



**SLAVIC
VILLAGE**

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Monica Mitchell

ON THE COVER:

Monica has lived in the Hyacinth neighborhood of Slavic Village since 1993. This past September she participated in *Rebuilding Together's Building A Healthy Neighborhood Event* which brought hundreds of volunteers to help revitalize this community. Volunteers provided critical home repair, energy efficiency updates, and numerous health and safety modifications to 10 neighborhood homes. During the course of the week, Monica's front door was replaced, flooring was repaired and several rooms were painted. Her garage door and shower were

also repaired. Through *Slavic Village Development's Climate Resiliency grant from the Kresge Foundation*, she also received a new tree planted in her yard. Monica works as a residential aide and loves living in the Hyacinth neighborhood. She recently joined the rejuvenated *Hyacinth Community Coalition* which is working to improve the neighborhood. She is so thankful that her home has a new lease on life so that she will be able to remain in the community she loves for many years to come.

Inca Tea

The newest business to call Slavic Village home is the three year old tea company Inca Tea. "We have been growing rapidly" says Ryan Florio TeaEO of Inca Tea. "With business increasing we decided it was time to expand and recently bought a historic building near the intersection of Union and Broadway Avenue." The building Ryan is speaking of was formerly a substation for the local utility company, and most recently used as a storage warehouse. *SVD's Business Development Team assisted Ryan in working through the city permitting process.* At this time, Inca Tea plans to store, package and ship their hand blended tea all around the world from right here in Slavic Village.

The tea comes from an ancient Incan recipe that Ryan discovered on a trip to Peru. Each blend is made with real purple corn and 100% natural ingredients. Inca makes an effort to source their ingredients and packaging materials from right here in Cleveland. Ryan says "I like Slavic Village because it is in the City of Cleveland and it is an up and coming part of town. I have great access to the highways and I am really excited about my new building. The unique architecture and history play into the Inca Tea Theme."

They have begun work on the inside of the building, fixed up the roofing, and have more plans for the future. Ryan says, "Eventually I want to add a retail café area by the front door, I would really like for this business to become a staple for the community." Inca Tea is now in more than 500 stores ranging from small local shops to international supermarket chains. They plan on continuing to grow and hope to bring the neighborhood with them in their journey.





Saucisson

One of the most exciting new developments on the newly reconstructed Fleet Avenue is the renovation of the old Jaworski Meats building into the new home of Saucisson, an artisan butcher. Founded by Melissa Khoury and Penny Barend in 2013, Saucisson provides unique and hard to find artisan meat products, from hand cured meats to specially spiced sausages.

Saucisson currently sells their products to chefs and restaurants and directly to retail customers at Farmers markets and pop up events. Making their new home on Fleet in a State of Ohio-inspected facility for meat will increase their capacity to sell more wholesale products and prepare larger batches of their current offerings. The “lady butchers” have outgrown their temporary locations at the Culinary Launch Kitchen and Katz Club Diner catering facilities and are looking forward to moving into their new home in early 2017.

Slavic Village Development assisted Saucisson with securing \$50,000 in financing assistance through the City of Cleveland’s Economic Development program and navigating the permitting process through the City of Cleveland’s Department of Building and Housing. SVD also secured a \$10,000 grant from Citizen Bank’s Retail Repair Program for the project.

Mayia Allen and the Resse Pieces Cheerleaders

In 2012 a group of parents organized their girls into cheerleading team to support the Broadway Comanche Football team. The group started with 18 and grew to over 50 girls ages 6 -16 who cheer for the football team and participate in many neighborhood events. Named after one of the founders who passed away, the goal of the Broadway Resse Pieces Cheerleading team is to provide a safe environment for the girls to learn the skills of cheerleading while also building their self esteem and self confidence. They have quickly become the highlight of many of SVD’s annual events including the Pierogi Dash 5K and Polish Constitution Day Parade. They practice several nights a week at Stella Walsh Recreation Center on Broadway. *With assistance from SVD staff, the group has received three Neighborhood Connections grants which pay for uniforms, travel expenses and their end of the season banquet.*





