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Kansas City's Douglass Early Childhood Center and its **neighborhood** have come a long way from not long ago, when it seemed overwhelmed with trash and graffiti.

NeighborWorks America, a national nonprofit organization that helps communities revitalize, recently recognized the **neighborhood** around the school at 2640 Belleview Ave. as one of its model programs. The school and its principal, Cathy Renner, were honored for their **work** with the Westside Housing Organization, the Community Action Network and the Friends of Douglass.

"The momentum was amazing," Renner said. "Neighbors continue to watch over their school."

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