



Westside  
Future Fund

# Transform Westside Summit

Convene | Communicate | Collaborate

Westside Future Fund  
Friday, October 19, 2018



# Agenda

7:15 – 7:20am  
**Welcome**

John Ahmann  
*President & CEO*  
Westside Future Fund

7:20 – 7:35am  
**Opening Devotion**

Bishop John Lewis, III  
*Chair, Vine City Civic Association*

7:35 – 8:10am  
**Introductions & Announcements**

John Ahmann  
*President & CEO*  
Westside Future Fund

8:10 – 8:50am  
**Featured Presentation:**  
An Inside Look at  
Super Bowl Planning  
and Execution – Leaving  
a Lasting Impact for  
Atlanta

Lee Hendrickson  
*Vice President, Community  
Engagement and Volunteer Programs*  
Atlanta Super Bowl Host Committee

Chincie Mouton  
*Assistant Director, Projects and  
Community Engagement*  
Atlanta Super Bowl Host Committee

Muhammed Yungai  
*Featured Artist*  
Off the Wall Project

8:50 – 9:00am  
**Q&A**

All

9:00am  
**Meeting Adjourns**



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# Our Speakers

## **Bishop John Lewis, III**

*Chair, Vine City Civic Association*

Bishop John Lewis III is a native Atlantan, born on the city's Historic Westside. In addition to serving as chair of the Vine City Civic Association, he is also the patriarch of the Holy African Orthodox Catholic Church, chaplain of The Universal Negro Improvement Association and chairman of the board of The National Defense for Justice Coalition.

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## **Lee Hendrickson**

*Vice President, Community Engagement and Volunteer Programs, Atlanta Super Bowl Host Committee*

Hendrickson leads the Atlanta Super Bowl Host Committee's community focus that will make a positive, lasting impact in the city of Atlanta long after the game is over. The initiative, called Legacy 53, includes five pillars: Business Connect, Capital Improvement, Civil Rights and Social Justice, Sustainability, and Youth Engagement. She also oversees the creation and operation of the 10,000-member volunteer program, Team ATL, to serve as ambassadors throughout the week leading up to Super Bowl LIII. She works with the National Football League and various local organizations in planning activities and events that will enhance the Super Bowl LIII experience for the city, state and region.

Prior to her role with the Atlanta Super Bowl Host Committee, Hendrickson served in a similar role for the

College Football Playoff National Championship volunteer program. She led as human resources business partner for athletics at Georgia Tech from 2014 to 2016, where she implemented a number of initiatives to enhance culture, engagement and infrastructure for the athletics workforce. The Sylvania, GA product served as human resources specialist from 2010 to 2014 at the Atlanta Falcons, The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation and AMB Sports & Entertainment. She is an active member of the Atlanta chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management, where she has directed volunteer-led youth training events while serving as special youth projects chair. Hendrickson is a graduate of Furman University with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and is scheduled to receive her Master of Business Administration from Georgia Tech in 2019.

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## **Chincie Mouton**

*Assistant Director, Projects and Community Engagement, Atlanta Super Bowl Host Committee*

As assistant director, Mouton manages community engagement initiatives and special projects at the Atlanta Super Bowl Host Committee. She served in a similar role in hosting the 2018 College Football Playoff National Championship through collaborating with the CFP Foundation and leading local projects for the Extra Yard for Teachers initiative.

Prior to joining the Host Committee, Mouton oversaw community, media and public relations for some of the largest infrastructure programs in the state of Louisiana, including serving as the primary spokesperson and media contact for the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's \$90 million Paths to Progress program.

While managing the publicity for Paths to Progress, the program was recognized as 'A Model for Future Disaster Recovery Efforts' and honored with numerous awards, including the 2015 American Public Works Association (APWA) Louisiana Chapter Project of the Year, the 2014 and 2013 Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) Gulf Coast Chapter Project Achievement Awards and two letters of proclamation.

Mouton is a former Board member of the Young Leadership Council, the oldest independent young professionals' organization in the United States. There, she also served as a project leader for two years and received the 2015 YLC Project of the Year. As a graduate of Louisiana State University, Mouton earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies.