Marva Walton

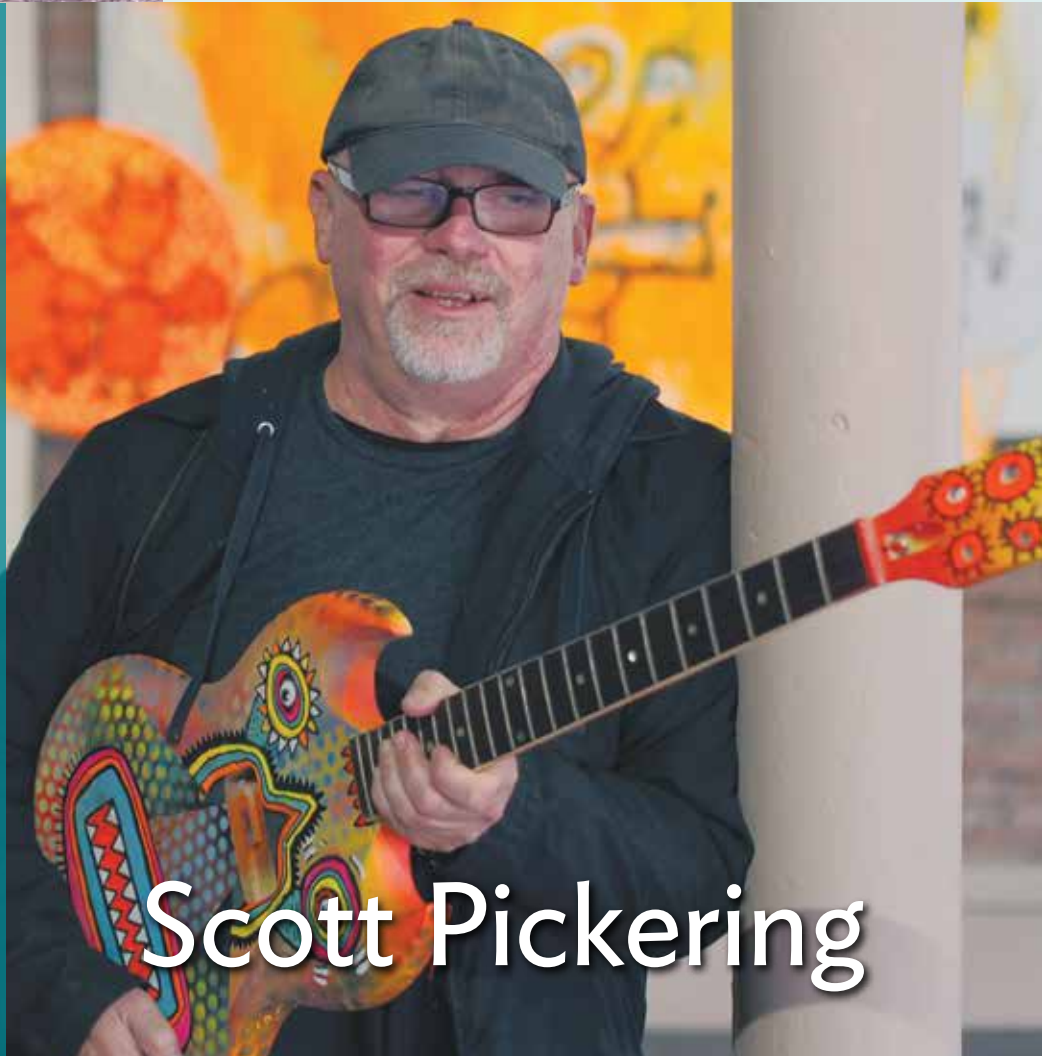
Marva Walton and her family moved into her new home in *Trailside Slavic Village* almost two years ago. She enrolled her daughter in CMSD's Mound STEM school and was eager to become involved in the life of the school. Mrs. Walton joined the School Parent Organization (SPO) and was introduced to Natalie Friedl, Executive Director of the *Broadway Slavic Village MyCom P-16 Initiative*. With assistance from Natalie, Mrs. Walton wrote a grant to *Neighborhood Connections* to fund Mound's first Father Daughter Dance. The event took place in March and was a huge success with over 300 daughters and dads turning out to dance the night away.

