## **MISSION: ST. LOUIS**

2012 AT-A-GLANCE

Mission: St. Louis is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization aiming to create thriving, vibrant communities by empowering people to rise out of poverty and become agents of change. Our core programs are Youth Development, Job and Leadership Training, and Home Repair.

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2,321 People Served

15,445+ Hours Served by Volunteers



In St. Louis, 3/4 of elementary students cannot read or do math at grade level. Wall Street Journal In our programs, 78% of youth are reading more than two years below grade level. STAR Assessment

## **OUR IMPACT**

- Through our 9-week free Summer Camp, the average reading comprehension for our students improved at least one full grade level. In fall 2012, we started an After School program to impact youth throughout the school year.
- In the 2011-12 school year, our Morning Reading program volunteers read with over 70 students for more than 1,300 hours.

OPPORTUNITY

The unemployment rate for high school dropouts in 2011 was 14.3%, compared to 9.6% for high school graduates.

\*\*Alliance for Excellent Education\*\*

Fewer than 40% of employers even consider an applicant with a criminal record. American Journal of Sociology

## **OUR IMPACT**

- 100% of graduates from our Job and Leadership Training obtained employment or enrolled in school.
- Each graduate completed a paid internship, 60 individual hours of computer and financial literacy skill development, 8 hours personal mentoring, and 48 hours of small group teaching.

OPPORTUNITY

Approximately 27% of St. Louis residents live at or below the poverty level, many in substandard housing.

\*\*Bureau of Labor Statistics\*\*

## **OUR IMPACT**

- We accomplished over 550 Home Repairs, giving 270 residents safer, healthier living environments.
- In December, 206 families were empowered through Affordable Christmas, providing 745 children presents to open.

