This year, Famicos Foundation distributed 600 backpacks filled with school supplies to children throughout Hough, Glenville, and St. Clair - Superior, in partnership with Councilman Basheer Jones (Ward 7), Councilman Kevin Conwell (Ward 9), and Councilman Anthony Hairston (Ward 10). Along with Cleveland Clinic and Case Western Reserve University, we hosted a community picnic at Newton Ave Park in Hough. Famicos Executive Director John Anoliefo and Cleveland Clinic’s Director of Community Partnerships Chris Abood grilled up burgers and dogs for a crowd of 300. School supplies were distributed to kids and City of Cleveland First Responders were on hand to play basketball, hula hoop, and cornhole games with neighborhood children and let them play on a firetruck. School supplies were also distributed at the Brighter Days in Ward 7 festival and at the Eastside Market in Glenville.

Famicos hosted one free bike fixathon in each neighborhood at the end of the summer. Bicycles were repaired, kids were taught how to make minor repairs, and free safety lights were distributed, making sure kids can get safely to school. As school started back up again, Famicos offered free haircuts and braiding to boys and girls at Park Village Apartments in Hough. Support for our students continues into the Fall with Thanksgiving meals being distributed to our family apartment communities, our Young Professionals group collecting winter garb for kids, and Famicos creating a full-time position for a Youth Services Outreach Coordinator that will be working closely with local schools.
FROM THE DIRECTOR’S DESK

Dear friends,

We are quickly approaching our 50th Anniversary year in 2020. This is a milestone worth celebrating. At a time when many of our sister CDCs are having challenges, we’re approaching the half-century mark and the oldest in the city. Wow!! We would love to have a year-long celebration with an anniversary event each month. To do this, we will need the help of our friends, residents, partners, and sponsors. We certainly could never have made it 50 years without you, so we want you to be a part of this momentous occasion.

We’ll be setting up various task forces to help us with different aspects of our celebration year. To see how you can help, call us at (216) 791-6476. If you have photos and stories of the early days of Famicos and our Foundress, Sister Henrietta Gorris, please share those with us so they can be included in a commemorative book.

Thank you to all our friends, neighbors, partners, and donors for making our Motown Gro Town fundraiser such a fun night for such a good cause. Together we met our goal. As you know, the holidays and the winter months are always challenging for our residents and community members. We will soon be distributing food through our pantries, Thanksgiving turkeys through our partners, grocery gift cards, and clothing through our other various social services. We invite you to remember us as you prepare your year-end contributions. You can also use our Amazon Wishlists to donate clothing, hygiene products, and other necessities directly to our local school children and the formerly homeless residents of our supportive housing community, 1850 Superior. As always, on behalf of our Board, staff, and the many residents we serve throughout the county, we thank you for your generous support.

John O. Anoliefo, Executive Director

UPCOMING EVENTS

SHOP SMALL SATURDAY
Saturday November 30

GIVING TUESDAY
Tuesday December 3

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS HOLIDAY MIXER
Friday December 6

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Young Professionals Holiday Mixer
Friday December 6

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Goldhorn Brewery

For admission, please bring winter clothing and/or monetary donations. All donations from this event will benefit kids in our local schools.

FOLLOWING FAMICOS

Sign up for our electronic newsletter at famicos.org
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The trophy for the Cleveland Clinic 8-Week Community Health Challenge has once again returned to Glenville. Seasoned champions Glenville competed against Fairfax, Hough, Central Kinsman, and East Cleveland in the final of three Community Health Challenges that are run throughout the year at the Cleveland Clinic’s Langston Hughes Community Health & Education Center. “Participants gain points for their neighborhood team by completing clinical screenings, participating in exercise programs and attending educational programs. To complete the Health Challenge, participants need to complete their screenings and attend at least 12 different programs,” said Program Manager Marsha Thornton. During the Fall challenge, 234 people competed, their ages ranging from 19 to an impressive 96 years old. “The Health Challenge is the signature program of the Cleveland Clinic Healthy Community Initiative. It is a collaborative effort between Cleveland Clinic and community partners, like Famicos, to engage individuals in the community to help manage chronic conditions and promote a healthier lifestyle,” said Program Manager Chase Holmes. The next challenge begins on January 9. Call the Langston Hughes Center at (216) 361-1773 for more information or to register for the next challenge.

