

## **St.Louis Philanthropists Dennis & Judy Jones Donate \$1.2 million to Peter & Paul Community Services' "Safe Haven" Project for Chronically Homeless**

ST. Louis (December 18, 2012) When St. Louis philanthropist Dennis Jones was 12 years old he paid a visit to a soup kitchen in Chicago with his dad. The experience had a profound impact on him as a youth. He made a promise to himself that if he was ever in a position to make a difference for this group of people, he would.

In keeping with the spirit of giving at Christmas, Dennis & Judy Jones have committed a 1.2 million dollar gift to Peter & Paul Community Services to assist with renovations of Garfield Elementary School in South St. Louis. The project is the region's first comprehensive "Safe Haven," a nationally proven best practice model in supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals.



The Jones gift could not have come at a better time, as Peter Paul Community Services has just launched a private \$3 million dollar capital campaign to transform the school building, purchased in March of 2012, into apartments for chronically homeless men and women who experience mental illness. Affordable Housing Assistance Program Tax Credits are available to qualified donors and will be used to help pay for renovations to begin in January, 2013.

"The fact that the Jones Family is committed not only to Peter & Paul Community Services but also to so many other homeless service providers in St. Louis is really remarkable," said Executive Director Steve Campbell. With their help, we will be able to expand our services to reach even more men and women in need."

The PPCS Safe Haven for chronically homeless will be named in honor of Dennis and Judy Jones who remain committed to the St. Louis community and to those who are homeless. The Safe Haven capital campaign will continue into 2013, and businesses and individuals throughout the St. Louis region are encouraged to find out more about how they may support the project at [www.ppcsinc.org](http://www.ppcsinc.org).