



# What's New?

College Hill Foundation

## In the Neighborhood

### Bumper Harvest Tops Foundation Activity

The College Hill Foundation (CHF) Fall newsletter is focusing on the many volunteers participating in this year's lavender harvest. Special reports from the St. Louis Post Dispatch and Fox 2 News Tim Ezell along with Bank of America's solid support helped to boost our volunteer numbers.

This year Seeds of Grace Lavender Farm harvested nearly 5,000 lavender bundles and proceeds from the harvest are being felt by residents in many ways! These include additional home improvements in the neighborhood, a youth golf program and special youth computer coding classes.

Sports broadcaster Joe Buck became interested in the work of the CHF and donated money to purchase computers for the coding project.

There are many new and ongoing projects.



Front page on the Sunday Post Dispatch, Fox 2 News Tim Ezell's morning segments, and photo coverage from the St. Louis American — The word is out!

Volunteer Boone Jackson brought his family to the harvest. "My life motto is when you see a need, it makes you responsible. We all absolutely enjoyed ourselves and will be back next year."



Boone, his family and other volunteers are pictured below.



Our fifth harvest was sold to Long Row Lavender, Baisch & Skinner, Inc. (Dierberg's Markets), and many individual purchasers. Several volunteers participated in a south city craft fair to finish off the year's sales efforts.

### Thank You!

The College Hill Foundation's work would not be possible without the financial support of the following individuals and organizations!

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Joe Buck  
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Marillac Mission Fund  
St. Louis City Senior Fund  
The Tilles Foundation  
Trio Foundation of St. Louis  
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### Bank of America Grant Continues Long Partnership

Katie Fisher (right), Market Executive, Bank of America; presents a \$50,000 check for the College Hill Foundation (CHF) to (right to left) Barb Wanzel, CHF volunteer; and Gail Olson, CHF Present; as other Bank of America officials look on. This grant is one of many given by Bank of America to the CHF during the Foundation's work in the St. Louis neighborhood.

### Fred's Corner

By Fred Kimbrough  
CHF Executive Director



The Foundation is truly grateful for all of the support we have received during 2022. As you can see from this newsletter that support has crossed many segments of our community from individual volunteers, church groups, non-profit organizations, local business entities and large corporations.

I concluded last fall's newsletter with the following paragraph.

**The final major goal for next year will be summer youth programs centered around golf. Learning the sport is more than teaching how to swing a club. It includes life lessons that build character and self confidence. The program will also offer educational and enrichment activities that give kids an opportunity to visit city attractions.**

I'm happy to report that prediction came true! But there is a side story to this chapter of our work that I would like to share.

Our friends at Family Golf and Learning Center provided an excellent location for our golf experience along with lunch for all the kids. That was great, but it's what happened during one of our golfing practices that deserves repeating!

Sports television personality Joe Buck was visiting the pro shop when the golf class was hitting balls. He saw us on the driving range and wanted more information about the Foundation. Owner Adam Betz gave him my name. Jack contacted me and asked how he could help. I didn't hesitate long and replied, "The kids need computers so that we can continue the Golf, Opportunity, Learning & Fun Program (G.O.L.F)." His response, "I can do that!"

After a couple of additional telephone calls our office received about \$9,000 and we purchased notebook computers for the kids.

The G.O.L.F Program continued thanks to Joe Buck!

The Tilles Foundation provided a grant to assist with the G.O.L.F Program.

### College Hill Residents See the Fruits of Grants and Lavender Harvests

The College Hill (CH) neighborhood consists of residents of all ages. But perhaps no age group is more affected by the economy than the elderly. Many of these residents moved into CH in the 1970s and '80s, bought homes and raised families.

Now their incomes are fixed and continuing to maintain their homes is very difficult. CHF grants are applied to situations and living conditions that need home improvements.

We briefly visited three women who are faced with maintaining a home, sometimes for extended family members.

Ms. Blackmon (87) says the neighborhood has changed in the 37 years she has lived in her house. "It can be bad here, but we get along," she added. The CHF learned that a long-time unfinished bathroom remodeling project was creating

a difficult situation.

That difficulty was remedied recently when the CHF granted Ms. Blackmon a new bathroom and hot water heater.

"God bless the people who helped get me this new bathroom," she says. "They really did some good for me."

Ms. Watson says of the CHF, "We still have someone in CH that can help us." The work on her home has included tuck pointing, ceiling repair and a new furnace.

Ms. Crenshaw has lived and been active in

CH for many years. She moved there in 1970. "There have been plenty of groups come here to help over the years," she says. "But the Foundation and the folks from out in the county have stuck with us. You can count on them."

She says her walker was getting tangled in a broken front sidewalk. "They (CHF) fixed the sidewalk and repaired a roof that was leaking right over my bed."

"It's been great to get to know the volunteers who have helped the neighborhood through the years," she added.

The St. Louis City Senior Fund, Trio Foundation of St. Louis and Marillac Mission Fund provided grants to help assist with home improvements.



Ms. Blackmon



Ms. Watson



Ms. Crenshaw



Before and after Ms. Blackmon's improvements