St. Clair-Superior Welcomes New Recovery Center and Food Pantry

Famicos is pleased to welcome the new main-office home of the Northern Ohio Recovery Association (NORA) in their beautiful new building at 1400 East 55th Ave. The building was previously used for the Goodrich Gannett Service Center and has been completely renovated with numerous spacious classrooms, meeting spaces, offices, and a very large new food pantry and kitchen. NORA offers medication-assisted treatment, peer recovery support, outpatient services, recovery housing, education and training and the food pantry. The Recovery Center opened their doors in September 2019 and is already running classes and group support sessions. The food pantry, operated in partnership with Ward 10 Councilman Anthony Hairston’s Office, Famicos, and the Greater Cleveland Foodbank, will be open on the second and third Monday of every month, from 10:00 am to noon, beginning in November. They are always in need of volunteers to help prepare the pantry on the Friday before and with the Monday food distributions themselves. For help with addiction recovery and food access, you can find NORA on the web at norainc.org or onsite at 1400 E 55th Ave, Cleveland, OH 44103 or by phone at (216) 391-6672.
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Fun & Philanthropy

Motown Gro Town

Over 200 friends and supporters of Famicos dined and danced at this year’s Annual Fundraiser, Motown Gro Town. Our main fundraiser for the year was held at Case Western Reserve University. We looked back on a year packed with activity and growth and looked forward to our 50th Anniversary year that will undoubtedly be full of passion and energy. We are thankful to Marous Brothers Construction and Millennia Housing Management for being major sponsors of this year’s fundraiser.

Along with flavorful food, fantastic auctions, and soulful Motown grooves, we recognized local trailblazers and longstanding partners with this year’s award ceremony. John Dorotics, Physical Education Teacher at Willson Elementary School won the Visionary Award for his innovative work installing a community gym, a variety of community gardens, and most recently, a calming center at the school. The Willson Meditation Center helps de-escalate potential conflicts between students and teaches them stress management and coping skills.

The Cuyahoga EITC Coalition, sponsored by Enterprise Community Partners, received the Partnership Award. For the past 14 years, we have worked with the coalition to offer residents in our communities tax return preparations for free. Last year alone, through the EITC Program and our faithful volunteers, we prepared 3000 tax returns for free.

Carolyn Watts Allen, Esq. was honored with the Legacy Award for her urban-pioneering in Hough in the 1990’s. At that time, Carolyn and her husband Robert tapped into a network of friends and gathered a group of 25 families together to build homes in Hough and created what is now known as the Renaissance Project. By their own examples, the Allens have modeled and inspired a shift in thinking: from success means leaving your neighborhood, to “I’m successful and I choose to be a part of this neighborhood.” As more and more professionals move into Glenville, Hough, and St. Clair-Superior, we see the ripples of the Allens work continue to grow and expand.

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Giving Tuesday

December 3, benefiting Project Welcome Home

Celebrate the spirit of philanthropy and the spirit of the season by donating to Project Welcome Home this Giving Tuesday, December 3. When chronically homeless men and women come to our permanent supportive housing community at 1850 Superior, “they come with nothing but the shirt on their backs,” says Property Manager Joshua Gaitan. Project Welcome Home gives each resident who moves in a package of essentials, a bed, towels, soap, underwear, toothpaste, etc, and in doing so, also gives them back their dignity and hope. To donate to Project Welcome Home during this year’s Giving Tuesday, visit us at famicos.org/donate or donate through our Welcome Home Wishlist on Amazon.

#1 holiday hack:

When you buy your gifts at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates.

