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## I'd like to support CCBF!

- I am interested in becoming a Board or Committee Member
- I would like to be a Literacy Tutor
- I want to volunteer at the Food Pantry
- I'd like to organize a Food Drive
- I want to help with Community Events
- I want to be a CCBF Member: \_\_\_ Individual —\$10 \_\_\_ Business —\$50
- I'd like to make a monetary donation: Amount Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

Individual Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send your contact information, along with your donation/membership fee to:  
**CCBF, 6408 Michigan Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63111**

## Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services or to volunteer.

### Carondelet Community Betterment Federation

(314) 752-6339

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## CCBF Gears Up for the Holiday Season

By Jessica Foss and Genise Lay

Each year, Carondelet Community Betterment Federation (CCBF) provides gifts and food during the holiday season to families in need through its Holiday Program. It's a time-honored tradition for CCBF, allowing the organization to give items such as gift cards, food, clothing, toiletries, linens, shoes and toys to families who have faced hardships throughout the year and also struggle during the holidays.

While most gifts are distributed a couple of days before Christmas, the work actually begins in the summer.

Clients are encouraged to submit applications for the holiday program around mid-summer. At the same time, CCBF staff begins to contact past and potential donors as well as agency partners for donations.

Part of the program is supported through United Way. Families are enrolled in United Way and the St. Louis Post Dispatch 100 Neediest Cases program and may be adopted through United Way's donor base.

CCBF also facilitates adoptions, pairing its donors and business partners with a particular family in need.

Some of the families are plagued by unemployment and poverty, medical issues, homelessness and other misfortunes — to name a few — ultimately affecting a family's ability to meet basic needs and ensure their general well being.

Last year, along with its donors and partners, CCBF assisted 158 families overall, including 71 families with children. Here's a look at how the program impacted some families:

*"You made Christmas dinner possible for my family."* - Sanders

*"Thank you for all your help and support this year."*- Ms. B.

*"Thank everyone who helped me and my husband throughout the year of 2014"*.-Mr. and Mrs. R.

*"I would like to say thank you to the betterment center for making my Christmas a good one this year"*.- Mr. E.

CCBF hopes to have as much success this year. It can be challenging, particularly if donations are in short supply. With that in mind, CCBF staff works diligently to obtain donors to help provide gifts for its families.

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## Carondelet Concerts: Come Rain or Come Shine

This was the 27th year for the Carondelet Concerts in the Park series. The weather for these concerts was very challenging. They were either threatened by rain or extreme heat. Four concerts had to be rescheduled because of the rain.

Regardless of the weather, the concerts at all the parks were successful and well attended. The bands were a wide variety of music —blues, pop, jazz, creole, bluegrass, etc. — and all were great. Those in attendance had fun dancing and swinging and swaying in time to the music.

Now, thanks to those who stood in for me when I could not be present at a few concerts: my sister Louise; my friends Anna, Clarence, Joan, Leigh and Noel; the Carondelet Betterment staff: Fred, the director; Genise, Kym, Kelly, Jessica, George; the Board President Delores and her faithful friends; my young sidekick Olivia; and volunteers Alana and Debbie. You are all great!

Thanks to the sponsors of the bands, you are all so important to the success of this concert series.

Thanks also to all who attended the concerts and come back each year. Welcome and thanks to newcomers — it's great you found out about these concerts. Please come back next year!

See you again in 2016!

Carolyn George, Concert Chair



## Around Town

**Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Play**  
Sept 4 - 20 @ The Ivory Theatre

**Free Summer Music Celebration**  
Fri Sept 11, 5 PM -12 AM  
@ Strauss Park, 3534 Washington Blvd.

**Rummage Sale**  
Sat Sept 12, 8 AM-1 PM  
@ St. Paul Episcopal Church  
6518 Michigan

**Open House: YMCA of Greater St. Louis**  
Sat Sept 12, 9 AM - 1 PM

**Kids Night Out**  
Sat Sept 12, 6 PM - 10 PM  
@Carondelet Park Rec Plex

**The Great Forest Park Balloon Race**  
Balloon Glow, Fri Sept 18, 7 PM - 9 PM  
Race, Sat Sept 19, 12 PM - 6:30 PM

**Bellerive Days: Giant Yard Sale**  
Sat Sept 19, 7 AM - 3 PM  
@900 Bellerive

**Otttoberfest**  
October 3-4 & 10-11, 10 AM - 3 PM  
@St. Louis Zoo, Admission is FREE

**Mayor's Business Celebration Luncheon**  
Fri Oct 9, 11 AM - 1:30 PM  
@Marriot St. Louis Grand, \$80 per person

**Asthma Control Education**  
Sat Oct 10, 9 AM - 11 AM  
@St. Louis Children's Hospital  
Free class for parents/caregivers of children with asthma. Registration required.  
Call 314-454-KIDS