Mrs. Walton is currently the Vice President of the School Parent Organization, an America SCORES soccer coach, and reads with her daughter's fourth grade class once a week. She is also working on starting a book club for kids at Mound.

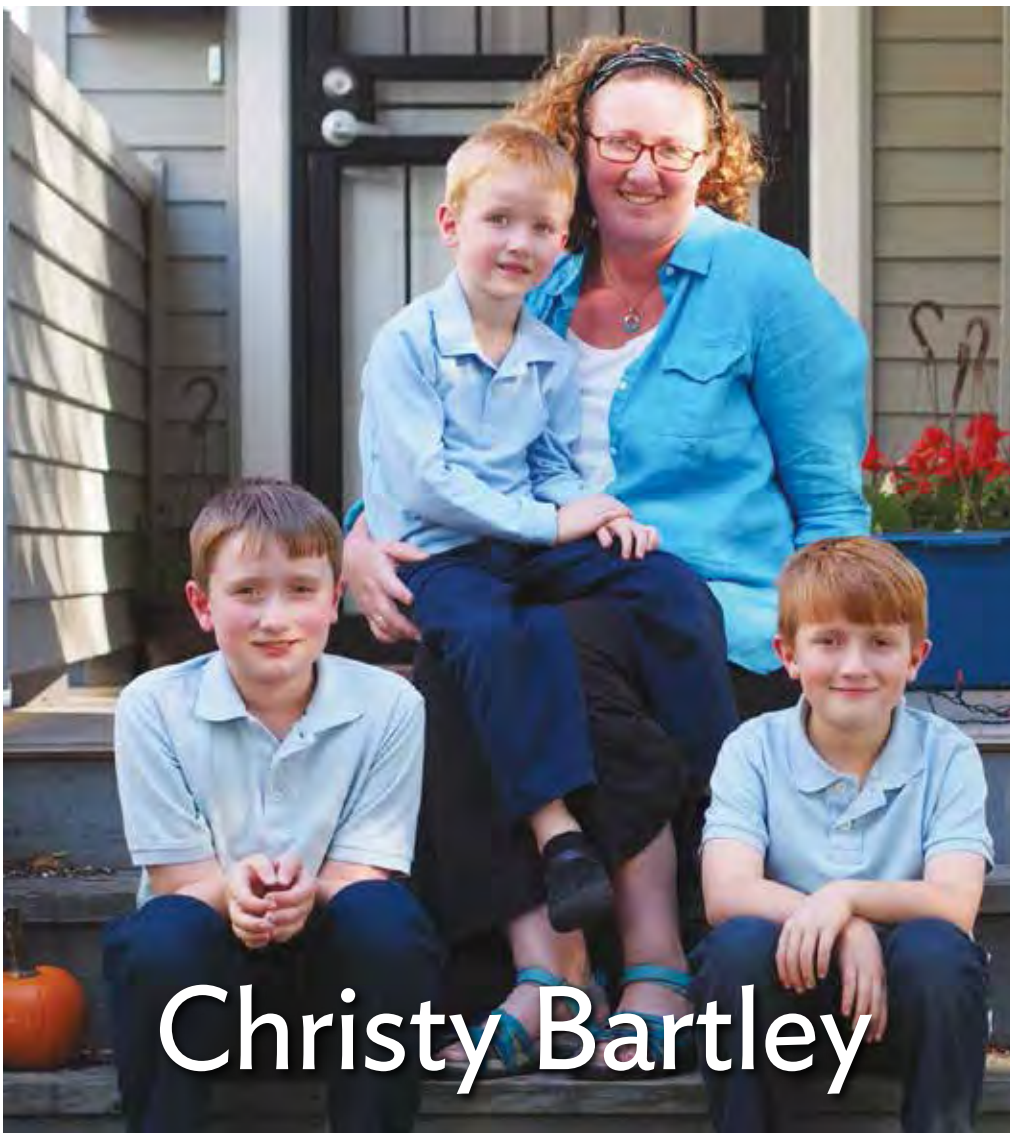
Mrs. Walton and her daughter take advantage of the family-friendly amenities offered in the Slavic Village neighborhood. They regularly check out the maximum number of books at the Fleet Library. They love living in Trailside and they often walk and bike on the *Morgana Run Trail*. She describes Trailside as a very peaceful community where "everyone knows each other and looks out for each other, just like the old days."

