

Improvements made in Argentine neighborhood

Mejoras en el barrio Argentine By Lilia Garcia Jimenez, photos by Gabriel Martinez



■ Pictured are Ann Murguia, ANDA's executive director, and U.S. Senator Sam Brownback.

El 18 de agosto, la Asociación de Desarrollo Vecinal de Argentine (ANDA) organizó una fiesta de agradecimiento en la calle 12 en Kansas City, Kan.

La gente se reunió para celebrar los planes para las nuevas instalaciones y mejoras realizadas en el barrio.

Los cambios fueron posibles gracias a las contribuciones de la iniciativa del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de EE.UU. y de donadores que incluyen a la Fundación de la Familia Hall; la Fundación Sunderland; el Gobierno Unificado del Condado Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan.; y la Aseguradora State Farm. Además, los cambios fueron posibles a través de la ayuda de voluntarios y partidarios del área de Kansas City.

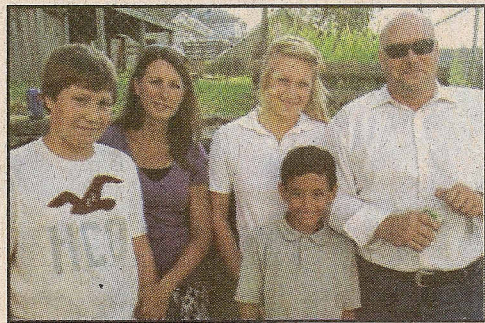
Como lo indica un comunicado de prensa de ANDA, Ann Murguía, Directora Ejecutiva, señaló: "Ahora estamos trabajando juntos para hacerlo un vecindario seguro y accesible, donde todos los niveles de ingresos pueden elegir vivir y criar a sus familias. Es momento de celebrar todo lo que hemos logrado juntos hasta ahora".

On Aug. 18, the Argentine Neighborhood Development Association (ANDA) hosted a "thank-you" party on 12th Street in Kansas City, Kan.

People gathered to celebrate the plans for new facilities and improvements made in the neighborhood.

The changes were made possible thanks to the contribution of a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development initiative and from donors including the Hall Family Foundation; Sunderland Foundation; Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kan.; and State Farm Insurance Cos. Moreover, the changes were possible through the help of Kansas City area volunteers and supporters.

As stated in a press release from the ANDA, Ann Murguia, executive director, stated: "Now we are working together to make it a safe and affordable neighborhood, where all income levels may choose to live and raise their families. It's time to celebrate all we have accomplished together so far."



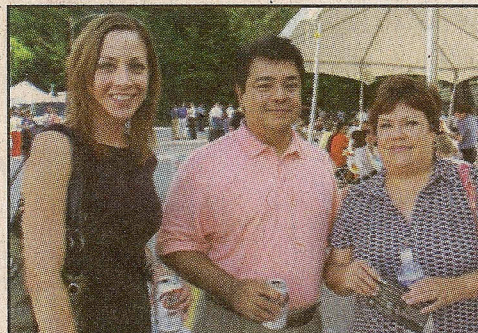
■ Mike Brown, Brown Midwest, with his family.



■ John Fierro with Monica Lang and Mario Escobar.



■ Henry Sandate with Interior Designer Barbara Rowe.



■ Tamara O'Connor, State Farm; with David and Alicia Chavez.



■ Mario Escobar gather with people to celebrate the ANDA success.