives and becoming a compassionate friend and advocate. Whether the need be of spirit, mind or body, we trust God to provide. While serving each care receiver might look different, the undertones are the same our goal is to form relationships built on trust and respect and extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. We act as health advocates at doctor's appointments, we promote healthy living by providing health education, we aid in the process of acquiring insurance or health appointments, and we fulfil a myriad of other situation-specific roles.







To see every resident LOVE Jesus, LIBERATE themselves and LIVE as givers not takers.

By relationships, **InsideOUT** mends mental and emotional wounds, freeing the jailed to futures of flourishing.

ReHUMANizing People to Society; Reconciling People to Jesus Christ.

So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. - 1 Thessalonians 2:8





Who needs ReHUMANization & Reconciliation?

Technically, "Peter" was alive. Really, he was barely existing. Drowning in drug addiction, poverty, and poor choices, "Peter" was living a life of Hell, on his way to Hell.

InsideOUT came in with a Bible & Anger Management class. "Peter" attended. Seeds were sown. "Peter" trusted Jesus for eternal life and began to be transformed by the renewing of his mind (Romans 12:2) while behind bars!

Once home, "Peter" found a Bible-believing church for him and his family. He started his own business and hired other men from jail who could not find work at a living wage.

With your donor dollars, prayers and participation, InsideOUT will multiply these results!"







Over 50% of Missouri's kids may not have regular access to nutritional meals. These are the same children that God calls His people. In St. Louis **Umetulisha** seeks to meet the nutritional food needs of kids who are taking part in childrens' ministry activities. Our hope is to further God's kingdom by showing Christ's love & provisions through meeting the nutritional needs of hungry children.

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. — Isiah 58:10





Meeting childrens' nutritional needs

Umetulisha is a food ministry which provides no- to-low-cost nutritious food services to Restore St. Louis ministries including The Freedom School, Workday, Joy Group, Firm Foundation Tutoring, and Harambee Youth Training Program. In addition, we serve the Christian Friends of New Americans (immigrants from all faiths and cultures), Messiah Lutheran Church's after school program, and a few more gospel based organizations in the St. Louis area.

Umetulisha seeks to provide opportunities for the Church to share their food with the hungry (Isaiah 58:10) by mobilizing volunteers to help serve healthy meals to the hungry, and in this way manifest the provisional love of Christ to all those in need.







Workday seeks to love seniors, widows, and others in need through improving their daily quality of life. We express the love of Christ through facilitating projects such as wheelchair ramps, grab bars, and yard work. Every year, volunteers from all over the country come to serve with us in these efforts. However, our highest goal is Christ-centered relationships. God blesses our projects through the mutual edification that takes place when our volunteers pray and share testimonies with those that we serve. We hope to see Christ continue to heal brokenness through the blessing of safe and secure housing.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. – James 1:27





Providing Home Repairs & Modifications

Workday equips, encourages, and engages volunteers in Spirit-led deeds of justice and mercy. We believe people from different racial, ethnic, geographic and socioeconomic backgrounds benefit from walking together. Therefore, our ministry seeks to bridge the gaps that divide us. God's Spirit invites us into the broken areas of St. Louis, so that we all can experience the healing and reconciliation that only Christ's love can bring.

We seek to spread God's love and hope in impoverished communities by meeting felt needs and providing a safe home environment for the elderly and disabled, all in Jesus' name. We do so by providing basic home repairs and maintenance, accessibility solutions (wheelchair ramps and lifts), bathroom and kitchen rehabilitation.

In accordance with our mission, we connect our volunteers with those normally considered to be on the fringes of society – or, "the least of these" as Jesus says in Matthew 25:40-45. We believe that it is especially in walking with them that we encounter God's power and grace.



We would love to answer any questions you may have about the awesome things that God is doing in our wonderful city!



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