Newton Avenue Park is a new green space for both the young and the young at heart to play. This park is a gift to the Hough neighborhood from Famicos Foundation, the Cleveland Clinic, and Case Western Reserve University. Its location on East 97th St and Newton Ave is across the street from the new health education campus being built by Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Clinic. With that in mind, the park is designed to encourage physical and mental wellness. There is a walking track which features exercise equipment for seniors, a jungle gym and basketball hoop for kids, tables with checkerboards, and benches where all can relax. “We want everyone to use the space,” said Vickie Johnson, Senior Director of Community Outreach for the Cleveland Clinic, “but we were not shy about the number one priority being the folks who live there.” At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Ward 7 Councilman Basheer Jones said, “We need to nurture our young and show mercy and respect to our elders.” The park is meant to be intergenerational, where young and old can relax and refresh together. Newton Ave Park cost around $350,000 to create and is two thirds of an acre in size. Famicos, Cleveland Clinic, and Case Western Reserve University will be hosting neighborhood events in the park throughout the year.
FROM THE DIRECTOR’S DESK

Dear friends,

We’ve had a busy Spring and Summer! Thank you to all who attended our Annual Meeting in June. About 350 people joined us, heard about the many ways Famicos serves the Glenville, Hough, and St Clair-Superior neighborhoods, enjoyed the food trucks, and had a great time! At the Annual Meeting, I announced that Famicos has just been elevated to Exemplary Status as a NeighborWorks Chartered Member. ‘Exemplary’ is the highest level a NeighborWorks organization can achieve. We only joined the NeighborWorks national network of 245 member organizations about 4 years ago, so the speed at which we have achieved this esteemed designation is truly nothing short of exemplary. I thank my staff for all their hard work in getting to this level and the Board of Directors for their leadership.

This Spring/Summer we opened the new Newton Avenue Park in Hough and the new Greater Cleveland Fisher House in Glenville. Brighter Days in Hough was held over 3 days and was great fun for the whole family. The Glenville Community Festival was bigger and better than ever. We also did some neighborhood beautification work in Glenville, employed more than 100 youth for summer jobs, and distributed school supplies to kids in Hough, Glenville, and St. Clair-Superior. This Fall, the busy pace continues with more neighborhood beautifications, more home repairs, new housing projects, and of course, our Annual Fundraiser. I hope you will all be able to join us on October 17 for Motown Gro Town!

John O. Anoliefo, Executive Director

UPCOMING EVENTS

AETNA VOICES OF HEALTH COMPETITION
September 9 through October 13

SISTER HENRIETTA DAY
Tuesday October 1

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER - MOTOWN GRO TOWN
Thursday October 17

GIVING TUESDAY
Tuesday December 3

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Famicos Foundation Annual Fundraiser
Thursday October 17

4:30 pm Cocktail Hour   6:00 pm Dinner
Tinkham Veale University Center (CWRU)

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Most Outstanding Small Business

The winner of this year’s award for Most Outstanding Business is Capo Steaks, located at St Clair and E 105th St, in the Glenville Town Center. Owner James Muhammed was born in Cleveland, went to school in Philadelphia, and lived in Chicago, before choosing to return to The Land. “You know, nobody would hire me as a cook there, so I had to do it myself,” he said. Capo’s was on Superior before moving to St Clair in May of 2018. When asked how this location compares, James said, “I love it here. I’ve been in business for 10 years now and this is the best location I’ve had. I feel like we’re a part of the rejuvenation of Glenville.” Famicos Business Development Specialist Carolyn Smith, helped James scout out his current location. “Carolyn jumped right in and hooked me up with signage people, marketing people, ECDI [Economic Community Development Institute]. It was great.”

To experience a divine revelation of 100% ribeye steak, real cheese, Italian hoagie, onions and spices, and a seductive secret sauce, swing by Capo’s, Boss of the Cheesesteaks, at 10509 St Clair Ave in the Glenville Town Center (where the New Eastside Market is).
**KeyBank Make a Difference Day**

As a part of this year’s KeyBank Neighbors Make the Difference Day, KeyBank volunteers, Famicos staff, Browns front office staff, and Browns running back Nick Chubb joined together to spruce up KaBoom Park and East 107th St in Glenville. Much to the delight of the neighborhood children, KeyBank mascot Key and Browns mascot Chomps were also on hand to plant trees, push kids on swings, and get stuck on the playground slides. New gardens were made in the park, new trees planted, and new playground padding added. The volunteers also mowed lawns and cleaned up gardens for residents along East 107th St.

**Partners Day with CHN & Medical Mutual**

Famicos teamed up with Cleveland Housing Network Partners, Medical Mutual, and City of Cleveland Police, Fire, and EMS to beautify Olivet Ave, Hampden Ave, and Hathaway Ave in Glenville. Over 100 volunteers worked in different crews trimming trees, mowing lawns, and removing debris.

**Aetna Voices of Health Competition 2019**

Your vote counts.

Famicos Foundation is one of four competitors in the Cleveland Section of the Aetna Voices of Health Competition for 2019. Aetna will award $20,000 to the organization in each section with the most votes. Voting is simple and it only takes a minute. Vote for Famicos every day between September 9 and October 13. You can vote every day, at any time, from anywhere.

Help us create healthier communities! #voicesofhealth

Visit aetnavoicesofhealth.com to learn more about what we do in our communities and show your support by voting for us.

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RECOGNITIONS
Famicos in the Spotlight

John O. Anoliefo, Unsung Hero

Famicos Executive Director John Anoliefo was recently recognized as an “Unsung Hero” by the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP. In a star-studded night that was headlined by Donna Brazile, political strategist, John was given the Unsung Hero Award, along with retired Plain Dealer Journalist, Richard Peery, and Shakyra Diaz, Director of Partnerships at Alliance for Safety and Justice.

