

## **Peter & Paul Community Services Purchases Garfield School to Convert into 25 Apartments for the Chronically Homeless**

ST. LOUIS (March 20, 2012) - Peter & Paul Community Services purchased Garfield Elementary School at 3200 Texas this week for \$350,000. The school will be renovated into 25 apartments for chronically homeless men and women who experience mental illness. The agency will move its headquarters at 1025 Park Avenue to Garfield upon completion of renovations expected to cost \$9 million. Low Income Housing Tax Credits and Historic Tax Credits will be used to pay for \$6.3 million in renovations. A Capital Campaign conducted by Peter & Paul Community Services with assistance from Holmes, Radford and Avalon will make up the remainder needed for the project.

For 30 years Peter & Paul Community Services has been a leader in St. Louis providing housing and supportive services to those who are homeless and experiencing mental illness and HIV. Three transitional housing programs, an emergency shelter and meals program reach over a thousand men, women, children, seniors and veterans each year.

“We are very excited to reach this important milestone for the City of St. Louis. Our many supporters have made it possible for us to get this far because they believe in our mission and in the City and County’s 10 Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness.”

- Steve Campbell, Executive Director

