



The History of the Hillcrest-Palisades Partnership

October would have marked the 25th anniversary of the Hillcrest-Palisades Partnership. The partnership started informally in 1996-1997, through a series of monthly meetings of the Federation of Citizens Associations. Delegates from both neighborhoods met and realized that they lived on exact opposite corners of the city. They discussed their commonalities and sought ways of bringing together both neighborhoods for mutual benefit, enjoyment, and betterment of the city.

After attending each other's meetings, and with the support of their respective communities, the co-founders (Miles Steele III of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association and Alice Stewart of the Palisades Citizens Association) and their Environmental Chairs decided initially that the partnership would devote its efforts to support environmental education and initiatives. The partnership was formalized by the presidents of both associations: Penny Pagano (Palisades) and Pastor Franklin Senger III (Hillcrest).

In 2002, the partnership began a new focus on the arts with the founding of Neighbors Through ART, which through performances and shows brought together residents to create and present original works of art. This [booklet](#) was created in October 2007 to commemorate the 10th Anniversary celebration of the partnership.

At the 2022 Hillcrest Day celebration, a small contingent of friends from Palisades attended and expressed a desire to revive the partnership.

