



# HHDC News

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## Mission Statement

To assist in providing housing services to St. Louis City residents who are developmentally disabled.

## New Roof

### *Arsenal Building*

Due to years of wear and tear on our Arsenal building, we were in need of a new roof. We were able to put a new roof on the building at the end of February. This building houses two families and our office.



## Renovations

### *Gravois Building*

The Gravois building is located at 3331 Gravois Ave in the Tower Grove East neighborhood of St. Louis. Gravois is a multi-family building with approximately 7,158 square feet and was built in 1907. It is our largest building and has 24-hour staff that monitors all of our properties.

The renovation of the Gravois building included a complete renovation of one shared unit bathroom. All the plumbing in the building was removed and replaced, as well as the hot water heaters. The renovation took about four weeks to complete and the results were great! All the tenants are happy with the results as well as the staff.



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## Donation Information

With the summer months quickly approaching, any cash or in-kind donations are gladly accepted. These donations will help Horizon Housing Development Company provide our tenants with much needed items they are not able to afford.

Please visit our website at [www.hhdc-stl.org](http://www.hhdc-stl.org) and our New Facebook page at:

[www.facebook.com/horizonhousingdevelopmentcompany](http://www.facebook.com/horizonhousingdevelopmentcompany)



Also, feel free to call the office at 314-865-0383 for any donation information.

## Donations Needed

- ❖ Patio Furniture
- ❖ Sofas
- ❖ Kitchen Tables and chairs
- ❖ Picnic Tables



## New Tenants

We would like to welcome two new families to our community!

*The Vance Family & The Robinson Family*

We would like to welcome a new addition to the Cooper family a beautiful baby girl!!!



## Board Changes

We would like to welcome our new board member Mark Johnson. He has been very successful in our program and has now joined our board as the voice of the tenants.

We would also like to thank all of our Board Members for their service.

## Inspirational Quotes

“Sometimes it's easy to walk by because we know we can't change someone's whole life in a single afternoon. But what we fail to realize it that simple kindness can go a long way toward encouraging someone who is stuck in a desolate place.”

– [Mike Yankoski](#)

“No one has ever become poor by giving.”

– [Anne Frank](#), *diary of Anne Frank*

## Calendar of Events

### SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE: 3001 ARSENAL STREET

DATE: APRIL 10, 2014

TIME: 6:00-8:00 P.M.

#### BOARD MEETING

PLACE: 3001 ARSENAL STREET

DATE: MARCH 28, 2014

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

#### STAFF BBQ

### UP COMING HOLIDAYS

EASTER: APRIL 20, 2014

LABOR DAY: MAY 1, 2014

MOTHERS DAY: MAY 11, 2014

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The *Greater Saint Louis Community Foundation* is celebrating their 100th birthday by joining hundreds of community foundations across the country for the biggest giving day in history.

Join us **May 6th** for the first ever 24-hour online event to help raise donations for our community's nonprofit organizations.

[Our link for donating is:](#)

<http://www.givestlday.org/#npo/horizon-housing-development-company>





## Tenancy Requirements

As a non-profit housing program receiving funding from DD Resources, which in turn receives funds from HUD and the City of St. Louis, there are requirements from each of these agencies that must be met.

DD Resources requirements:

The person or head of household must be developmentally disabled.

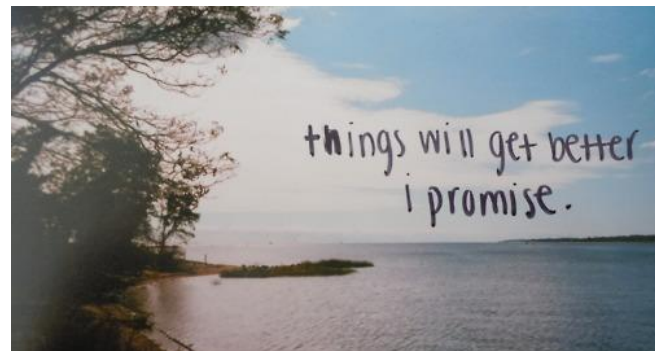
The definition for this:

A developmental disability is defined as being attributable to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy, a learning disability related to a brain dysfunction or similar condition found by comprehensive evaluation to be closely related to such conditions, or to require habilitation similar to that required by a person who is mentally retarded (A severe learning disability may impair many daily living activities.); It must have originated before the client reached the age of eighteen (18); It can be expected to continue indefinitely; It must meet the functional definition of a developmental disability as determined by the St. Louis Regional Center.

HUD requires that the person or head of household be Homeless:

1. An individual who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence; and
2. An individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is –
  - A. A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodation (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters and transitional housing for the mentally ill);
  - B. An institution that provided a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or
  - C. A public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

City of St. Louis requires that the person or the head of household be a resident of the City of St. Louis.



## 7 RULES TO A BETTER LIFE

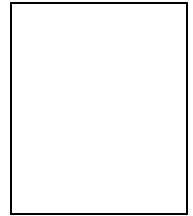
- 1) never hate
- 2) don't worry
- 3) live simply
- 4) expect a little
- 5) give a lot
- 6) always smile :)
- 7) live with love

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