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New Life On Vine Street

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A part of town which used to be known as a hot spot for crime and drugs is poised to become something else, a good place to live and work. We are talking about Over-the-Rhine and at least part of Vine Street.

As Local 12's Jeff Hirsh shows us in this developing story, the rebirth is symbolized by a very old art supply store and a brand new pizzeria.

Suder's art store has been coloring Over-the-Rhine since the days of black and white ... 1924. Framing the look of this neighborhood, through good times and bad, and now the bright colors, for owner Sharon Suder, are coming back.

"The mood has changed on the street, and in the neighborhood."

The mood at Suder's is brighter, in part because of what's next door ... a pizza place ... which may seem like no big deal in a suburban world of Domino's and Papa Johns, but in a world where businesses routinely move out, this is the opposite.

Sr. Monica McGloin, Venice on Vine Restaurant: "The fact that we were the first new business to open here in a long time, a lot of years, gives me hope for the future."

It's called Venice on Vine, nourishment for hungry customers... and for employees... nourishment in life. Run by a social service agency called Power Inspires Progress, Venice provides job training and education.

Valerie Mitchell, Restaurant Employee: "I've received all my credentials from school, so I'm headed on to college from here."

But this is just one slice of new life, in what's now called the Gateway Quarter. 100 new condos have come on line, with 300 more planned. New restaurants and businesses are coming, too.

Jim Moll, Gateway Quarter Residential Sales: "It is a renaissance, a total rebirth and reclaiming of a community. These buildings have been abandoned and derelict for years and years."

Of course, new businesses and condos are the big things. But there's also a little thing, and you notice it immediately. It's the sidewalks. They're clean, no trash. It's all starting to taste better down here. Just color in the blanks.

Jeff Hirsh, Local 12.

The condos in the Gateway Quarter range in cost from 90-thousand dollars to 300-thousand, with most in

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