

# Annual Report for Emmaus House

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The Emmaus House campus is located at 1017 Hank Aaron Drive. Hank Aaron is a superstar, living legend, profile in courage who has an office at 755 Hank Aaron Drive, but his street is a mess (trash, weeds), so we are working to clean up his street and hang banners for his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Feb 5, 2014. Columbus Ward, President of the neighborhood association and Senior Warden at the EH chapel, got a grant from the Love Your Block foundation to purchase trash cans so eight new cans are on the street near the three stores and some bus stops. The new cans are exactly the same style as the cans on the EH campus ( Good looking pressure treated wood frames with a very cheap metal can inside—no real salvage value—brilliant.). When Claiborne and Jerry met with City Public Works Commissioner Mendoza, he would not buy cans but he promised that if we could get cans, the City would service them. In August 2012, four 5-gallon white plastic buckets with “Respect 44 Pitch in” signs were placed on the sidewalk at the EH campus and a nearby bus stop and continue to be heavily used, so we know that people will use open trash receptacles when available. The new trash cans also have “Respect 44 Pitch in” bumper stickers.

Jerry is edging the beautiful 7-foot-wide sidewalks and pruning the trees over the sidewalks to lift the view to the spectacular high canopy of very old hardwood trees on the street—including a magnificent willow oak. The west side (EH side) of the street is done and the east side will be done by the end of the year. It's only .8 mile long.

Our dream is to hang 44 banners on light poles with “44 Happy 80<sup>th</sup>” from February through July 2014: 12 by the Turner Field Parking lots and the rest in the neighborhood. These banners on a clean street will lift the spirits of the neighborhood – especially the children, and be special, positive proof that good things are happening in Peopletown. We need to raise around \$5,000 to make this happen. Any suggestions for funding sources will be appreciated.

In other matters, Emmaus House will add a new full time staff person this month, a Community Partnerships Director.

God's glory,

Jerry Hood