Did you know you can support Famicos Foundation while doing your holiday shopping on Amazon? Visit smile.amazon.com and search for Famicos Foundation. Once you add us, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of all your eligible purchases to Famicos. Thank you for your support!
HELP FOR THE HOLIDAYS
Where to give and where to find help

Following in Sister Henrietta’s Footprints

When Sr. Henrietta Gorris CSA founded Famicos Foundation nearly 50 years ago, she concentrated on providing the residents of Hough with three things: food, clothing, and housing. Fifty years later, Famicos continues our Foundress’ important work in Hough and in Glenville and St Clair-Superior as well. Sr. Henrietta named Famicos to stand for families in cooperation. We still believe the families are the building blocks of neighborhoods and when we strengthen families, we strengthen whole neighborhoods.

The holiday season is a time for families to celebrate, to feast, to share presents and to share presence. That’s why Famicos works hard, along with our council men and women and our corporate sponsors, to make sure that families have a special meal to share, that kids have toys and warm winter clothes, and that moms and dads can worry less about putting food on the table or gifts under the tree and instead enjoy those special family times that happen at the holidays.

Each year, Famicos Board of Directors and Staff come together to serve the neighborhood on a specific project. Last year, we did a neighborhood beautification and block refreshing project. This year, we will be distributing food at our holiday food pantries. You can help by donating to Toys for Tots, Clothes and Shoes for Kids, or the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. You can also donate items directly to school children or chronically homeless in our neighborhoods by using one of our Amazon Wishlists.

AMAZON WISHLISTS

We have two Amazon Wishlists: Project Welcome Home, which provides basic necessities to the chronically homeless residents at 1850 Superior Apartments, and the School Pantry Supplies list, which provides winter clothing and hygiene products to local schools in our neighborhoods. Links to these wishlists can be found on our Support page: famicos.org/support-us

FOOD PANTRIES

NORA Food Pantry
NORA Building, 1400 E 55th St, Cleveland 44103
November 18, 10 am - noon
December 9, 10 am - noon
December 16, 10 am - noon

Ward 7 Food Distribution
Hough Multipurpose Center, 8555 Hough Ave, Cleveland 44106
November 21, 10 am - 1 pm
December 19, 10 am - 1 pm
** Proof of residence is required.

Ward 10 Food Distribution
Five Pointes Community Center, 813 E 152 St, Cleveland 44110
November 13, 2 pm - 5 pm
** Proof of residence is required.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Toys for Tots is registering at the following recreation center locations, from November 4 - 23. Hours are Mon - Fri noon to 7 pm and Saturday 10 am - 5 pm.

EJ Kovacik, 6250 St Clair Ave, Cleveland 44103
Thurgood Marshall, 8611 Hough Ave, Cleveland 44104
Glenville, 680 E 113th St, Cleveland, 44108
Cory, 10510 Drexel Ave, Cleveland, 44108
Since Upcycle Parts Shop opened their storefront at 6419 St Clair Ave 5 years ago, they have diverted over 54,000 lbs or 27 tons of waste from landfills. People can donate used arts and crafts supplies as well as shop for them at a very low cost. Customers can buy or commission art created from the upcycled materials. They run art therapy programs and make art donations throughout the St Clair - Superior community. Famicos is proud to sponsor Upcycle Parts’ upcoming celebration of five years of servicing St Clair - Superior. Along with Ward 10 Councilman Anthony Hairston’s office, Famicos is excited to partner with Upcycle Parts on future art therapy projects and engagement with the St Clair - Superior community.

Graffiti HeArt

Graffiti HeArt opened their new building and museum gallery in October at 4829 Superior Ave. The building itself is a commissioned art piece named “Beautifully Destroyed” done by world reknowned artist Kelly “RISK” Graval. There are amazing art installations inside as well. President and Founder Stamy Paul wanted to offer a platform for aspiring graffiti and street artists which would promote and commission their art, providing income, validation, growth, and recognition. “We focus on opportunities to beautify communities and drive engagement of artists and members of those communities where art is being installed,” said Stamy. “We chose St Clair - Superior because of the opportunity in the community. I was also drawn to the industrial buildings and the mix of neighborhoods throughout.” As a nonprofit, Graffiti HeArt also funds art education scholarships for underserved youth to the Cleveland Institute of Art.

