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## **Swope Community Builders Celebrates Retiring Founding Board Member**

A retirement celebration was held for Augustine S. Cameron on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the offices of Swope Community Builders (SCB), 4001 Blue Parkway. She is one of the founding board members of the community development corporation affiliated with Swope Community Enterprises (SCE). Family, friends, staff and fellow board members gathered to honor her twenty years of service.

During her tenure on the SCB board, Ms. Cameron assisted in directing more than \$200 million in infrastructure improvements along the Brush Creek corridor. These efforts include repairing flood-prone intersections, construction of Swope Health Central, the Thomas-Roque Family Development Center, the H&R Bloch Service Center and the Shops on Blue Parkway retail center. Further, urban blight issues were addressed in surrounding communities and more than 500 affordable homes have been built to replace known drug houses and dilapidated structures, earning SCB the reputation as a national model for urban revitalization.

“Ms. Cameron was a central figure throughout the history of SCB,” recalls E. Frank Ellis, Chairman of both SCB and SCE. “Her wisdom and integrity were tremendous assets to this organization and to the communities we serve,” he added.

Ms. Cameron has long been an advocate for veteran and special needs services and was surprised with a special unveiling at the event. Bill Jones, president of SCB, announced that they will break ground on a new 48-unit facility at 3200 Brighton Avenue this summer that will serve both veterans and SHS special needs patients. This new facility will be named “Augustine S. Cameron Place.”

Throughout her life, Ms. Cameron has been active in many organizations, such as those affiliated with the Kansas City MO School District, St. Stephen Baptist Church, the 3500 Bales Block Club and Palestine Neighborhood Development Corporation.

Ms. Cameron has traveled extensively across the United States, Canada and Europe. She continues to enjoy a wonderful life surrounded by her son, a sister, seven grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, twin great, great grandsons, nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

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