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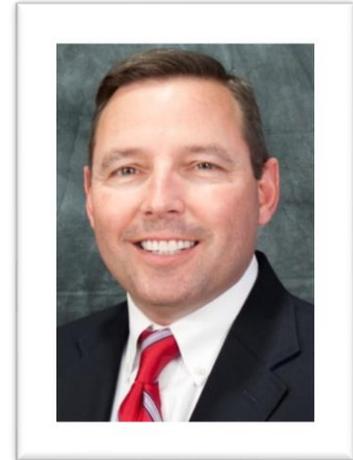
Fiscal year 2013-2014 was one of continued growth for NNI and expansion of service to the Northland. NNI is helping more people in more ways.

Meeting the growing demand for essential home repairs continued to be one of NNI's biggest challenges. Due to the hard work of NNI's staff, for the third year in a row we were able to increase the number of home repairs provided to Northlanders. However, demand continued to outpace our funding and resources for essential home repairs; many clients wait over six months for assistance.

The Kansas City Health Department joined Neighborhood Preservation with a full-time presence at NNI. Many permits, classes, inspections, and payments are now offered at the NNI branch location. "This is the first step towards the possibility of providing all services currently offered at the Health Department's primary location at a northland branch office," said Bert Malone, deputy director of the Health Department .

This Annual Report highlights some of the countless ways area residents benefited from NNI's efforts this past year. We hope you'll be impressed!

Finally, we offer heart-felt gratitude to our board of directors, staff, generous donors and community partners, member neighborhood organizations, volunteers and advocates. Thanks to your support, NNI remains dedicated to serving the Northland and its residents through better housing, better neighborhoods and better communities.



Darren Hennen
NNI President
2012/13 and 2013/14



Deb Hermann
Chief Executive Officer since 2011

Sincerely,

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President

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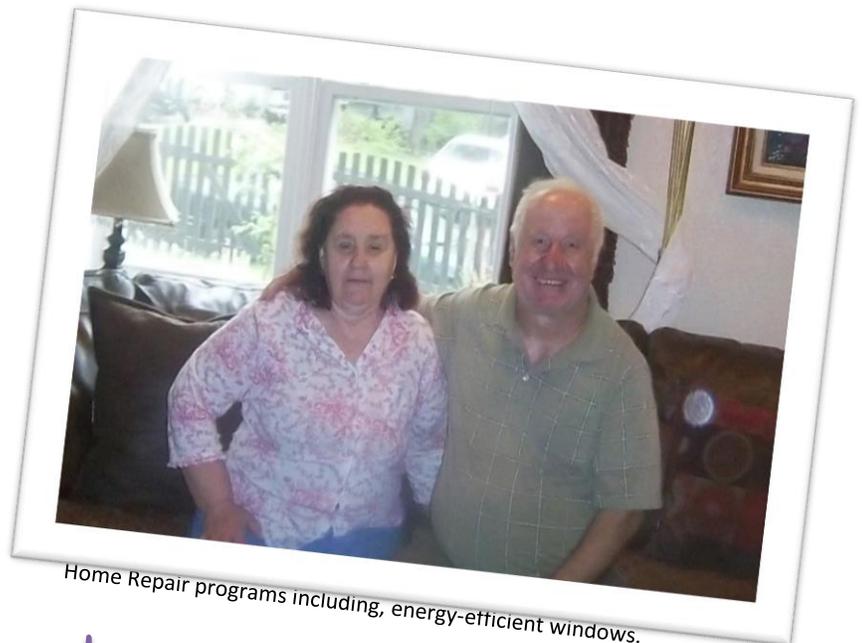
Chief Executive Officer

P.S. For more detailed information on NNI, visit **nni.org**.

ABOUT NNI

Better housing, better neighborhoods, better communities. Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to neighborhood improvement and revitalization in Clay and Platte counties. Working with residents and organizations to find resources and solutions for better housing, better neighborhoods and better communities, NNI helps ensure the Northland is an outstanding place to live. Founded in 1996, NNI is the only community development corporation serving the Northland.

NNI's mission is to improve the quality of life in the Northland by collaborating with residents, businesses and institutions to empower neighborhoods to build and maintain their own healthy communities.



NNI's core programs and services

Home Repair Programs

Neighborhood Services

Community Engagement

Collaborative Economic Development

HOME REPAIR PROGRAMS

Fiscal 2013-2014 saw NNI making strides toward revitalizing aging Northland neighborhoods by investing in improving housing. NNI's home repair programs target low-to-moderate income areas where property values may be declining because homes need essential repairs. E.N.C.O.R.E. and C.H.A.M.P. are examples.

In addition, NNI's Aging in Place Home Repair program has been life-changing for many senior Northlanders. With NNI's assistance in making housing safer and more accessible, these residents are able to remain in their homes and neighborhoods.

By assisting homeowners with essential repairs, NNI helps ensure safer, healthier dwellings – and increases not only curb appeal but declining property values. These repair programs help stabilize aging Northland neighborhoods – house by house, block by block.



NNI's Home Repair Program resolved hazardous conditions in this client's home that had already resulted in a serious fall for the client. With repaired steps and porch, she can now move around her home safely.



In 2013-2014, NNI's home repair programs provided:

\$418K INVESTED IN REPAIRING HOUSING IN THE NORTHLAND

53 REPAIRS MADE TO HOMES OWNED BY SENIOR CITIZENS

101 REPAIRS MADE TO NORTHLAND RESIDENCES

OVER \$179K IN DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO SENIOR CITIZENS



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Great communities are built from active, engaged neighborhoods. A key part of NNI's mission is to assist neighborhood organizations, giving them the tools and resources they need to develop effective organizations, from free printing for newsletters to leadership and crime prevention training.

NNI is the "go to" place to get information and receive service for residents and neighborhoods in the Northland. Groups convene in NNI's conference rooms for regular meetings, problem-solving sessions, informational forums, and strategic planning.



This past year, NNI reached thousands of residents in many ways:

- Printed more than **130,000** neighborhood newsletter pages at no charge so neighborhood organizations could update their residents on issues and events.
- Hosted or convened 41 meetings attended by over 480 residents.
- Offered assistance and resources as needed to the nearly **70** official NNI member neighborhood organizations throughout Clay and Platte counties.
- Honored numerous individuals for outstanding efforts at NNI's 8th Annual Awards Breakfast attended by more than **250** community leaders, partners and friends October 25, 2013.

8th Annual NNI Awards Winners

Jay Dillingham Lifetime Achievement Award

John Dillingham

Ruthanne Harper Outstanding Public Service Award

Jeff Williams

Richard Noll Outstanding Government Service Award

Brandon Cook

Richard Allen

Larry McManus Good Neighbor Award

Nichole Elliott

Good Neighbor Business of the Year

Bayer Crop Science

Reta Jo Mitchell Award, Best Neighborhood Newsletter

Ken Nelson, The Pointe

Reta Jo Mitchell Award, Best Article

Keith Nelson, The Nall House



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATIVE DEVELOPMENT

In 2013-2014, NNI continued to keep the community engaged with monthly programs like Cop Talk, Senior Workshop, 1st District Problem Solving, LeaderWorks and Meet Your Councilperson. These informative meetings link residents to KCMO City Council and staff, KCPD and other community resources.

NNI encouraged collaborative development in a major way by bringing community leaders together and facilitating three Northland plan implementation committees: Briarcliff/Winnwood, Gashland/Nashua and Line Creek.



Clay County Commissioner Pamela Mason, right, chats with a participant at NNI's Senior Workshop holiday luncheon.



Attracting successful businesses back to vacant commercial sites at Vivion and Antioch is among top priorities for the Focus: Vivion Road committee organized by NNI.

Community engagement highlights

- More than **2,300** attended community engagement meetings at NNI offices.
- **264** seniors took part in NNI workshops, discovering new avenues for assistance and options for community involvement.
- We disseminated **117,300** total emails to alert Clay and Platte county residents about upcoming community events.
- NNI's quarterly newsletter sent to about **350** neighborhood, community and business leaders kept them in-the-know on NNI programs, initiatives and events.
- Our website, nni.org, continued to serve as an important resource to Northland residents and neighborhood groups. NNI's newsletter is posted online monthly

Collaborative development highlights

Building on the success of work on the western part of the Vivion Road corridor and redevelopment of Antioch Crossing, NNI organized **Focus: Vivion Road** to revitalize the eastern area. The committee is studying commercial districts, neighborhoods and infrastructure to set goals and identify viable solutions to strategically reinvigorate this major north-south corridor.

FINANCIALS

NNI is funded through government, foundation and corporate grants, as well as generous donations from forward-thinking individuals and businesses. While funding for 2012-2013 remained challenging for all nonprofits in a sluggish economy, our staff and our board worked diligently to stretch available dollars to provide the greatest possible impact to our residents, neighborhoods and communities.

