

**2025 Vandeventer CDC
Year-end Annual Report
December 31, 2025**

375.5 cumulative hours ytd, for community engagement and meetings to solve neighborhood issues and attract resources.

121 cumulative hours ytd: mulching trees in the city tree lawn and beautification projects.

524 cumulative hours ytd, mowing, tree care, litter pickup, tornado relief efforts.

\$167.9 million in public and private funded investment in Vandeventer Neighborhood since 2021.

March 8, 2025- SLACO Neighborhood Conference Vandeventer neighborhood received the Neighborhood Champion Award along with 3 other neighborhoods.

March 22, 2025, the residents of Vandeventer Neighborhood along with WashU students went door to door distributing information and conduct surveys with residents as to their thoughts and opinions about the Hodiament Tracks Greenway project. Residents Michael Corey, Medina Brown, Judith Arnold, Connie Radtke and Michael J. von Gebel accompanied the students.

April 26, 2025: Students from WashU and residents, Michael Corey, Medina Brown, Yvonne Carter, Wanda Roland, Amber Gray and her Dau., Barbara Murphy, Judith Arnold and Michael J. von Gebel went door-to-door informing residents of the traffic roundabout pop-up event on Delmar happening April 30th. Residents were canvassed on their thoughts about Delmar.

May 17, 2025-May 30, 2025, Vandeventer CDC President logged in 125.5 hours on tornado relief efforts. Street Clearing in the Vandeventer Neighborhood, all streets were open to traffic in under 24 hours of the tornado. Toured Academy/Sherman Park neighborhood with Academy NA President Rhonda Jones, helped with the set-up of their relief center. Stopped at Hopewell Senior Village, Vandeventer Place II and P. T. Bosley Senior Facility to assess needs and get the needed resources in the doors. A big Thank You to Melissa Garcia, State Rep. Kimberly Ann Collins and Alderwoman Sharon Tyus for your assistance and work with our seniors.

May 21, 2025- Michael Corey brought in 11 of his fellow brothers with F3 (which stands for Fitness, Fellowship and Faith) joined by Vandeventer CDC Pres. Michael J. von Gebel and Vandeventer CDC Vice-Pres Judith Arnold. They came in and cut up and removed downed trees and storm debris all which was placed on Evans Ave. The area covered and completed was from Newstead to Vandeventer Ave. on Evans. Since then, the city has come in and picked all that up.

June 4, 2025, Judith Arnold finished the year long project It's All About Delmar, with a pop-up event on Delmar and Taylor. This resident driven project developed the concept of what the residents in different neighborhoods wish their portion of Delmar to look like. This concept plan report will be added as an addendum to the North Central Plan for the Vandeventer Neighborhood. Good job, Judith!

June 6, 2025: Vandeventer CDC Board of Director Ralph Harvey passed away. A pillar of this community, a good friend to all, beloved Father and Grandfather. Ralph, we are going to miss you.

June 11, 2025: Michael J. von Gebel completed his 2-year project with the trees planted on Delmar. He completed his data and observations report. The report went out to the Mayor, various Alderpersons, City Commissioners and partners. A special thanks to Sam Lary for his help on planting day and collecting initial data with me.

June 24, 2024- Sow Joy People Fund: Awarded Vandeventer CDC \$16,875.00 Sow Joy Peoples Fund wants to acknowledge the impact May 16th's EF3 tornado took on our community. After such devastation, your organization showed up contributing to mutual aid efforts with food, supplies, healing services and immeasurable support.

July 7, 2025, The Board of Directors unanimously approved the appointment of Michael Corey to the Board of Directors filling the vacancy of the late Ralph Harvey. They also unanimously approved the budget proposed by the President for the expenditure of the Sow Joy Peoples Fund grant award of \$16875.00. 5th Dist. SLDC Manager Melissa Garcia was presented with the Vandeventer CDC Presidents Service Award for her volunteer work during the tornado.

July 10, 2025, Alderwoman Sharon Tyus introduced Board Bill 58 to Conditionally Vacate Air rights over Finney Avenue for Ranken Technical College. Which is critical legislation to the construction of the AMICSTL facility which is a two phase \$100 million project for the Vandeventer neighborhood.

July 17, 2025- As part of the President's literacy campaign, the Board approved and an award of \$5000.00 was given to Center for Women Against Hardship to fund their literacy tutoring program.

August 12, 2025-Wild Inc. was hired to rehabilitate the south swells at Sarah and West Belle Place, part of the President's beautification plan. The cost came to \$3200.00 and was paid for out of Sow Joy Peoples Fund Grant.

Sept. 11, 2025: 6 residents were awarded beautification grants for front lawn beautification projects under the President's Beautification Initiative funded by Vandeventer CDC Sow Joy Peoples Fund Grant.

Sept. 11, 2025, AMICSTL construction started with the leveling of the lot for the North building and the south parking lot.

Sept. 11, 2025: Michael J. von Gebel, President, Judith Arnold VP and Catherine Knights Secr./Treas. were unanimously re-elected to their 4th term in office. President von Gebel announced this is his last term he is retiring.

Sept. 15, 2025: 4236 Enright was torn down by a collaborative effort between Vandeventer CDC, Eastern Legal Services of Missouri and Weigl Law Firm.

Sept. 20, 2025- Judith Arnold organized a Neighborhoods United for Change tour between St. Louis Place, Marine Villa and Vandeventer neighborhoods funded by Vandeventer CDC Sow Joy Peoples Grant.

Sept. 2025: Under the President's initiative to plant more trees in efforts to restore the city's historic tree canopy in Vandeventer Orlando Hill, Ms. Yvonne Carter and Michael J. von Gebel have to date have planted 32 trees with more to be planted.

Sept. 28, 2025: Judith Arnold traveled to a conference in Washington D.C. to promote It's All About Delmar, Hodiament Tracks Greenway and Trees on the Delmar Divide to promote how orderly urban planning and projects transforms neighborhoods and restores their vibrancy. Met with Missouri U.S. Senators and the Missouri Congressional delegation.

October 2, 2025- Michael J. von Gebel was one of 20 Missourians to receive the Most Engaged Neighbor Award for his work during the tornado, work in the neighborhood and work with Judith Arnold, Urban Planner with her plans for It's All About Delmar and the Hodiament Tracks Greenway.

Oct. 7, 2025: Delmar has been repaved from Vandeventer Ave to Sarah.

October 9, 2025- Last in person meeting of Vandeventer CDC for 2025 was held at C.A.W.H.

October 11, 2025-Judith Arnold organized a Neighborhood United for Change tour between Baden and Vandeventer neighborhoods funded by Vandeventer CDC Sow Joy People's Grant.

October 17, 2025-Judith Arnold organized a tour of Delmar Blvd and Vandeventer neighborhood with Ian Trivers and his students from the Wash U Sam Fox School of Design. The student's project is to envision development on large tract corner lots in Vandeventer neighborhood.

October 18, 2025- Yvonne Carter, Medina Brown, Barbara Murphy and Sharlene Hill traveled to Fairground Park neighborhood to assist President Lillie Clay with a beautification project in her neighborhood as part of our Neighborhoods United for Change program funded by Vandeventer CDC Sow Joy People's Grant. Michael represented Vandeventer CDC at the Persimmon Festival.

October 22, 2025-Michael J. von Gebel did the last mowing of vacant LRA lots in the Vandeventer neighborhood, while off to a late start due to extreme weather did manage to mow 219, 786 sq. feet of vacant lots this year. This was done with the John Deere Tractor mower purchased with funds from the Sow Joy Peoples Fund Grant.

October 24, 2025-Judith Arnold and Michael J. von Gebel tabled for Vandeventer CDC and SLACO at the Sow Joy Peoples Fund Harvest Festival at the George Washington Carver Farm.

November 2, 2025- At the 37th Annual C.A.W.H. Gala Vandeventer CDC received the Executive Non-Profit Leadership Award.

November 3, 2026-Installations of flower beds and trees for the inners of the President's Beautification drawing have begun with projects started at Mrs. Lynn Watkins home and Chassidy Greenwood's both on West Belle.

November 6, 2025-President von Gebel traveled to Academy/Sherman Park neighborhood to help with the restoration efforts with the community garden that suffered major damage in the May 16th tornado.

November 8, 2025- Tyrone, Mark, Jabari Hubbard and Michael J. von Gebel, spread 1 ¼ dump truck load of mulch across the Hodiamont Mural Wall replacement plants will be installed. Vice-Pres. Judith Arnold picked up litter on Hodiamont Tracks between Taylor and Newstead.

November 15, 2025-A trash cleanup was conducted in the alley between Evans and Page from Pendleton to Vandeventer Ave. We had a fantastic team of people: Phillip Johnson, Judith Arnold, Yvonne Carter, Rontonyo Hubbard, Jacoby Combs, Mark Cooper, Spence Howard, Michael J. von Gebel, Jabbari Hubbard, Tyrone Shivers, and Craig Bobo. The alley between Evans and Page Blvd. began at the 4200 block at Pendleton traveling East to Vandeventer Avenue, which is the 3900 Block of Page Blvd a total of 0.6 miles. The total debris count was 2009 items weighing 87.25 lbs. This area is dominated by vacant lots on Evans and a more populated area on Page Blvd. Data was submitted to the EPA.

November 22, 2025: The Hodiamont Tracks collection began at Taylor Ave. which is the 4400-block traveling East to Vandeventer Avenue which is in the 3900 block a total of .09 miles. The Hodiamont tracks is heavily populated on both sides. The total debris count was 1070 items weighing 45.6 lbs.

December 11, 2025-President attends holiday mixer at Launch Code and later with the Vice-President attended the Covenant Blu Christmas Party at the Contemporary Art Museum.

December 13, 2025- The Shavette Wayne of Mark Twain, Carla Reid of Kingsway East and Judith Arnold of Vandeventer neighborhoods. Hosted a pancake breakfast and toy giveaway. Despite the cold, Mo Senator Steve Roberts and former Alderwoman Velma Baily and Vandeventer CDC President, Michael von Gebel came out to greet us.

I wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication to our neighborhood by: Judith Arnold, Medina Brown, Ms. Yvonne Carter, Michael Corey & F3, Sharlene Hill, Orlando Hill, Catherine Knights, Barbara Murphy, Connie Radke and Georgia Palmer, Elijah Belz, Billy Haag and Rebecca Butler-Hankins.

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