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Senator Percy and Congresswoman Collins



Festival Time on the Iron Man Plaza

... "I want to certify that I lived in the Chicago business community for twenty-five years as a businessman and now I live in the heart of Washington, D.C. It's vital that those of us who can help the cities show that we give a damn about the cities and the people here today have for years shown that they give a damn. . . But what they had to have was a spirit. They had to make an investment in the human resources that also care about their own community. And that is what is so unique here. That is why Fifth City, in its fifteenth year of celebration today from the conception of an idea is now important in 20 countries and important in communities across the nation. We had problems of burned out buildings, unemployment, skyrocketing crime, transiency in the neighborhood, and utter despair. Now we have replaced those words with growing employment, more investment, more fine people coming in, buildings that are being fixed up, and an area of the city with a future that has been created by the Iron Man. And let me tell you I've been ten feet tall since a few months ago a group of Fifth City's leaders came into my office and made me an Iron Man. . .

Again, I am proud of your success and honored that, at least in a small way, I can associate myself with it. You have become a ray of hope for many people throughout the world."

Senator Charles Percy

Fifth City Festival of New Beginnings  
June 17, 1978

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS 1977-78

*a comprehensive approach  
towards*

*ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY*

*SOCIAL SELF-RELIANCE*

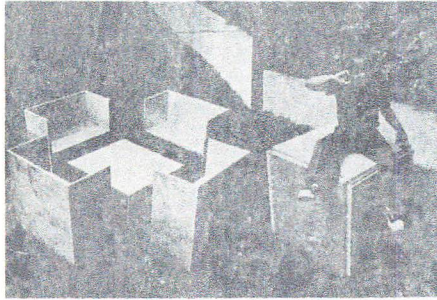
*HUMAN SELF-CONFIDENCE*

# Economic Self-Sufficiency

## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

On October 14, 1977 the Industry Center was dedicated by the Economic Development Commission of Chicago. The Center has grown to include 9 enterprises: WINDOOR, QUBE-COR, ANGLIN PEST CONTROL, SAFEWAY ELECTRONICS, SAFEWAY SECURITY, FIFTH CITY MAINTENANCE CO., FIFTH CITY TRANSPORT CO., UDELL'S BODY SHOP and the FIFTH CITY COMMERCIAL SCHOOL. These businesses provide over 35 jobs for Fifth Citizens.

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Industry Center & Businesses



Udell's Body Shop  
Trains Men

## SHOPPING CENTER

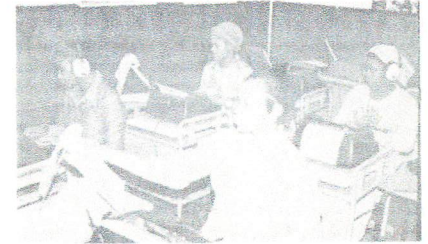
This ten-thousand square foot complex houses six businesses which include the FIFTH CITY SUPERFOODS, the JACKSON-HOMAN CURRENCY EXCHANGE, STANLEY'S CLEANERS, THE LAUNDROMAT, FIFTH CITY LIQUORS and STANLEY'S BROASTED CHICKEN. These businesses provide 40 jobs for the community and their corporate gross sales was over \$2-million dollars.



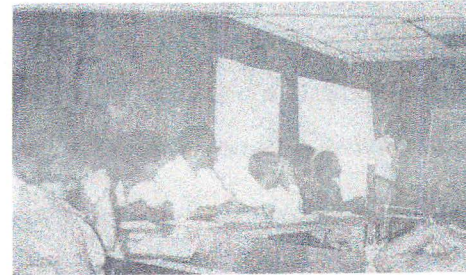
Stanley's Cleaners

## COMMERCIAL SCHOOL

Accredited by Malcolm X College, the School teaches typing, office management and "How to Get a Job". Division II opened offering a management training program for new and existing businesses. It teaches financial management, planning and marketing. Five businesses tested this curriculum and ten more businesses enrolled in its first session. All of the 100 graduates of the secretarial section either secured jobs or upgraded their present jobs.



Commercial School Prepares Job-Seekers



Business Association Builds Economic Base

## BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Meeting every Tuesday night, its main accomplishments were the publication of the Business Directory and developing individual business plans with the aid of Chicago's Economic Development Corporation. Other activities were corporate advertising programs, storefront facelifting and sign painting. Preparation for the Industrial Minipark included land research, attraction of public and private sector investment and planning.

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

This program promoted consumer credit, family budgeting and financing home loans and mortgages. A signal accomplishment was the establishing of a Revolving Loan Fund with the Community Bank of Lawndale. Five loans enabled the start-up of 4 new businesses. The Center is now promoting the use of the banking at CBL.



# Social Self-Reliance

## HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

In mid-December a network of 33 Health Advocates were trained. With the Health Outpost they focused on preventive health care. They meet bi-weekly, visit every home each year and publish articles in the Voice. The Health Fair was a good experience in displaying and demonstrating disease prevention bringing together 20 outside agencies and several hundred 5th citizens. The Health Module for the Human Development Training School was completed in Fall 1978.



30 Health Advocates are Commissioned



Leadership Grows by Leaps and Bounds

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Winter Congress, "Till All Communities Live Free" and the Fall Council, "Just Before the Sunrise" were orchestrated and conducted by community leaders. Developing leadership assisted in conducting TOWN MEETINGS in Illinois and led monthly community meetings. More than 20 residents attended other training events and assisted in leading PROJECT CONSULTATIONS in Venezuela, India, Guatemala, Canada, Jamaica, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Washington D.C., Iowa, Illinois and Minnesota.