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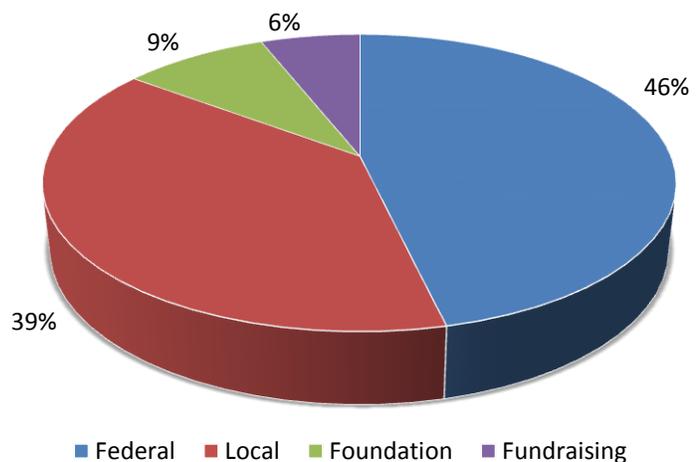
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- Bayer Crop Science
- City of Gladstone, MO
- City of Kansas City, MO
- Clay County
- Clay County Senior Services
- Jewish Heritage Foundation
- State Farm
- and valued individual donors

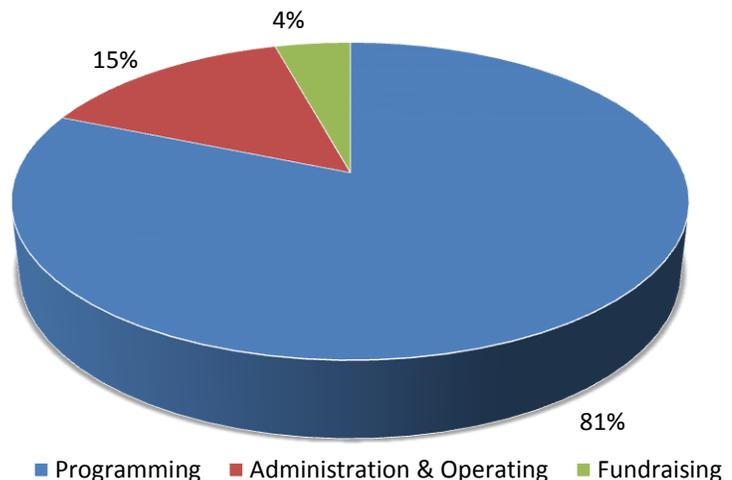


Income

June 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014



Expenses



Fundraising events

NNI's two annual fundraisers – the [Northland Hot Trot](#) in July and the [8th Annual Awards Breakfast](#) in October – were again successful, thanks to generous community support. Our website also makes it easy for donors to support NNI's mission and initiatives: [Go to nni.org and click Donate.](#)



NNI BOARD AND STAFF

NNI is governed by a 15-member Board of Directors, who generously donate countless hours of time and effort to lead the organization and support our mission. Our dedicated staff works hand-in-hand with the board to improve the quality of life in the Northland through better housing, better neighborhoods and better communities.

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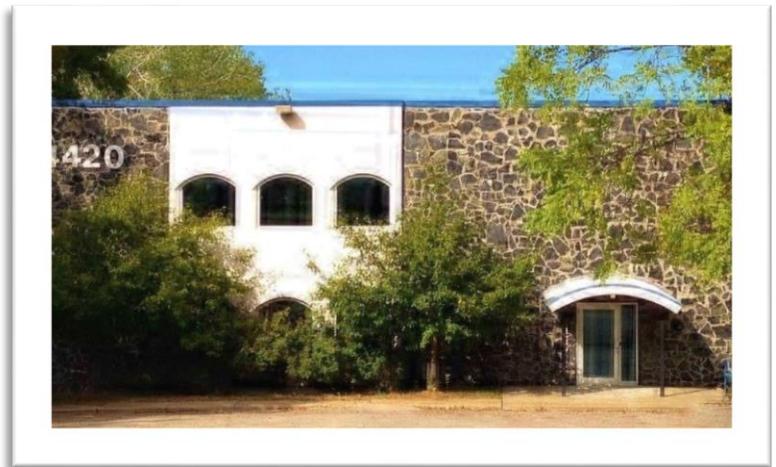
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