Scott Pickering is an artist and musician who moved to Slavic Village over 25 years ago. He first rented a home on E. 63rd and eventually decided to purchase a home in the neighborhood. With assistance from longtime resident and realtor Chet Cuiksa, he invested in a home on E. 53rd and transformed it into a live work space that includes both art and music studios in his attic. Scott has been a driving force in SVD's *Rooms To Let* project (vacant homes transformed into temporary art) as a curator and artist since its inception in 2014. As a *Rooms To Let* Curator, he developed relationships with neighbors around his installation and brought dozens of artists into the project. As a visual artist, Scott's paintings and drawings exude a humorous, childlike simplicity with an affinity for bright colors. His style was reflected in the homes that he curated during *Rooms To Let* which brought a bold, bright fun experience to visitors. Scott's enthusiasm for the Slavic Village neighborhood and bringing an artistic approach to revitalization has made a huge impact on our community.

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Scott Pickering



Christy Bartley

The Bartley Family made Slavic Village their home close to 9 years ago. They moved back to the Cleveland area and rented a home in Slavic Village from a relative while trying to sell their previous house. After a few years on E. 69th street, Slavic Village Development renovated the house next door to the Bartleys through the *Opportunity Homes* project. The Bartleys were sold on the chance to own a completely renovated home in a neighborhood they had grown to love.

Several years ago, Christy, a stay-at-home mom, made a fire truck cake for her son's birthday. Relatives and friends were so impressed by her finished product that they began asking her to make cakes for their celebrations and holidays. She took cake decorating classes and began to grow her business. In April 2015, upon recommendation from SVD's staff, Christy joined a *Bad Girl Ventures* class to learn more about owning her own business. This past summer Christy sold cake pops, muffins and other baked goods at SVD's new *Village Market on Fleet Avenue*. She enjoyed the experience but learned some lessons about selling chocolate covered cake balls in the hot summer heat! She plans to continue making cakes for celebrations and cookies at Christmas and to explore additional opportunities to grow her business.

Nic Abraham and her husband moved into a *Slavic Village Recovery* home from Warrensville Heights two years ago. As the digital marketing manager for WTWH media, Mrs. Abraham has an easy commute from Slavic Village to her office in Mid-Town Cleveland. Since moving to the neighborhood, she has become very involved in her community. This summer, she was a vendor at the *Village Market*, selling her *Delicate Skin Essentials* skin care products every week. As a business owner, she is participating in the *Women's Business Center* classes being offered to entrepreneurs in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Abraham is a member of the *Warszawa Block Club* and one of four *Slavic Village Climate Ambassadors* who are working to educate the community on the impact of climate change on the neighborhood. Mrs. Abraham serves on *Slavic Village Development's Strategic Initiatives Committee* which leads the development of the Strategic Plan, monitors SVD's progress on our work towards the plan, and advises the Executive Director and the Board on how to best serve the neighborhood. She enjoys living in Slavic Village and is looking forward to its continued progress.



Nic Abraham



Climate Ambassadors

Slavic Village Development's Climate Ambassadors are bringing the issue of climate change to the residents of Slavic Village. Slavic Village is one of four neighborhoods taking part in the Cleveland Climate Resilience Initiative funded by the Kresge Foundation in partnership with Cleveland Neighborhood Progress. The Initiative highlights three main goals: **1.)** Reduce energy use and/or increase the generation of renewable energy sources, **2.)** Help Clevelanders prepare for the impacts of climate change in their neighborhood and **3.)** Strengthen social connections among individuals and networks. So far, *the Slavic Village Climate Ambassadors held a mini Climate Fair* with displays and activities about climate change and how neighbors can make a difference, and *secured grants to plant 20 trees in the Hyacinth neighborhood and 30 trees along the new Pershing ramp exit.*

Slavic Village's Ambassadors pictured here from left to right are: Nicole (Nic) Abraham, Pat Shields, Mamie Bell and Peter Baszuk.