# Our Speakers

## Muhammad Yungai

*Participating Artist, Off the Wall Project*

According to Muhammad Yungai, he is now becoming the artist he's always wanted to be! After receiving praise and guidance at a very early age from his father, his fascination with art bloomed into an unquenchable thirst. The self-taught artist, who was introduced to painting in high school by New Orleans' artist Richard Thomas, was immediately intrigued by color, and began to frequent the art galleries in the French Quarters. He fully graduated from pencil to paint after marveling over the works of William Tolliver. But for Yungai, finding Tolliver was a gift and a curse. He found his work so compelling that nothing he did seemed to measure up. He began working feverishly on canvas, capturing the eyes of others but, unable to satisfy his own high expectations of originality. He refused to be 'just another artist' copying someone else. Finally, exhausted, he stopped painting.

Ten years later, his breakthrough came as he noticed a jazz show from Bourbon Street, observing the reflection of multi-colored light. He realized that he more enjoyed color, than movement. As he explored this theory, he developed his own sense of color arrangement and subject matter.

He paints people because he believes that the physical, on Earth, represents the spirit. With no formal training, he has refined his style to something that moves him each time he finishes a piece and makes him feel as though God has passed through his fingers.

Currently, he lives in Atlanta, Ga. with his wife and two daughters, where he teaches Visual Arts to middle school students at KIPP WAYS Academy. When not painting, he is probably giving in to his other addiction, playing chess, or maybe daydreaming about his childhood in New Orleans.

### Atlanta Super Bowl Host Committee

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### Muhammed Yungai

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## VISION

A community Dr. King would be proud to call home.

## MISSION

To advance a compassionate approach to neighborhood revitalization that creates a diverse, mixed-income community, improves the quality of life for current and future residents and elevates the Historic Westside's unique history and culture.

## VALUES

**Do with the Community, not to the Community**  
We know that residents are the real experts on the challenges in their community. Therefore, we learn from residents and involve them in all we do.

**Be Compassionate**  
We meet residents where they are in a spirit of empathy and respect.

**Have Integrity in Everything**  
We stand behind all we say and do. We are open, honest, and courageous.

**Be Creative**  
We bring high energy and fresh ideas to tackling the long-standing challenges on the westside. We're dedicated to trying different approaches to get different results.

**Deliver Results**  
We're committed to driving transformation in the long term, with a focus on measurable outcomes today.

# Creating the Beloved Community



The end is reconciliation; the end is redemption; the end is the creation of the Beloved Community. It is this type of spirit and this type of love that can transform opponents into friends. It is this type of understanding goodwill that will transform the deep gloom of the old age into the exuberant gladness of the new age. It is this love which will bring about miracles in the hearts of men.

Martin Luther King, Jr. from "Facing the Challenge of a New Age," 1956

The coining of the term, "beloved community" is credited to Josiah Royce (1855–1916), a Harvard professor, theologian, and philosopher, who taught at Harvard from the 1880s to 1910s.

Josiah Royce deemed the beloved community the "principle of all principles" and spoke of the beloved community as an ideal, separate from ordinary life, a spiritual community where all those "fully dedicated to the cause of loyalty, truth, and reality itself" were joined. Speaking from a distinctly Christian perspective, he stated that religious communities at their core should embody "the mystery of loving membership in a community." This participation was enacted through deep loyalty to a personal cause that one serves with "all [one's] might and soul and strength."

Royce wrote, "Find your own cause, your interesting, fascinating, personally engrossing cause; serve it with all [one's] might and soul and strength; but so choose your cause and so serve it, that thereby you show forth your loyalty to loyalty, so that because of your choice and service to your cause, there is a maximum of increase of loyalty among your fellow [human beings]."

Since you cannot find the universal and beloved community, create it.

Josiah Royce (1913)

One of Royce's students in the 1890s was W.E.B. Du Bois, who arrived in Atlanta in 1897 to establish a sociology program at Atlanta University and develop the university's curriculum. It is possible W.E.B. Du Bois and others could have discussed the idea of the "beloved community" and its embodiment in the Atlanta University Center and Vine City neighborhoods as early as Du Bois' arrival in Atlanta. Since the late 1860s, white and black educators, black students, and working class white and black residents had been living in the historic Westside.

