What an amazing beginning! From the fall of 2005 when Reconciliation Services began, we were thinking of changing Troost Avenue from a racial dividing line to a beautiful urban village! While we have a long way to go, many steps have been accomplished! We recognize that it would take a multi-system approach dealing with individual assistance, family and group work, community development, and policy strategies.

While we have seen the ebb and flow of political and economic changes, one thing has been constant. The area around 31st and Troost Avenue has been on the upswing! Troost Festivals, Troost Alliance, Troost Village Community Association, several films, including “We are Superman: the Story of 31st and Troost” (soon to be shown in the Kansas City Film Festival) are only external indicators of a very positive energy shift since we started in Fall of 2005. However, the stories, the individual and family stories of transformation, are the drivers for the creation of this village!

While serving around 200 meals and watching movies on Friday nights, passing out groceries from the Pantry on Mondays, sharing organic food and flowers from Trader Joe's on Tuesday, helping with emergency prescriptions with KC Medicine Cabinet on Wednesdays, providing vouchers for birth certificates and state IDs on Thursdays, and then providing case management and therapy for those who have fallen through the cracks of the wider support networks, RS has been there!

While some are professionally trained, most of this work has been done by volunteers from the neighborhood, area parishes, students, and people that are catching the vision.

Troost is becoming a village and thanks to you RS is a major reason for this! 5 years have past. The next 5 years are bright because we're drawing from a very ancient model - pulling together as individuals, families, neighbors and faith communities to rebuild our village.

Thank you for your support! Thank you for your creativity! Thank you for your love and dedication! Thank you for your confidence and financial support of Reconciliation Services! Let's build on the successes of our great beginning and continue to sacrifice, work, give and create "a new Troost Village!"

God bless each and every one of you!

Fr. Paisius (Executive Director)
Jeanetta Issa (Board President)
Troost Avenue has been known as the racial dividing line in Kansas City, Missouri. Yet, the word Troost is translated into meaning “the dividing line” in the Missouri’s state’s History. Today, Troost Avenue is characterized by its diversity in culture, economy, and demographics. It is a place where individuals and communities from different backgrounds come together and interact. The Avenue is a hub of cultural activity, with a variety of restaurants, shops, and entertainment venues. It is also a place where social issues such as poverty, violence, and discrimination are often highlighted. The Avenue is a place where individuals and communities from different backgrounds come together and interact. It is a hub of cultural activity, with a variety of restaurants, shops, and entertainment venues. It is also a place where social issues such as poverty, violence, and discrimination are often highlighted. The Avenue is a place where individuals and communities from different backgrounds come together and interact. It is a hub of cultural activity, with a variety of restaurants, shops, and entertainment venues. It is also a place where social issues such as poverty, violence, and discrimination are often highlighted. The Avenue is a place where individuals and communities from different backgrounds come together and interact. It is a hub of cultural activity, with a variety of restaurants, shops, and entertainment venues. It is also a place where social issues such as poverty, violence, and discrimination are often highlighted.
In 2005, St. Mary of Egypt Serbian Orthodox Church, in collaboration with five other Orthodox Christian parishes, had just completed several years of providing Friday night meals for those in need at our center at 31st and Troost. Having just received a Masters Degree in Social Work, Fr. Paisius Altschul asked the Bishop for the Blessing to begin Reconciliation Services in order to more fully assist with the multitude of needs that we were encountering.

As a result we brought together key people from the local Orthodox parishes, social workers, medical professionals and clients to give birth to a new beginning for Kansas City and the community around Troost Avenue. In our beginning days we saw the accumulation of problems arising from the forced discrimination of our area. Troost Avenue has been known as the racial dividing line in Kansas City, Missouri. We were convinced that it was long past due that we discover the amazing person in front of us as the image or icon of God. So, our initial mission was “to promote personal and community healing throughout Kansas City by treating each person as the image of God.”

Our vision was to experience life together as a community, as a village where every human being is treated as if he or she were Christ Himself; to see Troost Avenue transformed into the city’s gathering place, where healing, love, joy, friendship and community grow from the scarred soil of discrimination.

So, how did we do after the first five years? Since its inception RS has provided primary therapy for incidents of trauma; treatment for co-occurring disorders; case management; emergency assistance including document assistance; referrals to appropriate agencies; a food pantry; and RS has been at the forefront of facilitating village building around 31st and Troost. All of these services have been found necessary as RS seeks to strengthen the individuals in this previously disregarded area.

