

Steve Campbell to Receive Governor's Excellence in Affordable Housing Award at 54th Annual Governor's Conference on Economic Development

ST. LOUIS (September 5, 2012) - Executive Director of Peter & Paul Community Services Steve Campbell will receive the Governor's Excellence in Housing Award at a luncheon this Friday, September 7, 2012 at the Renaissance St. Louis Grand Hotel as part of the 54th Annual Governor's Conference on Economic Development.

Steve Campbell has served as Executive Director of Peter & Paul Community Services for the past 26 years. His expertise in homeless issues and his knowledge of community resources has positioned the agency as a leader in the St. Louis region among homeless service providers. Three transitional housing programs, an emergency shelter and a meals program reach thousands of poor and homeless individuals each year under his leadership. During his tenure, the agency's clinical housing programs have achieved an 80% success rate in moving those who are chronically homeless into permanent housing.



Steve has recently served as Chair of the Missouri Housing Development Commission's Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee and Vice Chair of the St. Louis City Continuum of Care. Since 2007 he has worked to introduce a Safe Haven model of housing to St. Louis specifically designed to serve hard-to-reach men and women who have lived on the streets for years. In March of 2012, the agency purchased Garfield elementary school in South St. Louis to achieve this goal. A capital campaign to raise \$10 million dollars will support this effort. \$7 million has been raised to date. Renovation will begin in October of this year, and will include the development of 25 one-bedroom apartments for chronically homeless men and women, a day center for men and women who are homeless and living with HIV, as well as, the agency's new headquarters supporting 5 additional programs and services. The project will incorporate universal design and will be LEED eligible. The Safe Haven's commercial kitchen will also serve as a kitchen incubator for neighborhood entrepreneurs.

"I'm honored to receive the Governor's award on behalf of the caring staff and volunteers of Peter & Paul Community Services who are dedicated to creating opportunity and affordable housing for those who are homeless. After working on our Safe Haven project for the last 5 years 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