Dr. King's mentor, Howard Thurman, was also a student of Royce and colleague of W.E.B. Du Bois. He used the term "beloved community" as an inspirational lens "to perceive [in the world] a harmony that transcends all diversities and in which diversity finds its richness and significance." He broadened the concept from Royce's specifically Christian orientation and emphasized the importance of truly integrated communities beyond legal integration and emphasized the importance of a radically nonexclusionary community.

During Thurman's lifetime, the historic Westside served as a nerve center of civil rights activism even as the effects of legal segregation remained in the community.

Community cannot for long feed on itself. It can only flourish with the coming of others from beyond, their unknown and undiscovered brothers and sisters.

Howard Thurman 1971

Dr. King takes the thinking of Royce and Thurman forward with his belief that we can "actualize the Beloved Community." Walter Fluker writes that the "beloved community" is Dr. King's "single, organizing principle of [his] life and thought."

Our goal is to create a beloved community, and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.

Martin Luther King, Jr., 1966

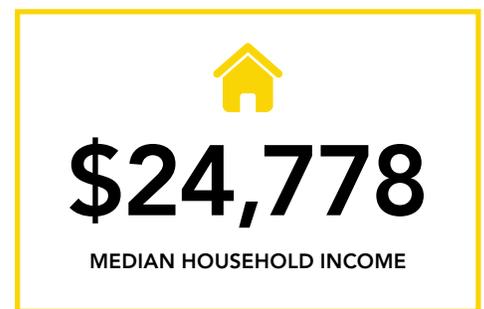
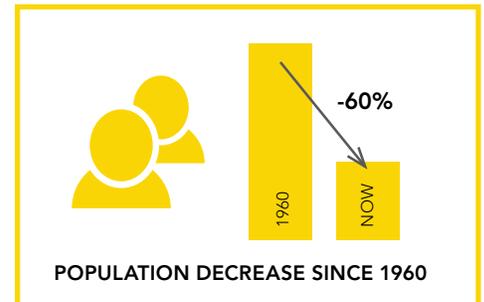
# Westside Future Fund

Four (4) neighborhoods totaling approximately 2.26 Square Miles:

English Avenue • Vine City • Ashview Heights • Atlanta University Center

## Understanding the Issues

- The target Westside neighborhoods' population has decreased by approximately 60% since 1960. Today, they have a population of about 16,000 residents.
- 43% of WFF target area families live below the federal poverty line, with English Avenue at the highest percentage (59%).
- More than half (53%) of homes in the WFF target area are vacant lots or structures.
- Only 8% of properties are occupied by homeowners, compared to 45% in the City of Atlanta.
- The median household income for the WFF target area is \$24,778, with all four neighborhoods categorized as "very low-income," earning less than 50% of the area average median income.



**Our Vision: A community Dr. King would be proud to call home.**

## Role of the Westside Future Fund

**We are creating an alliance for change.** The Westside Future Fund is collaborating with business leaders, philanthropists, community builders, nonprofit leaders and government officials committed to seeing Atlanta's Historic Westside revitalize and thrive.

## Creating the conditions for progress.

We exist to organize and fuel Westside revitalization efforts, contributing to the work through:

- 1 **Vision:** Setting and stewarding a bold vision for the Westside
- 2 **Strategy:** Delivering a clear strategy that frames the big picture
- 3 **Coordination:** Channeling resources to fuel change
- 4 **Action:** Rolling up our sleeves to fill gaps on the ground



# Groundbreaking Approach to Transformation

Westside Future Fund is committed to creating and curating an ecosystem that disrupts the cycle of poverty.

Based on best-practice research in community revitalization, the Westside Future Fund has identified and is driving strategies for four areas needing simultaneous attention: **safety and security; quality, mixed-income communities (community retention); cradle-to-career education; community health and wellness.**

The Westside Future Fund serves as the backbone coordinating organization for this collective revitalization effort. Through a host of public, private and nonprofit partners, working in alignment with community residents, the effort is already charting progress across the WFF's four impact areas.