RS continues to also be intimately involved in the strengthening of the community as they host and support ‘Troost Village’ a local community association. Troost Village is an exceptionally divergent community organization including the homeless, mentally ill, as well as property and business owners. By working both on the individual and community bases we are able to, through our many programs, strengthen the individual while we also seek to re-unite them with a relationally supportive community.

Our initial purpose was to...

- Promote community development
- Heal racial and ethnic divisions
- Overcome personal and institutional discrimination
- Promote comprehensive social services, focusing especially on...
We are the "safety net for the safety net". Our clients use us as a last resort to get any help they need because they know they won't be turned away without the proper resources to get help elsewhere. We are the "safety net" for the people who need help the most. We are the "safety net" for the people who need help the most.
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A grassroots neighborhood alliance working to build community and a fully self-sustained village in the neighborhoods surrounding 31st and Troost. Troost Folks began with the First Troost Festival in 2005 (no grandiose "annual" idea yet). The Festival was out of the pockets and "in-kind" donations of the first people who caught the possibilities of shutting down Troost and having a party to erase the racial dividing line that Troost had become over the last forty to fifty years. Troost Folks, now organized as Troost Village Community Association, is dedicated to networking - forming 'circles of exchange and fluid networks' who want creative and viable community. It basically acts as an alternative think-tank for those who want to see a more positive outcome in this community.

DIALOGUE, DISCOVER ORDER IN CHAOS, SYNERGY. Everyone and anyone is welcome to join and take part in group meetings, discussions and activities. If you have any interest in this whatsoever, feel free to start attending meetings Thursday nights at 7:30 pm at Reconciliation Services.

In 2009, Troost Folks began "Troost Village Community Association". This was formalizing the grassroots movement for creating a village in the area. The association is based on a consensus model of governing to help move from "me to we", where every person matters. The first week is on the importance of one's inner work (the idea of "first remove the log from your own eye" and self-knowledge). This often leads to a spiritual discovery for a person. The second week is on our relationships with others (every person matters, "no man is an island" are recurring themes.) The third week is on shared resources in the village (think Stone Soup where everyone brings their contribution to the pot of soup and all are fed with joy). The fourth week is on 85/15 Collaboration (trying to find 85% of our resources within walking distance and collaborating for the other 15% with those outside the village). This promotes walking and restoring community.

The first consensus decision was to have a Community Garden. It is on Linwood Blvd. between Troost and Harri son. Individuals, families, and neighbors have been working together to till, plant, weed, harvest and care for the garden. This gave way to the "Sweet Potato Project" of one of the members, Steve Mann. A small youtube video was made of the Troost Village Garden. So, the village is becoming a reality!

The hope of RS is in the coming years to see an intentional sense of village created within walking distance of 31st and Troost, where people shop, play, pray, work, learn and live together in a growing atmosphere of hope and love. This vision has begun and continues to grow. Thanks to all who are making it happen!
We picked Friday night coordinator. She supervises volunteers who provide assistance with the services they offer. The volunteers serve our clients with meals, clothing, and shelter, among other things. This has become a regular activity for them, and they look forward to it every week. In addition to serving meals, we also distribute clothing and other supplies to those in need.

The purpose of the author's survey was to provide a snapshot of the typical population served by Reconciliation Services. The survey responses indicate that the organization is making a positive impact on the lives of its clients. The organization's mission is to serve those in need, and the survey results show that they are successfully doing so.

The survey was administered in February of 2009, and over 1,000 people responded. The results of the survey were used to improve the organization's services and to better understand the needs of its clients. The survey also helped to identify areas for improvement and to make changes to the organization's programs.

In conclusion, the survey results show that Reconciliation Services is doing an excellent job of serving those in need. The organization's mission is to serve those in need, and the survey results show that they are successfully doing so. The organization is making a positive impact on the lives of its clients, and the survey results show that they are successfully doing so.
**KC Foster Grandparent Program Jackson, Clay & Platte Counties Statistical Highlights**

The Foster Grandparent Program (FGP), which began in 1965, offers individuals age 55 and older an opportunity to serve children in a one-on-one mentoring relationship. FGP volunteers can serve between 15 and 40 hours a week. Foster Grandparents provide support in schools, hospitals, and child care centers. Among other activities, they review schoolwork, reinforce values, and care for premature infants and children with disabilities. Foster Grandparents often maintain an ongoing, intensive relationship with the children and youth served for a year or longer.

The Foster Grandparent Program, which is a part of the Senior Corps, is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. Each year the Corporation engages more than five million Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to meet local needs through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America programs, and leads President Obama’s Call to Service initiative, United We Serve.