Khrys Shefton, Woman of Note

Famicos Director of Real Estate Development Khrys Shefton was recognized as a “Woman of Note” in Nonprofits by Crain’s Cleveland Business. Khrys is one of 40 women being recognized across Cleveland nonprofits. Khrys’ passion for her work was praised by fellow peers, Christin Farmer, CEO of Birthing Beautiful, and Marsha Dobrzynski, Executive Director of the Center for Arts-Inspired Learning and herself a 2019 Notable Woman. Famicos is proud to partner with both Birthing Beautiful and the Center for Arts-Inspired Learning as we bring both resources to those we serve in Glenville, Hough, and St Clair-Superior.

NEW CERTIFICATION
Lothario Marchmon

Lothario Marchmon, Project Manager in Famicos’ Real Estate Development Department, received two prestigious certifications this summer. Lothario was one of 50 students to receive his Housing Development Finance Professional certification from the National Development Council. Lothario was also in the 50th Cohort class to graduate from the Turner School of Construction Management, with a Construction Management certificate. This same program has produced well known former cohorts Robert P. Madison, trailblazing architect, and Leroy Ozanne, founder of Ozanne Construction Co.

NEW DESIGNATION
NeighborWorks Exemplary Status

Famicos Foundation has recently received a rating of “Exemplary” from NeighborWorks America. As one of 246 NeighborWorks Chartered Members across the country, we are evaluated and audited yearly by NeighborWorks. “Exemplary” is the highest rating a member organization can receive. Famicos only became a Chartered Member Organization three years ago and achieving this highest level so quickly is a great accomplishment. Executive Director John Anoliefo said, “Receiving Exemplary status is a great honor, a great achievement, and we had to do a lot of work to get here. But now the real work begins. We have to work even harder now to keep this status.”
YOUTH FEATURE
Teaching Business Skills

THROUGH ART
Glenville Arts Campus

The Glenville Arts Campus on East 105th Street got a colorful new mural along its back fence. The project was done by the Art Works class of the Center for Arts-Inspired Learning. Far from just another summer art class, Art Works is a career readiness program with an art-business focus. The class had to develop the concept for the mural together. “We had an actual business meeting with [Famicos] to actually paint this mural,” said student-artist Jazae Smith. The teens had to pitch their business model to Famicos directors, including concept drawings, before they could begin work. The mural was painted by 11 students and took several weeks. The mural draws on Glenville’s rich heritage as a center for arts and culture in Cleveland.

Nineteen-year-old artist Terry Joshua was able to launch an exhibition of his work at ThirdSpace Action Lab at the Glenville Arts Campus. The ART’d exhibit ran June 20 through July 7 and was a raging success. The young artist sold all but one of the pieces he had on display at the exhibit. Guests of the exhibit became a part of the art themselves as Terry launched a new innovative project capturing the reactions of the guests to his art on polaroid film. Terry also did a walk through with guests, a talk, a signing, and a live painting piece as part of the exhibit. This was the second of three art exhibits to be hosted at the Glenville Arts Campus, through a generous grant from the George Gund Foundation.

THROUGH TRADE SKILLS

Making Our Own Space (MOOS) is a Cleveland project that teaches teens trade skills to empower them to affect change in their neighborhoods. This is the first year that MOOS has had a crew in Glenville. So far, the Glenville crew has built a bench, a shelter, and a plant box outside of the Glenville Rec Center. The teens built these items from scratch, including design, woodworking, construction, and painting.

Famicos, in partnership with Youth Opportunities Unlimited, was proud to offer our summer Youth Employment Program once again this year. Over 80 young people were employed at 11 job sites across Glenville, Hough, and St Clair-Superior. The youth worked in retail, office, hospitality, nonprofit, and landscaping industries, while learning critical financial, communication, and even first aid skills. We are thankful to the following host sites for this year’s program: Eastside Market, Natural History Museum, History Center, Hough Multipurpose Center, Shaw High School Marching Band, Park Village, Gardening in the District, Fat Boys Donuts, Capo Steaks, FDR school, ICONS, and Famicos Front Office. Please contact us to learn how your business can be a host site for next summer’s program.
On June 11, a very special set of houses on East 105th Street opened their doors. Fisher Houses are made available to veterans’ families to stay for free while the veteran is receiving medical care at a nearby hospital. The Fisher Houses on 105th are a stones throw away from the Louis Stokes VA hospital, one of the largest VA hospitals in the country, serving 140,000 in-patient veterans and another 2 million out-patient veterans each year. The Greater Cleveland Fisher Houses are the only Fisher House location in the country to have two houses on one site. Together, they offer 16 rooms and transportation, free to the families of veterans being treated at the Louis Stokes VA.

CURRENT SERVICE AREA FOR FAMICOS FOUNDATION INCLUDES GLENVILLE, HOUGH, AND ST. CLAIR-SUPERIOR. PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY ARCHITECTURE.

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Beautifully Restored Century Home
$209,900

Stunning fully restored century home on a quiet historic brick street. The unmistakable charm of tilework, woodwork, and stained glass meets modern-day custom kitchen and bathrooms. Relax on the spacious porch in the summer and in front of the beautifully carved fireplace in the winter. Full basement, detached garage, low-maintenance yard.

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3 beds 2.5 baths 1,554 sqft
New Construction
$199,900

This 1554 sq ft house has 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms and is READY to be your new home in historic Glenville. The master bath has a beautiful walk-in shower and his and hers sinks. The main floor has an open floor plan, a modern kitchen with quartz counters, a walk-in pantry, a half-bath, and a laundry room. The property also features a double-car garage, a low-maintenance yard, and a cute front porch. Low- to medium-income buyers can qualify for a second mortgage from the City and down payment assistance.