



**SLAVIC
VILLAGE**



A NEIGHBORHOOD FOR A LIFETIME

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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Oftentimes, neighborhoods are easy to define. Over here is the “trendy” neighborhood. Across town is the “ethnic” neighborhood. Their grandparents live in the “retirement community.” This is “where the millennials live.” That neighborhood is “gentrifying.” Here in Slavic Village, we have had an honestly difficult time marketing ourselves, because this is a place that defies being pigeonholed. We are called “Slavic”, but our diversity extends far beyond Eastern Europe. Many of our grandparents live here, but we have hundreds of children who grow and thrive in our neighborhood. We are residential, industrial, surrounded by parks, scored by main streets, close to downtown, yet connected to all of Northeast Ohio.

Slavic Village is a neighborhood for anyone and everyone, for a lifetime.

We are proud of our community, and we are proud to serve every member of our diverse, complicated, and difficult to define neighborhood. I invite you to read our 2018 Annual Report to see how we are strengthening our “neighborhood for life” for our youth, our elders, and everybody in between. Better yet, don’t just read about us:

Come join us.

Yours,

Christopher Alvarado, *Executive Director*

Our Mission


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

Slavic Village is a Home for Everyone



Helping our neighbors achieve housing stability remains at the heart of SVD's work. We believe that every person who has the dream of owning their own home can fulfill this in Slavic Village. This year, Slavic Village Rediscovered renovated our fiftieth formerly-vacant and abandoned home, thus welcoming our fiftieth new household to our neighborhood. Through our three renovation programs, SVD not only saves houses from demolition, but we also restore wealth to homeowners who saw the value of their homes plummet in the wake of the 2008 Great Recession.

Not everybody comes to SVD ready to buy their first home. Thanks to our partnership with CHN Housing Partners,

Ohio Housing Finance Agency, Enterprise Community Investment, Huntington Bank, the City of Cleveland, the Cuyahoga Land Bank, and Third Federal Savings, thirty-seven new single-family homes have been built over the past two years, creating affordable options for families who are not yet able to make a down payment or secure a mortgage. These "Slavic Village Green Homes" will be bought by their occupants through a "lease purchase" program, and these new residents are being connected to career, education, and financial counseling programs through the Slavic Village P-16 Partnership. 


Slavic Village P-16

NATALIE FRIEDL | DIRECTOR, SLAVIC VILLAGE P-16



Thanks to a grant from Neighborhood Connections, Slavic Village P-16 orchestrated the “Light Up the Village Campaign”, where over 400 LED, dusk to dawn, energy-efficient light bulbs were distributed and installed in the front porches of homes that line the roads leading to our schools. The goal is to help provide a safe route for students walking to school as well as offer the community adequate lighting. Residents were thrilled to have bulbs that went on and off by themselves and for a focus on safety.

With the assistance of Slavic Village P-16, Cleveland Central Catholic was chosen to host MyCom’s Future Leaders of the World (FLOW), an innovative out-of-school program that challenges youth to be active participants in political processes and learn civics through active engagement in democratic activities outside the classroom, with the belief that schools, neighborhoods and cities can be transformed by their insight and expertise. FLOW programming develops leaders and teaches youth how to use their voice to advocate and inform about issues near and dear to them.

Thanks to the dozens of partners in the Slavic Village P-16, and with the leadership of the Third Federal Foundation, we’ve made a significant positive impact on literacy, with every Cleveland Metropolitan School District 3rd Grade Class passing the state kindergarten to third grade reading report card – the first time this has ever happened. We are not only developing our neighborhood – we are developing young minds. 

Just as the healthiest tree cannot thrive if it is uprooted year after year, so too the smartest child cannot succeed academically if she constantly changes schools and neighborhoods. Thanks to our partners, especially the Third Federal Foundation, we are not only creating an excellent academic environment in Slavic Village, but we are ensuring that every family has access to safe, affordable housing, good jobs at living wages, and a wide variety of after-school programs.




