



Love Award presented to Midtown Community School Initiative

Valentine Neighborhood Association News
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The 2015 Love Award was presented at our annual Valentine's Day party to the Midtown Community School Initiative (MCSI).

The Love Award is presented each year by the Valentine Neighborhood Association Board to someone who has made a significant contribution to the Valentine Neighborhood and to our neighbors.

The MCSI core team includes Valentine residents Jessie Rosell, Kristin Littrell and Jacob Littrell, along with Erica Woodson, Danica Lyons and Andrew Johnson.

They had their first public meeting in August 2013.

The group decided to send out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to find a school organization that would share their vision and start new schools in Midtown Kansas City. This time last year, they were reviewing the responses.

Since then, **Citizens of the World Charter Schools** agreed to partner with MCSI and open two elementary schools in the fall of 2016.



The MCSI core team (from left): Jessie Rosell, Kristin and Jacob Littrell (and daughter), Erica Woodson, Danica Lyons and Andrew Johnson

In January, it was announced that \$2.65 million will be funded by the Kauffman, Hall Family and Walton Family Foundations.

Valentine neighbors have seen the need for quality public schools for decades. This amazing group not only saw the issue, but found a way to conquer it in the span of about one and a half years.

The voluntary Valentine Neighborhood Association is the voice of the residents of the Valentine neighborhood in midtown Kansas City, Missouri.