

## A Groundbreaking event at Garfield!

ST. LOUIS (May 6, 2013) - On Wednesday May 8, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. Peter & Paul Community Services will host a press conference and groundbreaking ceremony to mark the beginning of a multi-million dollar renovation of Garfield School at 2612 Wyoming in the Benton Park West neighborhood.

The building will be re-purposed to provide apartments and supportive services for chronically homeless men and women who experience mental illness. Mayor Francis Slay will address attendees beginning at 2:30 p.m. on the parking lot of the school.

Mayor Slay is joined by:

Lance Holmes	PPCS Alum
Ken Ortmann	Alderman 9th Ward, Benton Park West
Steve Engelhardt	Communications Director - Congressman Lacy Clay
Heather Bradley-Gear	Community Initiatives Manager, Housing Development Commission
Angela Morton-Conley	Executive Director – Affordable Housing Commission
Steve Campbell	Executive Director – Peter & Paul Community Services



Nearly two hundred guests are expected to attend the event including federal, state, city and private funders, volunteers, alumni and residents of other PPCS programs. Following the ceremony guests will enjoy refreshments and a brief tour the 42,000 square foot building. BSI Contractors and Architect Gina Hilberry will provide renderings of what will become The Dennis and Judy Jones Garfield Campus named for local St. Louis philanthropists. The project is expected to create 20 new jobs for the community.