Restoring Nature in the Heart of Slavic Village

MARLANE WESLIAN

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland (BGCC), Slavic Village Development, the City of Cleveland, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and the West Creek Conservancy broke ground on the former Cleveland Woolen Mills site to transform an overgrown 4-acre field into a productive ecosystem that would serve as an outdoor learning lab for the children of the Slavic Village neighborhood and a natural greenspace for everyone to enjoy.

Adjacent to Mound School and the Morgana Run Trail, the plan is to restore and enhance woodland, wetland, and meadow ecosystems, remove invasive plants, build ADA compliant trails and boardwalks, hiking trails, outdoor classrooms/gathering spaces/observation points, and protect threatened species habitat. In addition, stormwater from two acres of the BGCC campus adjacent to the site will be directed to the wetland to expand the wetland ecosystem, and thus reducing runoff to the combined sewer system. The Outdoor Learning Lab will be open to the public from dawn to dusk via access points off Morgana Run Trail and Mound School.

A Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) Green Infrastructure Grant and a Clean Ohio Conservation Grant were awarded to the Boys & Girls Club and the City of Cleveland to fund the project. 




The Village Feast

JOE LINSKY | COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Out of an effort to introduce neighbors to the benefits of eating local food, the Village Feast was born. As E 54th street closes, the appetizing aromas spill out of Saucisson's kitchen as hundreds of people congregate to take a seat and indulge in a meal alongside new faces. For the past three years, nearly two thousand meals, stories, and smiles have been shared in what may be Cleveland's most diverse annual neighborhood event.

Complementing the Village Feast, the Fleet Stakeholders continue to partner with SVD to develop their own series of events for Slavic Village residents and visitors alike. This group of volunteer business owners has creatively planned five seasonal events, highlighting a new neighborhood culture of diversity while weaving in threads of ethnic tradition. **The Fleet Avenue Kielbasa Cookout**, which invites guests to warm up and roast smoked kielbasa around the fire while enjoying live music, is just one example of how our business community strengthens our entire neighborhood.

These two projects have been highly successful in showcasing our community's social and cultural assets. Food is Slavic Village's secret ingredient for bringing everyone together. 



As adults, most of our days are centered around our work. At SVD, we are fortunate to assist companies who not only see Slavic Village as a place where their businesses can thrive, but who also make time to create neighborhood celebrations that bring our diverse community together. Thanks to our business community, we continue to keep and attract businesses who are dedicated to working hard and playing hard.






Supporting our New Local Companies

MARILYN MOSINSKI

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Carly Cahlik and Tiffany Tutin were looking for a new location to expand their companies **Ohio High Reach** and **Coast-to-Coast Equipment**, which rent, sell, and service lift equipment to support development throughout Ohio. With the help of SVD and the City of Cleveland, they have invested \$3.6 million on a six-acre site in the Cuyahoga Valley Industrial Center on property that overlooks ArcelorMittal. Their investment in Slavic Village encouraged other enterprises to develop the sixty acres of previously contaminated land that was the location of slag piles and a coke plant. By locating in Slavic Village, immediately off of I-177, they are now within 45 minutes of 3.5 million Northeast Ohioans.

Supporting manufacturers and allied companies is a strength of SVD. We guide businesses and investors through permitting and rezoning procedures and identify grants and loans that fund new storefronts and physical investments. Because access is key to a strong business climate, we continue to guide ODOT's improvements to our highway system (including the reconstruction of the Pershing and Broadway Avenue bridges as well as the Opportunity Corridor) to ensure minimal disruption while advocating for our neighborhood. 

One Home at a Time

LYNN RODEMANN

HOUSING OUTREACH SPECIALIST



One major accomplishment this past year was the launch of a new program called **One Home At A Time** (OHAAT). This program connects Slavic Village homeowners with hands-on “how-to” classes so residents can learn the basics of home repair and how their homes work. In partnership with Home Repair Resource Center, we held two six-week class sessions where homeowners learned about plumbing, faucets, drains and traps, how to use power tools, tuck-pointing and masonry, insulation, painting, drywall and plaster repair.

