Dear Friends:

Twenty years have come and gone quickly! It is because of you saints and all the saints who have stood for Christ before Advance Memphis ever began that I give thanks! As I sit and reflect on ALL that Christ has done and provided through each of you, I am humbled and encouraged. God continues to use his Church and his people to change me, you, our neighbors, and structures. Praise God and let us ALL keep going!

Grateful to serve alongside you,
Steve

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A Tribute to our Neighbors: 20 years of Hope

Imagine a neighborhood where people take walks. Where neighbors know each other. A place where neighbors share what they have with those that have need. A neighborhood full of talented adults and entrepreneurs. A neighborhood full of adults who persevere with tenacity and gratitude. Not every neighbor has these qualities but the majority possess them.

Sound like your neighborhood? It is our South Memphis neighborhood. The place where Advance Memphis has enjoyed the privilege of serving for the past 20 years. We salute our neighbor!

Through the past 20 years volunteers, businesses and staff learned more from this neighborhood than we could possibly give. See the picture above? These are the faces of men and women who worked hard to change the course of their lives. In turn, the lives of their families, their neighborhoods, and the city of Memphis become enriched and changed.

We would like to take this opportunity to list just a few accomplishments of our neighbors. Class graduations. Jobs begun, jobs sustained, raises earned. Faith discovered, faith increased, faith shared. Money management increased, savings begun, cars purchased, homes purchased, post-secondary education funded. Dignity affirmed. Businesses created, businesses funded, income earned. Families changed. Knowledge acquired, GED/HSE earned. Community impacted.

Celebrate with us the neighbors of South Memphis! It’s an honor to serve you.

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Art for Jobs 2019 and 20th Year Celebration

Art for Jobs is an annual art sale that supports employment and financial stability for our neighbors in the South Memphis community. In our ninth year of Art for Jobs, we gather over 100 artists, including featured artists Megan Hurdle, Brenda Joysmith and Meredith Olinger, and more than 500 patrons to celebrate and support some of the hardest working Memphians we know. THIS YEAR we will combine Art for Jobs with our 20th Anniversary celebration. The 20th celebration will complement Art for Jobs with an interactive experience that promises an encouraging look at the past two decades of serving South Memphis. Many thanks to our presenting sponsors F&F Construction and Patriot Bank.

Have artistic talent? Know someone who does? Join featured artists Megan Hurdle, Brenda Joysmith and Meredith Olinger partnering with Advance Memphis to help empower residents of South Memphis to find work and become financially stable. If you are interested in submitting artwork, please complete the 2019 Artist Form. The proceeds of the art pieces sold at the show may either be fully donated, with 100% of the profits going to Advance Memphis or you may select an artist split up to 50%. Artwork is limited to 3 pieces per artist. The deadline for submitting your artwork is September 13th. We look forward to seeing your work!

We are excited to announce this year’s Presenting Sponsors: F&F Construction and Patriot Bank. Art for Jobs sponsorships support our neighbors in South Memphis as they move from cycles of poverty towards financial stability. Learn more about how you and your company can partner with us to reach our goal of $150,000 this year, by viewing our sponsorship packet or contacting Kelsey Martin with any questions.

Our volunteers are invaluable! With over 60 volunteers at Art For Jobs each year, behind the scenes service makes the event possible. Join us in impacting lives in our community by serving this year. Online volunteer registration will open August 23. To learn about other ways to serve at Advance Memphis, please visit our Volunteer Page.

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