**St. Louis Business Expo**  
Tues Oct 20, 11 AM - 5 PM  
@St. Charles Convention Center

**Disability Services Fair**  
Wed Oct 21, 2 PM - 4 PM  
St. Louis Public Library, Schaflly Branch

**Carondelet Neighborhood Meeting**  
Thurs Nov 5 @ 7 PM  
Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

**CCBF/CBA Business Luncheon**  
Fri Dec 4 @ 11:45 AM  
Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse  
Cost: \$10 per person

**CCBF Christmas Concert**  
Featuring The St. Louis Big Band  
Sun Dec 13, 3 PM  
@ The Ivory Theatre

## Court Advocacy

By Dee Brown

Dear Neighbors,

In a past newsletter I wrote about the Neighborhood Ownership Model (NOM) and mentioned the three components: Citizens On Patrol, Court Advocacy and Victim Support. Today I'd like to focus on the Court Advocacy piece of NOM.

Court Advocacy is a powerful way that neighbors can demonstrate to the Court System and criminals that crime and violence will not be tolerated in our neighborhoods.

This is the way it works:

After a crime has been committed, neighbors get together to write an Impact Statement. The purpose of the Impact Statement is to express how a specific crime has affected you and your neighborhood. Including examples that state how a crime has caused you, your family and your friends to alter your lifestyle are the most effective. A copy of the Impact Statement is given to the Prosecuting Attorney via our Court Liaison who works closely with neighbors. The Attorney ensures that the Judge is made aware of the Impact Statement. This also shows neighborhood involvement so that when there are hearings, court appearances and sentencing, neighbors can be present in the court room and show a united front against the crime and criminal.

Neighbors can also keep track of a case by accessing the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney's Website or case.net. You can even sign up for MOVANS which is the Missouri Victim Automated Notification System that sends e-mails or phone calls to you when a court case you are following has been scheduled for a hearing or trial.

If you are interested in learning more about Court Advocacy and especially any upcoming trainings, please contact me: Dee Brown @ [deeandtw@yahoo.com](mailto:deeandtw@yahoo.com) or 314-402-8681.

Lastly, you are all invited to the next Southside Safety Group Meeting on Monday, September 21, 2015, 7:00 PM at the Carondelet "Y" RecPlex, 930 Holly Hills. Speakers from other neighborhoods will be present to share information and offer different perspectives for effectively dealing with crime and safety in St. Louis City.

## Habitat For Humanity Build

Habitat for Humanity St. Louis is at it again! The organization is building three houses on Michigan Avenue. Welcome back Habitat!



Construction @ 5808, 5810 and 5812 Michigan

## CCBF Gears Up for the Holiday Season

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Sometimes donors are from other neighborhoods, while others are just a door away.

CCBF Board Chair and Carondelet resident Dolores Roesch has served as one of CCBF's holiday program donors for at least the last five years. When asked why she participates, Dolores responded, "Having received so much myself, [I] thought it would be better to share with those that have not been as fortunate as I have been." She encourages others to get involved — her friends and family help buy, collect and wrap gifts or choose to adopt families, while their children help collect items. Dolores truly believes that "adopting a family gives you a real feeling of Christmas — a time to give, not to take."

Adoption is a rather simple process. CCBF matches a donor to a family from its database and provides all the pertinent details regarding members of the family such as age, gender, and their wish list for the holiday. Donors may also request that their support go to a specific family — one with seniors, small children or newborns, teenagers, single or married persons, and those with babies on the way. This makes the adoption more personalized for the donors as well as the families.

In lieu of adopting a family, donors may contribute general items to CCBF for distribution to families in need, such as:

- **Clothing:** coats, winter hats, gloves, scarves, socks, shirts, pants, dresses
- **Shoes:** tennis, winter boots, slippers
- **Personal Health:** Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, lotion, toilet paper
- **Cleaning Supplies:** brooms, mops, bleach, paper towels, cleaner
- **Household Supplies:** blankets, pillows, sheets, towels, pots and pans, dishes, utensils
- **Children's Items:** diapers, wipes, toys, clothing, shoes, bicycles, books

A comprehensive wish list is available at CCBF or on its website at [www.carondeletliving.com](http://www.carondeletliving.com).