Twenty four new households and business owners, mostly women, now have a better idea of how to protect their investments and have found collaborators in each other to work on home repair projects. Vendetta Brown learned tuck-pointing and masonry through OHAAT, ensuring that she will continue to maintain her home, thus allowing her to maintain her relationships with her neighbors on East 71st Street for years to come. 🏡

We work to make Slavic Village a neighborhood for life. Everyone who chooses Slavic Village as their home can be assisted by one of our housing programs, whether directly through our classes, workshops, and programs, or indirectly through our successes in abating nuisance properties. Our overall goal is to help people stay in our neighborhood for the rest of their lives, and to help our seniors age with their health and dignity.




Ensuring Our Seniors Can Age In Place

LYNN RODEMANN

HOUSING OUTREACH SPECIALIST

In neighborhoods like ours, seniors are the glue that keep neighbors connected to each other. Thanks to the McGregor Foundation, SVD has provided dozens of matching grants to folks who want to stay in their own homes, but need a little extra help to stay. “Joe”, a lifelong resident of Slavic Village who proudly served his country in the Navy, is just one example. When a City Inspector found problems with Joe’s home, the inspector referred him to SVD. The list of repairs was long (roof, gutters, porch repair, and landscaping), and because of the condition of his home, he no longer qualified for homeowner’s insurance. Our staff spent hours with Joe, and successfully found a company who donated a new roof, free of charge. Joe was then able to use our matching grant to make other needed repairs, and SVD mobilized volunteers to help with the landscaping.

SVD also works with the Sisters of the Humility of Mary to provide direct support to older residents, and have piloted a project with the Legal Aid Society to help seniors with limited assets fix title issues to ensure that their properties do not become vacant and abandoned. 



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SLAVIC VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

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Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018

Sources: Total \$2,481,412

Revenues and Support:

City Grants \$616,038
 Other grants \$1,006,110
 CNP \$224,220
 Development and service fees \$244,636
 Property management \$31,628
 Operating \$217,238
 Fundraising \$137,642
 Other \$3,900
Total revenues and support \$2,481,412

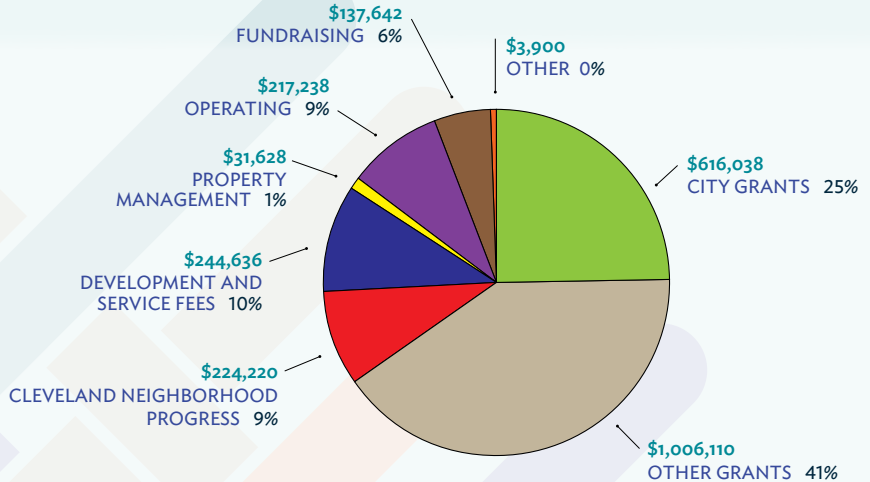
Housing production \$219,954
 Special projects \$554,775
 Commercial development \$257,959
 Real estate \$62,281
 Code enforcement \$117,128

Support Service:

Management and general \$168,031
 Fundraising \$46,789
Total expenditures \$2,393,469
 Change in net assets \$87,954
 Net assets at beginning of year \$1,565,172
 Net assets at end of year \$1,653,115

Program Services:

Community organizing \$226,410
 Consumer services \$569,035
 Property management \$171,107



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