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JOSÉ G. PÉREZ
ALDERMAN, 12TH DISTRICT

Family of slain 13-year-old boy needs help

**Statement of Alderman José G. Pérez
June 5, 2012**

I urge residents to help the family of Darius Simmons by donating to a memorial fund at any Tri-City National Bank location. The donations will help the family pay for burial costs.

As you know, 13-year-old Darius was gunned down last week by a 75-year-old neighbor. The killing took place right outside of the boy's home, and in front of his mother.

I took part in a prayer vigil for Darius near his home at S. 19th and W. Arrow Streets on Saturday, and I witnessed the family's deep sadness and grief. I ask that the community please help the family during this very difficult time by making a donation of any size to the memorial fund.

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