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We are picking up speed and becoming an urban success story. It took us most of our first ten years to complete our first park (with many disappointments along the way). A few months ago, we took responsibility for redeveloping a derelict, semi-abandoned City park, the Lafayette Playlot. Since then,

- We cleared the overgrown junk-strewn site.
- Volunteers built a playscape, swings and other features, and planted 30 trees.
- Our contractor graded the site, put in topsoil and grass seed, a basketball court, path, and a sturdy fence.
- Our artist, Nivek, and a teen crew painted a dramatic 220 foot mural.

With a few finishing touches, the park will be ready for dedication in April 2008!

Our first park made a major difference in how children are growing up – healthier, happier, and with more adult involvement. This is becoming an effective path toward our goal of healthy urban neighborhoods. We are planning two additional parks and a greenway for next year as our partners work on new housing for the areas that have improved in value because of our parks.

Our youth programs are succeeding. Under Christine Bell’s leadership and with Skillman Foundation support, we are serving several times the number of children and teens as last year. Our adult education program has taken root and is changing lives as it builds confidence and brings this workers’ community into the Information Age.

Your help is strategic. It fills in gaps and helps us get major grants from large foundations (e.g., Skillman and Kresge), as well as smaller foundations such as the James and Lynelle Holden Fund.

Speaking of gaps, we have one in our adult education budget. We have a gap in funding of \$2742 after student fees a semester’s program. Your contributions can keep this vital program going. A quarter of the adults here do not have a ninth grade education. As we enable them to achieve a GED, learn English, or master computer skills, we are also impacting their children, increasing the likelihood of their completing high school.

Our goals are high but in reach. We are creating healthy neighborhoods as we help families to succeed.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer

Yes, I’ll help. Please remove me from your list.

Enclosed is \$_____ for adult education for your ministry of development.

Please contact me about joining the Board or a committee.

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Celebrating ten years of advancing “successful families in healthy neighborhoods.”

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Graciela Delacruz is proud to show her record of successful GED testing to her instructor, Roberto Buentello.

2007 Highlights

Our summer kick-off involved a sidewalk mural and Sr. Vicki's cooking.



This Angel got a free book when we merged our Halloween Party with Southwest Solutions' Literacy Day.



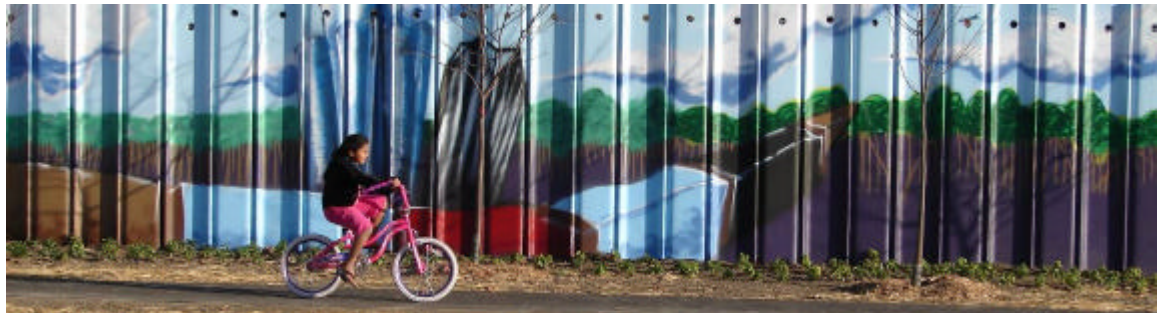
Our teens did garage door murals in our summer graffiti prevention program.

The Governor gave us the Carter Award for our work with Madonna University.



Theresa Worley is happy that the home where she is raising five grandchildren got a new roof, chimney, windows, bathroom, porch railings and lead abatement through our Home Repair grant.

We rebuilt Lafayette Playlot with a new playscape, swings, and a bike path. Oh yes, and a 220 foot mural.



2007 has been a good year in our "Springdale" neighborhood.