

## CURRENT INVESTEES

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### **CHESTERFIELD ARTS**

**Chesterfield Arts was established in 1995 with the mission to enrich the West County community through the arts. The only arts organization west of Highway 270, Chesterfield Arts has worked to educate new audiences and increase community outreach by fostering the growth of the visual, performing and literary arts in the rapidly growing West St. Louis County areas. Located just off Highway 40, they have a large gallery space, meeting area, retail and classroom space. In 2004, Chesterfield Arts brought 13 diverse arts programs to their partner venues with regional artists and art organizations including dance and theatre performances, art exhibitions, workshops, and the placement of public art throughout the city. Chesterfield Arts has received \$45,000 in grant monies and over \$22,000 in in-kind services in the past two years.**

### ***GIRLS INCORPORATED***

**Girls Incorporated operates three centers and numerous outreach sites using two mobile centers called *Girls on the Go!* to reach over 15,000 disadvantaged girls ages 4-18 annually using educational, personal development, visual and performance arts, and sports/physical development programming. Founded more than twenty years ago by dedicated, prominent members of the St. Louis community, they feature a variety of programs in safe environments and reach out to young girls throughout the St. Louis community. Girls Incorporated has received \$50,000 in grant monies and over \$16,000 in in-kind services since early 2004.**

### **JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

**St. Louis Social Venture Partners has awarded \$60,000 to the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Foundation since February 2002. SVP has worked with a team of SVP volunteers to assist the organization in the areas of financial management assistance, human resources, and strategic planning. SVP Lead Partner, Ron Moitzfield, is now assisting the organization in a facilities planning role to increase the visibility and utilization of the Center.**

**The Jackie Joyner-Kersey Boys & Girls Club is located in the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Center in East St. Louis. The facility opened in March of 2000 and provides safe, after-school programs for children ages 6-18. Their focus is directed towards youth development, through academic, self-esteem, mentoring, health and fitness, character-building and leadership programs. Although the Boys & Girls Club program is the primary program located at the Center, the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Foundation offers a variety of programs for youth and plans to expand their programming for adults and senior citizens.**

### **KIDSMART, INC.**

**KidSmart, Inc. is a free educational supply store, that distributes desperately needed school supplies and learning materials to thousands of St. Louis area kids in need. Since opening in 2002, KidSmart has provided more than 30,000 area children with the materials they need to empower learning. Despite this incredible success, there are still 50,000 kids in need of KidSmart's services. Their mission is to ensure that children and their classrooms in the Greater Metropolitan St. Louis Area have the basic tools for learning by transferring, at no cost, the community's surplus supplies and merchandise into the hands of teachers for school children in need. KidSmart received a \$25,000 grant from St. Louis SVP in 2005**

### **LOYOLA ACADEMY**

**Loyola Academy of St. Louis is a Jesuit middle school for boys who have the potential for college preparatory work but whose progress may be impeded by poverty, residence in distressed neighborhoods and other social or economic factors. Loyola was established in September 1999 by a group of faculty, administrators and trustees of Saint Louis University High School who wanted to focus on the needs of disadvantaged youth who had academic potential. Loyola now enrolls young men in grades 6, 7, & 8 with a maximum enrollment of 60 students. The young men follow a rigorous academic program that enables them to succeed in college-preparatory high schools. Loyola Academy has been an investee since 2003 and has received \$75,000 in grant monies and almost \$24,000 in in-kind services.**

### **MENTOR ST. LOUIS**

**St. Louis Social Venture Partners has awarded \$70,000 to Mentor St. Louis since February 2002. SVP Lead Partner, Cheryl Walker has worked with a team of SVP volunteers to assist Mentor St. Louis in the areas of technology assessment and support, marketing, strategic planning and mentor recruitment.**

**Mentor St. Louis was established in 1995 by Sue and Jerry Schlichter to pair adult mentors with St. Louis City elementary students to make a difference and have an impact on the lives of St. Louis children. Currently, Mentor St. Louis serves 1,850 elementary children with over 1,300 volunteer mentors and operates in seven St. Louis City Public Schools. Volunteers serve as mentors for kindergarten through fifth grade students. Mentor St. Louis seeks to improve school attendance, stimulate a positive attitude, enhance social and educational development and, most importantly elevate self-esteem by placing an empowering adult with each child within a well-structured program.**