

Resolution Number 100
Service International

Whereas, we have been apprised that Service International's "Love The Neighborhood" community outreach event will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2009; and

Whereas, Service International helps people in spiritual, physical, and situational crises. Their programs are unique and our follow-through is unparalleled; and

Whereas, when disaster strikes, government and relief organizations converge on the scene with food, water, and other necessary supplies. While Service International also provides immediate disaster relief, their focus is on complete, long-term recovery. Their primary goal is to make each community they serve capable of continuing its own restoration program long after they have gone. In order to accomplish that task, Service International trains residents and local authorities in volunteer and material coordination as well as reconstruction techniques; and

Whereas, the communities that Service International helps end up better than they were before their catastrophe. Natural disaster is an equal opportunity destroyer, and recovery must also be equal opportunity. Racial, religious, and social barriers come crashing down as entire communities pull together for survival. The benefits of this kind of recovery will last for generations; and

Whereas, as well as providing disaster relief services, Service International has partnered with other organizations in a variety of humanitarian projects: receiving donations of winter coats for the needy, serving nutritious summertime lunches to St. Louis school children and providing food supplies and support for Thanksgiving.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Service International and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 23rd day of July, 2009 by

Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Adopted this the 23rd day of July, 2009 as attested:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen