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## Mayor Jones Visit to The GHV Campus

The Green House Venture has been fortunate to attract support from prominent leaders throughout the city and state since its beginning. Continuing that tradition, we were honored on July 19<sup>th</sup> to receive a visit from the Honorable Tishaura Jones, Mayor of the City of St. Louis. Accompanying the Mayor was 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderperson, Annie Rice, who lives in the area and is a big fan of our work.

*Mayor Jones visits the GHV Campus for the first time with Alderperson Annie Rice from the 8th Ward.*

As a former resident of the Shaw area where the Venture is centered, the mayor was enthused about the scope and substance of the program that makes it such a distinctive educational experience in bio-science and urban agriculture for elementary school children.

In particular, she was impressed with the Embankment Greenway/Terrace Garden, which was completed earlier this year. She is eager to see our campaign getting underway to generate the funding for the development of The Education Center, which will be the centerpiece of the GHV Campus. We want to thank Mayor Jones for taking time from her busy schedule to share in the excitement for the future of this unique educational adventure.

*MoDot on the GHV Embankment Greenway.*



## Our MoDot Partners Make a Visit

Another important visit came on July 15<sup>th</sup> from the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), represented by Tom Blair, District Engineer along with others from his staff, Michelle Forneris, Assistant District Engineer, and Jennifer Wade, Area Director for the City of St. Louis

MoDOT has been a vital partner in the work of the Green House Venture since its beginning. Much of the program’s activities take place on the Interstate 44 embankment that MoDOT manages along DeTonty Street between Thurman Avenue and 39<sup>th</sup> Street. They were instrumental in helping us build the guardrail that protects the students from I-44 traffic, and clearing the 3-acre expanse for the creation of our Embankment Greenway with the newly completed Terrace Garden. All of this activity has been granted by MoDOT through a lease and permit to the Venture.

Mr. Blair and his staff expressed how pleased they were with the work that has been accomplished on the Embankment Greenway, the main feature of the first phase of The GHV Campus, adding that this project is a prime example of how MoDOT partners with neighborhood groups on community projects.



*GHV's Dave Reid and DTLS Rick Kacenski talk with MoDot*

They are also enthused about our plans for Phase 2 of GHV Campus, The Education Center. They noted the tremendous benefit to the community coming from the involvement of so many groups, including a diversity of elementary schools, public institutions and universities.

It's been a great partnership that we both look forward to continuing into the future.

## Ambassadors Star in Video

One of the main attractions of our upcoming fundraising campaign for Phase 2 of the GHV Campus will be a video featuring an array of people who have been vital to the program's success. At the heart of that video are the students who have participated in the Venture's Ambassadors Program.

On August 13, we brought six Ambassador students for a video shoot that covered what the Venture's programs and activities have included thus far – as well as plans for the future.

The interviews were conducted in two main locations. We videotaped the students working on an experiment in the science lab at St. Margaret of Scotland, one of the four schools in the Venture's Education Alliance. The video also shows them working outside at the Embankment Greenway.



*GHV Educator Stephanie Handel poses with Ambassador student Samson Porter during our video shoot with The Arbor Group on GHV Embankment Greenway.*

The students were excited to see the newly completed Terrace Garden with all the flowers blooming. They were also enthused about plans for the new Education Center, which is the focal point of the fundraising campaign that will be launched in the near future.

Prospective donors will surely be moved by the insights and enthusiasm that shine through in the heartfelt comments we were able to capture during the interviews with these exceptional students.



*Nicole Mohler of The Green House Venture helps adjust Ambassador student Eldin Hoelker's lab coat during filming with The Arbor Group.*



*Ambassador student Hannah Gregory plants coneflowers for The GHV Video shoot.*



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