Our Mission:
Advancing neighborhood vitality through community empowerment, housing, & real estate development.
Thank you for your continued support of Dutchtown South Community Corporation in our mission of advancing neighborhood vitality through community empowerment, housing, and real estate development. Neighbors, stakeholders and supporters came together in 2019 to build momentum toward sustainability and equity in South East St. Louis City. When I thought about how to share the impact of our year’s worth of programming, our values became the natural backbone to give you some highlights. First off, your efforts and collaboration are simply inspiring. We are thankful for every resident who took time to volunteer with one of our programs like So Fresh, So Clean, So Creative or took ownership of a step they could do to activate the Gravois Jefferson Historic Neighborhoods plan. We have tremendous gratitude for partners who helped us reach so many vulnerable folks in our Tenant Rights education and organizing efforts. We took steps to increase our transparency and engage residents more democratically in our organizational decision-making by adding the advisory component of our monthly Community Empowerment Committee meetings. We did all of these programs and events like Common Sound festival with a spirit of creativity and demonstrated the joy of building community together. We can build the neighborhoods we all need, want and deserve. I ask you to consider your values. How you can bring them into action in 2020? Get involved with us and be a part of building great neighborhoods for all.

"Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody."

— Jane Jacobs

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Revenues: $315,460.32

Expenses: $250,055.33
Highlights

Housing Stabilization

- 11 Units of affordable rentals managed by DSCC staff
- 191+ Tenants educated on their rights as renters
- Modeling excellent rental and property management
- Supporting, Building and rehabbing affordable and market-rate homeownership
- Fostering responsible tenant-landlord relations
- 6 cases against vacant property owners filed in court in partnership with Legal Services of Eastern MO
- 2 affordable single-family homes under development
- 1 home completed and sold

Equity

Ownership
Highlights

Community Empowerment

Charting blueprints for vibrant spaces

New partnership with Art Place Initiative to promote resident voice in the design of an affordable artist housing project.

Converting local data to action

Ensuring resident representation in decision making

Integrating neighborhood initiatives into a unified framework

Creativity

75 youth play soccer in Marquette Park with Southside Rec and 315+ residents attended 3rd annual Common Sound Festival

Collaboration

637 lbs of trash cleaned up by 3 summer Community Champions and residents

Environmental Racism report released with 4 new organizational partners

Equity

77 residents and partners trained in leadership, planning and zoning, and racial equity to implement the Gravois Jefferson Plan.