**SAFETY AND SECURITY**



**QUALITY, MIXED-INCOME  
COMMUNITIES (COMMUNITY  
RETENTION)**



**CRADLE-TO-CAREER  
EDUCATION**



**COMMUNITY HEALTH  
AND WELLNESS**

**In addition to amplifying and accelerating the work of our impact partners, we also advance our mission through the development and implementation of several plans, programs and initiatives, including:**

### **Anti-Displacement Tax Fund**

An initiative that will pay qualifying homeowners' property tax increases in the English Avenue, Vine City, Ashview Heights and Atlanta University Center communities. The program is designed to help ensure that current homeowners are not displaced due to rising property taxes.

### **Land-Use Framework Plan**

A design and implementation strategy — created in partnership with the City's Department of Planning & Community Development — to revitalize the Westside, building on the good work and extensive community feedback put into previous plans by city officials, partners and community residents.

### **Transform Westside Summits**

Twice-monthly "town hall" meetings created to foster connection, collaboration and communication amongst community members around revitalization efforts.

### **Westside Neighborhoods Beautification Project**

Pilot job training and placement program designed to help Westside residents carve out career paths while cleaning up and beautifying our four target neighborhoods.

### **Westside Volunteer Corps**

Established to create opportunities for individuals from throughout Atlanta to join forces with Westside residents in the revitalization of the historic Westside. Through a variety of volunteer projects, the Corps works to strengthen community nonprofits and expand their impact with a consistent injection of human capital (i.e. volunteers).

### **Westside Community Data Dashboard**

Dedicated to identifying and understanding the needs and opportunities that exist in WFF's four target neighborhoods. Site offers a baseline of community conditions and trends over the past 15 years against which WFF will track future progress.

# Announcements



## Day of Service

Join the Westside Volunteer Corps in support of the M. Agnes Jones Fall Festival. Volunteers are needed to help set-up and break-down the event as well as staff the activity and food stations.

Please volunteer so we can have a great event for the kids on the Westside.

**Saturday, November 3, 2018**

**9am – 1pm**

M. Agnes Jones Elementary School  
1040 Fair Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30314

A flyer for the Choice Atlanta Microgrant Program 5.0. At the top is the Choice Atlanta logo with the tagline 'People | Housing | Neighborhood'. Below the logo, it says 'IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE...'. The main title is 'Microgrant Program 5.0'. The flyer is divided into several sections: 'Eligible Applicant Requirements' (listing businesses, non-profit organizations, or civic groups; project location within Choice Atlanta boundaries; and mandatory registration for vendors), 'Categories for Funding' (listing Capacity Building, Public Safety, Urban Farming &amp; Community Gardens, History/Heritage, Healthy Lifestyle Initiatives, Early Childhood Development, Youth Empowerment and Education, and Arts and Place-making), 'Choice Atlanta Microgrant 5.0 Timeline' (listing application release on 09.14.18, mandatory information sessions on 09.27.18 and 10.02.18, and technical assistance on 10.14.18), and 'Award Amounts' (listing a maximum grant award of \$5,000 and total grant funds available of \$50,000). At the bottom, it states the deadline to apply is Wednesday, October 31, 2018, and provides contact information for questions and application guidelines.



## ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2019 ANTI-DISPLACEMENT TAX FUND PROGRAM

Westside Future Fund just completed the first full cycle of its innovative Anti-Displacement Tax Fund (ADTF) program with its first payments being made on September 21. **Nearly 70 homeowners have been approved for the ADTF program this year.**

The ADTF program was put in place to **prevent the displacement of legacy homeowners in the English Avenue, Vine City, Atlanta University Center, Ashview Heights, Just Us, and Historic Booker T. Washington neighborhoods** due to increases in property taxes.

The ADTF program **pays for increases in homeowners' existing property tax bills for the up to 20 years.** The program operates as a grant to individuals and does NOT require participants to pay back any funds.

As part of its mission to ensure that current residents can stay in their communities for generations to come, the Westside Future Fund is providing all funding for the program, sourced from philanthropic contributions.