Pat Hook has been a resident of the Mill Creek Falls (also known as Warner Turney) neighborhood for 48 years. She loves the neighborhood because it is a "close knit community where we watch out for each other". Ten years ago, Pat became more involved in the neighborhood when members of the Warner Turney Neighborhood Organization (WTNO) were working on fundraising for the Mill Creek Falls Family Park (formerly known as the Tioga Tot Lot) on Warner Road. Working with Slavic Village Development staff, the group made plans to improve and expand the park by incorporating nearby vacant lots. A Reimagining Cleveland grant funded the removal of trees and debris and grading and leveling the lot. As a next step, WTNO applied for a Neighborhood Connections grant to pay for a fence that would surround the park. Pat advocated for improvements to the park every step of the way. She also works with WTNO to put on their annual Party in the Park and other events throughout the year. In the next phase of improvements, funded by a grant from the Hershey Foundation and the City of Cleveland, new playground equipment and a rubberized surface will be installed in the spring of 2017 for a total investment of \$150,000. Pat plans to continue working to improve the park and build community among her neighbors in the years to come.



Pat Hook

SVD Revenue and Support

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Sources: Total \$1,801,487

Revenues and Support:

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| City/Council | \$655,875 |
| Other grants | \$380,425 |
| NPI/CNP | \$159,750 |
| Development and service fees | \$163,108 |
| Property management | \$87,807 |
| Operating | \$85,838 |
| Fundraising | \$213,864 |
| Other | \$54,822 |
| Total revenues and support | \$1,801,487 |

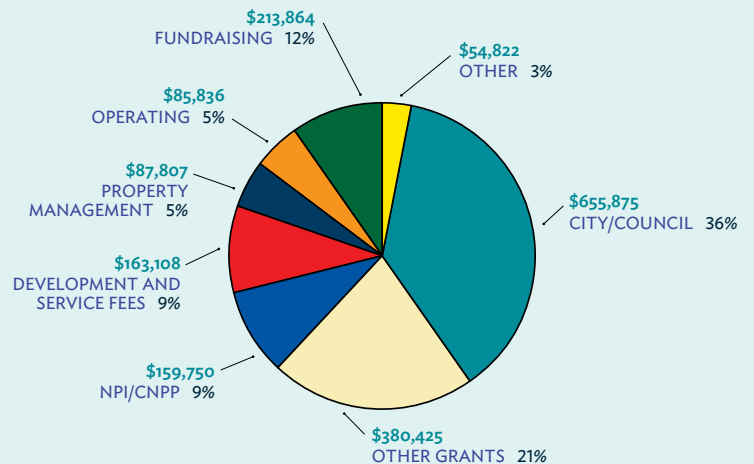
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| Housing production | \$238,261 |
| Special projects | \$381,762 |
| Commercial development | \$192,864 |
| Real estate | \$156,853 |
| Code enforcement | \$99,903 |

Support Service:

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| Management and general | \$192,789 |
| Fundraising | \$98,493 |
| Total expenditures | \$1,884,905 |
| Change in net assets | \$(83,418) |
| Net assets at beginning of year | \$2,068,921 |
| Net assets at end of year | \$1,985,503 |

Program Services:

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| Community organizing | \$215,158 |
| Consumer services | \$82,532 |
| Property management | \$226,290 |



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“Slavic Village Development works with and for its residents, businesses, and institutions to promote civic engagement, community empowerment, and neighborhood investment.”



Serving The Broadway Community



Slavic Village Development proudly advocates for and serves the most diverse and resilient neighborhood in Cleveland. Therefore, we thought that it was appropriate for this year’s Annual Report to highlight a few folks who are representative of the many neighbors and businesses that give life to our Slavic Village Community. Some of these champions have made Slavic Village their home for decades, while others have recently adopted

this neighborhood, from Mill Creek Falls to North Broadway and everywhere in between.

We have highlighted how Slavic Village Development has played a part in making this neighborhood their home and, more importantly, how each of our friends have made this place a welcoming and uniquely beautiful home for so many others. Just like the snowflakes that illuminate the newly-reopened Fleet Avenue, each of these faces light up our community.

Let’s keep shining for one another.