Monetary donations are also accepted online.

Volunteers are also needed to sort and distribute gifts.

To be a holiday donor or volunteer, please contact Kelly Wamhoff or Genise Lay at (314) 752-6339.

**10th Annual Carondelet Car Show**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2015**

Portion of proceeds to benefit the First District Police Officers Association

Music BBQ Refreshments Trophies Raffle Drawings 50/50 Raffle Children's Prizes

|                     |  |                          |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------|
| 9:00 am             | For info contact   | 10:00am                  |
| Parade Begins       | Tim Cella  | Car Show Begins          |
| Bellerive Park      | 314-631-1554   | So St. Louis Square Park |
| 5570 South Broadway | <a href="http://www.cbastlouis.com">www.cbastlouis.com</a> | 7700 South Broadway      |

## Home Repair

If you are age 62 or older and a homeowner who lives within the CCBF service area, you qualify for our Senior Minor Home Repair Program.

With funding from the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging and the Community Development Administration, the program allows homeowners to receive minor home repairs at steep discounts.

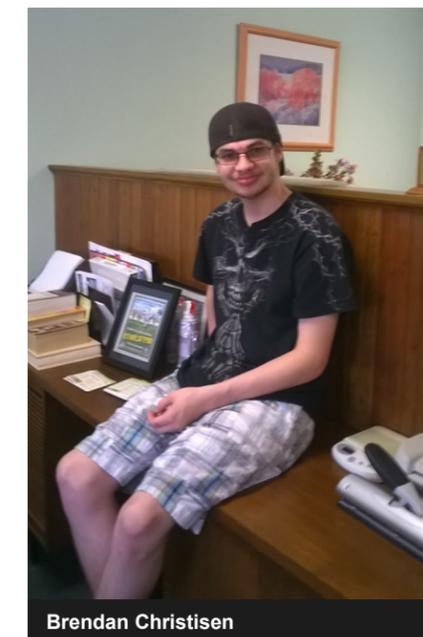
If you or someone you know would benefit from this program, please call George Kindler at 314-752-6339 for a consultation.



## Volunteer Spotlight

By Erin Whitham

When Brendan Christisen was first looking for a place to complete his school's community service requirement he picked CCBF's food pantry because it was close to home and helping there would mean contributing to his own community. It's been nearly a year since then, Brendan has graduated, and he continues to volunteer every week. He helps with packing up and carrying out food bags, stocking shelves, and going on van trips to pick up new food for the pantry. Helping out at the food pantry gives Brendan a chance to meet new people, and he is glad that his volunteer work is helping people and making a difference.



Brendan Christisen

"We enjoy having Brendan's help," said staff at CCBF. "He is always eager to help unload food from the outreach van and is great at organizing food and boxes to ensure distribution runs smoothly."

As a result of Brendan's involvement at CCBF, his family has also started volunteering with the organization. His mom and step-dad have joined him while working at the pantry and his family participated in CCBF's Christmas Adopt-a-Family program.

Brendan graduated this year from Logos High School and right now he's enjoying his summer. In his spare time he enjoys modifying and racing RC cars, playing video games, and assembling model cars.



### CCBF HOME REPAIR

Before and after picture of CCBF home repair project (above). CCBF staff also performs exterior and interior paint jobs, door replacement, faucet and small plumbing repairs as well as installation of hand rails and grab bars.



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# THE VOICE

## 10th Anniversary Carondelet Antique Car Show

By Kathryn Woodard, NIS, 11th Ward

Do you love old cars and the way they look so different from today's automobiles? If so, come out to the Carondelet Antique Car Show Saturday, September 12th.

Mr. Tim Cella, Carondelet Business Association board member and owner/operator of Degenhardt Heating and Cooling, located at 7624 S. Broadway, started the tradition in 2006 and has been coordinating the show since.

Carondelet's first car show was held August 12, 2006, and was a resounding success. Other partners have included the Carondelet Lions, members of the Business Association, including Pat Brandt, Shirley Morrison, and Don Heberer of Rathbone Hardware.

The Car Show begins every year with a parade leading from Belerive Park to South St. Louis Square Park. This year's show will include activities for children, food for sale, and music. Vehicle owners can register/pay the day of the show. Judging will start at noon, with categories that range from Best in Show to Best Stock Car and Custom Cuts. This year will also include motorcycles and trucks.

The 1st District Police are also participating this year. Our very own Keith Novara, 1st District Police Officer, will be in attendance. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Police Department via the 1st District Business Partnership organization.