WFF is **currently accepting applications for the 2019 tax cycle and will do so from October 2018 through March 2019.** Applicants must meet specific income and residency requirements as well as live in the WFF footprint.

For details on the Anti-Displacement Tax Fund program, please:

[westsidefuturefund.org/news/tax-fund/](http://westsidefuturefund.org/news/tax-fund/)

[info@westsidefuturefund.org](mailto:info@westsidefuturefund.org)

678-902-7889

For bulletin ideas and comments, please contact Sonia Dawson at [sonia@westsidefuturefund.org](mailto:sonia@westsidefuturefund.org).



# CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS HERITAGE OWNER-OCCUPIED REHAB PROGRAM

Atlanta Housing Authority, Invest Atlanta and the City of Atlanta have launched a deferred forgivable loan program that provides up to \$60,000 in federal funds to eligible Ashview Heights and Atlanta University Center homeowners for health and safety repairs on their home. The loan will be for 10 years at a 0% interest rate with payments deferred and forgiven until the earlier of loan maturity, sale, transfer of ownership, or failure to maintain the property as the primary residence during the 10-year term.

The principal balance is reduced by 10% annually provided the eligible homeowner maintains primary residency. The prorated remaining balance is due and payable immediately if the home is sold, transferred, or no longer the primary residence within the 10-year term. A lien will be placed on the home.

The maximum loan amount per home is \$60,000, inclusive of all construction related costs and closing costs.

## ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

- Homeowner must reside within the Choice Neighborhoods of Ashview Heights or Atlanta University Center.
- Must be a primary homeowner and existing resident as of September 30, 2015.
- Annual Household Income must not exceed 80% of area median income adjusted for household size. 1 Person Household (\$41,900) - 2 Person Household (\$47,900) - 3 Person Household (\$53,900) - 4 Person Household (\$59,850) - 5 Person Household (\$64,650) - 6 Person Household (\$69,450).
- Homeowners with 1st mortgage liens are permitted. Homes with other liens (2nd mortgages, tax liens, water liens without payment plans, recorded Fi Fas, etc.) are prohibited.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY

Contact the Choice Neighborhoods Heritage Owner-Occupied Rehab Program Manager,  
**Meals on Wheels at [info@mealsonwheelsatlanta.org](mailto:info@mealsonwheelsatlanta.org) or 404-351-3889**



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# FIELD DAY

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS & BREAKING BARRIERS

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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

## 10AM-2PM

REGISTER ONLINE BY OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

[HTTPS://GIVE.CLASSY.ORG/APFIELDDAY](https://give.classy.org/apfieldday)

The Home Depot Backyard | 1 Backyard Way | Atlanta, GA 30313

At-Promise Field Day brings together over 500 youth, 200 volunteers and 100 law enforcement officers for a unique series of activities to interact, engage, and explore new ways of building positive relationships. Through these interactions, the youth, volunteers, and officers will exchange perspective and develop bonds with those that they share a community.



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#APFieldDay



VETERANS DAY

**Monday, November 12th 2018**

**12:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

# RECORD RESTRICTION SUMMIT

## CLEAR YOUR ARREST RECORDS

Do you need your Fulton County record expunged?

**Register now for a FREE Fulton County Record Restriction Summit**

A **FREE** one-day process that will help clear arrests, charges & minor blemishes from your criminal records

### **Your Criminal Record may be restricted if**

- Residents with restricted criminal records
  - Arrested in Fulton County Jurisdiction
  - Not Convicted at Trial/ Pled Nolo Contendre
  - Certain Misdemeanors while Under the Age of 21
  - Completed a Pre-Trial Intervention (PTI)/Diversion Program
  - Completed First Offender Case Sealed
- If your case has been:
- Dead Docketed, Declined to Prosecute, Dismissed,
  - Pre-Trial Intervention (PTI), No Billed, Nolle Prossed,
  - Not Guilty Verdict, or Pardoned

### **Pre-Registration is required**

To complete the application, visit: [www.fultoncountyga.gov/recordrestriction](http://www.fultoncountyga.gov/recordrestriction)  
**Monday, September 17th – Friday, October 12th 2018**  
Limited to the **1st 300 Registrants**

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