WinterWonderCleveland

WinterWonderCleveland is the first pop-up “Instagram Museum” in the Midwest. Owned and operated by native Clevelander Jason Percival, this winter-themed exhibit features ten rooms of interactive artwork that puts you into the art. “Having operated concerts and events all over the country,” said Jason, “I know exactly which qualities make an event successful and the St Clair - Superior neighborhood immediately jumped out to me as one that is primed for a contemporary business.” Jason lists the authenticity of the neighborhood, openness to new concepts, and personal interest and investment from the community among the biggest assets of the neighborhood. “Famicos and Councilman Hairston’s office have been my biggest supporters and critical thinkers in terms of partnerships and methods to maximize the shared success of the community and my business.” The exhibit will benefit the Hamilton Collaborative small business incubator, bringing high economic impact to the St Clair - Superior neighborhood as well as producing over 2 million impressions on social media. The exhibit runs from November 29 to January 12 in the Hamilton Collaborative Building at 5401 Hamilton Ave, Cleveland.

#ShopSmall Saturday

Let’s celebrate and support the unique small businesses in our neighborhoods.

Everyone’s heard of Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving and the busiest shopping day of the year. The big box stores make huge profits on this day, but what about the neighborhood’s favorite mom n’ pop shops? Famicos and American Express are proud to support #ShopSmall Saturday, the day after Black Friday. This year, #ShopSmall Saturday falls on November 30. 68 cents of every dollar that’s spent local, stays local. #ShopSmall and show your support for our local small businesses! Watch our website for participating businesses, visit them on November 30, and post on social media using the hashtag #ShopSmall.
EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT
Maintenance Tech Tiandre Ziegler

Tiandre Ziegler has worked for Famicos in the Maintenance department for almost 9 years. In July, “Tee” started working exclusively with the Lease-Purchase portfolio. Tiandre is responsible for 166 lease-purchase homes, all 3 or 4 bedroom houses. “On any given week, he can field between 25-35 calls,” said property manager Latrice Nash. “Mr. Ziegler has been doing a tremendous job with that portfolio,” said Director of Property Management Cassandra White, “His workmanship and attention to detail are always spot on.” Although Tiandre is skilled in all areas of maintenance, he really shines in electrical work. “I just ran power for 25 garages over at Glenhaven,” he said. “That was a big job. Took me about 3 weeks.” Famicos’ Maintenance Department is currently a team of 8, under the supervision of Kim Parker. We are looking for additional maintenance staff to join this hard-working, precision team.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT
Lease-to-Purchase Program

Famicos Foundation’s Lease-to-Purchase Program consists of 3 or 4 bedroom single-family homes that are leased at an affordable rate for 15 years, with the intention to purchase the home in year 16. Currently, Famicos has 166 Lease-Purchase Homes scattered throughout Glenville. We are poised to begin construction on 30 new houses as part of the Mayor’s Neighborhood Transformation Initiative. These homes will be available through the Lease-to-Purchase Program early next year.

Our Lease-to-Purchase program provides a great opportunity for renters to gradually transition into homeowners. Along the way, prospective homeowners will receive homeownership counseling and education provided by our new Homeownership Resource Center. Other services offered by our new Homeownership Resource Center, available to anyone who is interested, will include:

- Credit assessment and improvement plan
- Assistance navigating home financing options
- Financial assessment, education, and coaching for overall financial wellness

Circle North Homes is a project of 30 new construction houses in Glenville, that are a part of the Mayor’s Neighborhood Transformation Initiative. All 30 houses will be available as Lease-to-Purchase homes through Famicos Foundation.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR LEASE-TO-PURCHASE PROGRAM

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