If you are interested in sponsoring the show or participating, contact Tim Cella at (314) 631-1554.

**10TH ANNIVERSARY  
CARONDELET ANTIQUE  
CAR SHOW**  
**September 12th**  
**10 am to 5 pm**  
**SOUTH ST. LOUIS  
SQUARE PARK**  
**Between 7700 S. Broadway  
and 7700 Pennsylvania**

## Jaymes Dearing, A Man for All Seasons

By Kathryn Woodard, NIS, 11th Ward

I am beginning a new series on Carondelet Characters. And if you start thinking about characters, the first one who comes to mind is our very own Jaymes Dearing. Mr. Dearing has been integrally involved in the Carondelet neighborhood for many years. He is currently President (again) of the Carondelet Business Association, and is also the Chair of Carondelet Community Betterment Federation Economic Development Committee and self-titled "Count of Carondelet."

Jaymes is the Broker/Owner of ReSource, LLC, located at 6721 S. Broadway, which is a beautiful one story building that has one of the biggest safes I have ever seen in my life (sorry folks, only paper goods for the real estate company are stored in the safe). As a broker/realtor, Jaymes has come to know many other characters in the Carondelet neighborhood and definitely has his finger on the pulse of events that occur in both Carondelet and Ward 11.

A little history lesson about Jaymes would include his Republican run for Mayor of the City of St. Louis in 1997. In addition, he is a lifelong native of St. Louis, graduating from University City High School in 1973, and

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## Carondelet Character: Al Coleman

By Kathryn Woodard, NIS, 11th Ward

Everyone in Carondelet and neighboring communities knows that if you want quality used auto parts, go to Frenchie's Auto Parts. Frenchie's (and for the most part Al Coleman) has been in business at 7510 Reilly for over 73 years. Some salvage yards seem to be a gigantic mess. Not so with Frenchie's. The front of the business is as neat as a pin.

Interestingly, Al Coleman owns Jacob Stein's original stone house at the corner of Reilly and Steins. According to the Carondelet Historical Society, "Jacob Steins, a German immigrant glazier, acquired this lot in 1846. He was so impressed by the opportunities in Carondelet, that he persuaded many other Germans to come to the Village with the assistance of a traveling German Society. Because of his efforts, Stein is considered to be Carondelet's first immigration agent."

Mr. Coleman was once told that a stone dock at the foot of Steins street had brought in thousands of immigrants who then went to Jacob Steins house to be processed as new immigrants. William B. Magnan, author of *The Streets of St. Louis*, provides more detail, "Many of these families came from Alsace-Lorraine and were very pro-French, even though they had German sounding names such as Koeln, Poepping, Primm, Tesson, Courtois, Schirm-er, Robert, Lorentz, Espenscheid, Marceau, Krauss, Soper and Menard. Today, these names live on in street names of the area."

Jacob Stein later established the Stein's Beer Haus, which was a popular place to relax with a cold one in 1870.

Mr. Coleman acquired the house in 1970 and it was in shambles. He did a gut rehab on the house and it is now a very charming one and a half story house, including a loft-like space and a view of the Arch and Lemay.

Al is always a friendly guy, and his favorite way of promoting his business is to hand everyone he meets a pen with the name, address and phone number of Frenchie's listed on the pen. So when you see him, expect a pen to be handed to you. Al is a walking / talking history book of the community and knows who's who and what's happening, not only in the past, but also now in Carondelet.



Al Coleman

## Jaymes Dearing, A Man for All Seasons (Continued from page 4)



Jaymes Dearing

receiving a Bachelor's degree from the University of Miami in 1977. Other gigs have included his positions as President of Experience Travel, and Vice President of Henry VIII Hotel.

Jaymes' civic duties have been phenomenal, and include being a roving and special deputy at the Board of Elections since 2001, a NAB Board member for Family Court, former Vice President of the YMCA Carondelet Branch, Board member and President of Kingdom House, and for many years served as the Chairman for the Prayer Breakfast for Greater St. Louis. He was also a Commissioner on St. Louis Regional Convention and Sports Complex Authority.

In addition, Jaymes and Sue (Costello) just celebrated 25 years of wedding bliss and have two beautiful daughters, Grace and Hope. If you want to talk to Jaymes about his boundless experience in several different areas, you may reach him at (314) 351-4099, email him at [jdearing@resourcestlouis.com](mailto:jdearing@resourcestlouis.com) or just stop by his office at 6721 S. Broadway.