



## Community Action Agency

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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the Human Development Corporation closed its doors**

A few weeks ago, the Community Action Agency of St. Louis County (CAASTLC) and the Missouri Department of Social Services finalized the contract to provide crises and intervention services to low-income residents in the City of St. Louis under the federal Community Services Block Grant funding. On Monday, November 14, 2011 CAASTLC opened two new offices; St. Louis Gateway Classic at 2012 Dr. Martin Luther King and one at West End Mt. Carmel Community Outreach Center at 5935 Horton, with a third location to be announced. Services provided by the centers will include; financial and energy workshops, computer training, job search, employment readiness classes, holiday assistance, and other emerging services.

CAASTLC staff has developed a comprehensive plan with the assistance of partners in St. Louis City and the surrounding area to work with the St. Louis Public School's Community Education Program at various schools to enhance student support by offering similar program services as provided at the agency city centers, accompanied by; mentoring, counseling, emergency services, referrals and other school-based programs. One of CAASTLC's first ventures was to partner with Lively Stone Church of God last weekend to provide bountiful holiday food baskets for over 300 low-income families.

CAASTLC is helping fill the gap in services that was created when the Human Development Corporation closed its doors."CAASTLC stands ready to ensure that the individuals in the community who are now in need of services will be provided for. "says Merline Anderson; Executive Director.