**KC Foster Grandparent Program - September 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010 Stats**

- Volunteers Served: 92
- Contact Hours Serving Children: 25,274
- Children Served: 240
- Number of Volunteer Sites: 32
- Federal Support: $137,142
- Non Federal Support: $0

**KC Foster Grandparent Program - January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011 Stats**

- Volunteers Served: 91
- Contact Hours Serving Children: 76,117
- Children Served: 258
- Number of Volunteer Sites: 32
- Federal Support: $413,598
- Non Federal Support: $49,552

Special or Exceptional Needs Encountered - abuse neglect, developmental disabilities, emotional disabilities, homeless, language barriers, learning disabilities

We are funded for 92 Foster Grandparent volunteers who will support 276 children with special or exceptional needs by conducting teacher-approved activities that focus on helping children reach reading, math, and social/behavioral goals. These activities are provided one-to-one, at least three times per week. Foster Grandparent volunteer activities will include tutoring students in math and reading, helping with homework, reading together, and role modeling social skills.

85% of the children served by Foster Grandparent volunteers will demonstrate improvement and be promoted to the next level.
The mission of Reconciliation Services is to provide a rich learning environment for future clinicians in the mental health field. RS has become a field that is not only providing therapeutic services for those that have previously struggled with the population we serve, but also with emergency services, but is also providing therapeutic services for those that have “fallen through the cracks” of the existing social service system. RS has been identified as a people who have “fallen through the cracks” of the existing social service system. RS has been identified as a "safety net for the economically disenfranchised and empowering individuals." The mission of Reconciliation Services is to provide a rich learning environment for future clinicians in the mental health field. RS has become a field that is not only providing therapeutic services for those that have previously struggled with the population we serve, but also with emergency services, but is also providing therapeutic services for those that have “fallen through the cracks” of the existing social service system. RS has been identified as a people who have “fallen through the cracks” of the existing social service system. RS has been identified as a "safety net for the economically disenfranchised and empowering individuals."
### Expenses by Function

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### Revenue & Support

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### Revenue Support by Source

- 5% Foundations
- 15% Individuals
- 3% Religious Organizations
- 20% United Way
- 54% Government Contracts
- 9% In-Kind Contributions
- 2% Special Events
- 0% Other Community Building

**Notes:**
- 5.3% of $3,385 combined with individuals in 2010.
- 5% Fees for service of $3,955 combined with individuals in 2010.
Thank you!

When there are no words to express our gratitude for your support, we have no choice but to show our appreciation. Your generosity has allowed us to continue providing vital services to those in need. Your donations have enabled us to offer hope and assistance to those who would otherwise be left without resources.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support and the positive impact you have made on the lives of those who seek help from us. Your generosity has allowed us to continue providing vital services to those in need.

Thank you for being a part of our mission to help others in their time of need.
Our dear Matushka Michaila passed away Tuesday March 13, 2012. She along with Father Paisius (David) co-founded Reconciliation Ministries which eventually became Reconciliation Services. She sought to bring racial reconciliation in the Troost area—an area previously identified as a racial divide. Her love of the people inspired the dream to create a living model for racial healing. Her love of the people yearned to overflow as a fountain from Troost Avenue, bringing hope and love as she poured herself out in service to her neighbors. She sought to bring racial reconciliation to the Troost Area through the love expressed (through food). Our dear Matushka Michaila passed away Tuesday March 13, 2012. We will miss her earthly presence. In loving memory.
What happens with my Donation?

When you give $25 you provide one birth certificate and one state ID for a homeless man so that he could begin looking for a job.

When you give $50 you provide one refugee mother a monthly bus pass so that she could get to and from work.

When you give $100 you supplied an hour and a half of grief therapy for a mother who had lost a son to homicide.

When you give $500 you give 20 families enough groceries to make it till their next pay check.

When you give $1000 for one month, you enable our psychologist to provide mental health assessments for those who were in need of services.

When you give $2500 you supply 10 families emergency utility assistance in the dead of winter.

When you give $5000 you keep 10 families from eviction and homelessness by helping us to meet their urgent need.

When you give $10,000 for 4 months, you enable our intensive case manager to help overcome barriers for 40 of the most vulnerable in Kansas City.

What happens with my donation? ... You make a difference!

How Can I Help?
They G.A.V.E.

GIVE a renewable financial gift via mail or online at www.rs3101.org

Advocate for RS: help tell the story of those “falling through the cracks” in our community. Make a presentation to your company, organization, and neighborhood group.

Volunteer: gifts of self, time, skill. Go to www.rs3101.org on how to apply.

Educate: Find out about those in need in our community