## FIFTH CITY VOICE

Serving Fifth City for 12 years, the Voice has continued to expand its format -- including a community directory, a How-to Do-it-Yourself section as well as global and state news. It also expanded its volunteer staff and has nearly become self-supporting. It is delivered to 2,800 households bi-weekly by neighborhood youth employed part-time and block club leaders.



Proud Youth Deliver "The Voice"

## "In the Basket!"



Demonstrating Imaginal Education

## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

A Community Youth Forum in 1977 redesigned engagement for 5th City Youth. The newly formed Youth-in-Action prepared the Recreation Center for remodeling, organized several basketball teams and helped block clubs in the Environmental Campaign. Summer '78 started up the Jets program providing elementary age children with an exciting program. The Mayor's Summer Youth Program employed 40 youth as apprentices in 5th City programs and particularly the Industry Center.



Preschoolers Discuss World News

## FIFTH CITY PRESCHOOL

A signal event was the certification of a community resident in Child Development to become the first "community" Director. 135 children are currently enrolled with 24 full-time staff employed. Malcolm X College awarded 5 staff Certificates in Development; another was certified in sanitation. The School hosted a continent-wide curriculum building workshop in 1977. In 1978, 10 staff traveled to Pace, Mississippi to help launch another "Fifth City" preschool. The Parents Association sponsored local fund-raising projects-the Christmas Carnival and the Gospel Sing.



# Human Self-Confidence

## HOUSING ENTERPRISES

Fifth City Housing Enterprises developed plans for a \$2,375,000 development package for construction of 18 new single family homes, 10 new two-flat dwellings, and 10 new three-flat dwellings for owner occupancy. The new homes have been designed, sites selected and private financing sought. Fifth City Citizens Property Management Inc. has continued to improve the quality of management in 5th City apartments. A new maintenance supervisor has been hired, storm windows installed and delinquent rent payments were collected.



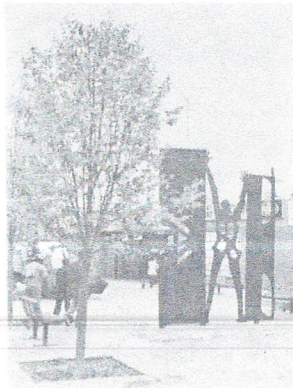
Friendly, Competant Housing Maintenance Crew

## SAFE STREETS PATROL

Working as volunteers and paying for gas and equipment out of their own pocket, the Safe Streets Patrol has continued to patrol the streets of Fifth City every night between 10:00 pm and 5:00 am. In 1977 they were nationally recognized as the react patrol for the Eisenhower Expressway corridor and they have received numerous awards and recognition from the Chicago Police Department and the Mayor's Office. They established safety patrols in other neighborhoods, and assisted with the free installation of smoke detectors.

## COMMUNITY IDENTITY

The Iron Man Plaza was completed by the city in June 1977 and Commissioner Lewis Hill presided over the dedication event held June 15. It is a 15-foot statue of the Iron Man Symbol with arms stretched upward and erected on a large triangular plaza. Its beauty reminds citizens of their accomplishments and aspirations and has provided an attractive area for celebrations and shopping. On June 17, 1978 the Festival of New Beginnings hosted Senator Percy, Representative Cartiss Collins and many people from the Chicago business community, U.S. Dept. of Commerce and HUD. The presence of many newly painted community signs and buildings, as well as beautiful urban gardens gave rise to strong community pride.



Iron Man Plaza  
Symbol of Achievement

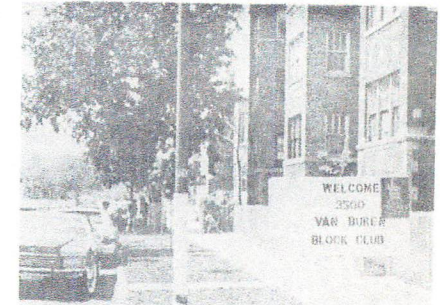


Rolling Out New Sod

Fifth City is Beautiful



20 Family Plots--One Urban Garden!



## ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGNS

1977-78 was the time to beautify Fifth City. Clean-ups, paint-ups, and fix-ups occurred; play-yards and miniparks were created; sidewalks were repaired. Sod was planted in over 200 yards. Workdays involving over 500 citizens resulted in many beautiful flower gardens, 3 new ball diamonds and the planting of over 60 trees. An Environmental Improvement Manual was printed and distributed. All 2800 families were visited in an effort to secure storm windows, insulation and heating improvements. A Fire Safety Fair, 20 winterization parties and sales of 430 smoke detectors promoted safety. Fifth City's first parade kicked off last Spring's "Green-Up" in which 10 demonstration gardens became a model for the Westside. The 3400-3500 Van Buren Minizone Project was completed with a grant from the City. Over \$25,000 in property improvements were completed--such as painting and tuck-pointing of 7 homes, yard lamps, landscaping, fencing, gardens and planting of 25 trees. As a result, 10 families decided to rehabilitate their homes and have made preliminary applications to the Department of Urban Renewal. All broken sidewalks in the 34-3500 block were repaired. The success of this program led to four more grants in Fall 1978.