



Westside  
Future Fund

# Transform Westside Summit

Convene | Communicate | Collaborate

Westside Future Fund  
Friday, November 2, 2018



# Agenda

7:15 – 7:20am  
Welcome

John Ahmann  
*President & CEO*  
Westside Future Fund

7:20 – 7:35am  
Opening Devotion

Joe Labriola  
*Executive Director*  
Second Helpings Atlanta, Inc

7:35 – 8:10am  
Introductions & Announcements

John Ahmann  
*President & CEO*  
Westside Future Fund

8:10 – 8:50am  
**Featured Presentation:**  
Cradle-to-Career with  
Michael R. Hollis  
Innovation Academy

Dr. Diamond Ford  
*Principal*  
Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy

Hollis Blue Hawks Cheerleaders  
Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy

Camren Commerce  
*4th grade student*  
Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy

Erin Parks  
*3rd grade teacher*  
Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy

Diamond Harris  
*Parent & GO Team member*  
Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy

Toni Ward  
*President*  
Azalea City Links

8:50 – 9:00am  
Q&A

All

9:00am  
Meeting Adjourns



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# Our Speakers

## Joe Labriola

Director, Second Helpings Atlanta, Inc.

Joe is the Executive Director of Second Helpings Atlanta, a non-profit food rescue organization whose mission is to reduce hunger and food waste in the metropolitan Atlanta area by rescuing surplus food and delivering it to those in need. Prior to joining Second Helpings Atlanta in May 2015, Joe was the Vice President of Product Marketing at PGI, the Chief Marketing Officer at Enterprise Information Management and spent 30 years at IBM before he retired in November 2010.

 [secondhelpingsatlanta.org](http://secondhelpingsatlanta.org)

## Dr. Diamond Ford

Principal, Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy

Dr. Diamond Ford is currently in her third year as Principal of Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy. She has served in the field of education for 17 years as a teacher, instructional coach, and principal. A passionate and dedicated educator, Dr. Ford is committed to growing and transforming schools, and she enjoys creating programs that focus on developing the whole child through rigorous and relevant curriculum. She has successfully created environments for students that nurture their creativity, support their social-emotional development, and fill academic gaps. Among numerous honors, Dr. Ford was named as one of Atlanta Business League's 100 Black Women of Influence in 2017 and was awarded "2016-2017 Stellar Principal of the Year" by Atlanta Public School Leadership. Dr. Ford has participated as a panelist/speaker on multiple education platforms, including UNCF Educational Panel, NAACP Educational Panel, Author David Osborne's Book Preview, and Georgia Coalition for Public Education.

 [AtlantaPublicSchools.us/HollisInnovation](http://AtlantaPublicSchools.us/HollisInnovation)

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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.

# Westside Future Fund

OUR VISION: A COMMUNITY DR. KING WOULD BE PROUD TO CALL HOME.

Westside Future Fund is the nonprofit of Atlanta community leaders who believe in the future of Atlanta's Westside and are committed to helping four historic neighborhoods revitalize and develop into a community Dr. King would be proud to call home.

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

## Community Retention

- We're laser-focused on affordable housing.
- We risk losing residents if market forces take over as the area's fortunes improve.
- We want current residents to remain in their beloved neighborhoods for years to come, even as market forces raise housing and rental prices as well as taxes.
- We're raising funds as quickly as possible to buy real estate that will remain deeply affordable.
- So far, we have 119 units under control that will serve low-income residents, such as the working poor and seniors living on a fixed income, of which we are very proud.
- Much more is needed, we need everyone's help.

## Role of the Westside Future Fund

With its grounding in community retention and its compassionate approach to revitalization, Westside Future Fund is focused on creating a diverse mixed-income community, improving quality of life, and elevating and celebrating the Historic Westside's unique history and culture. We've created an alliance for revitalization focused on our four impact areas.

## Impact Areas



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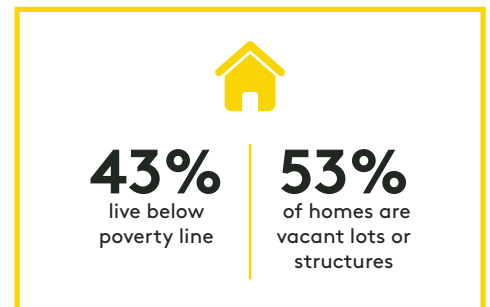
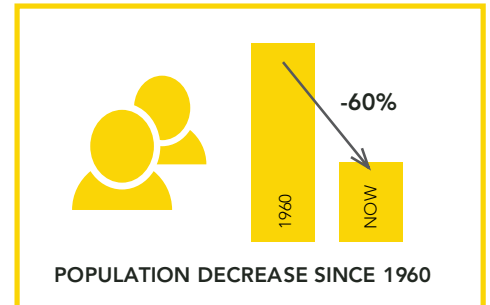
QUALITY, MIXED-INCOME  
COMMUNITIES (COMMUNITY  
RETENTION)



CRADLE-TO-CAREER  
EDUCATION



COMMUNITY HEALTH  
AND WELLNESS



\* Just Us and Booker T. Washington

## Our Impact

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 Summit

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.

## How to Get Involved



### LEARN

Check out our website to learn more.

[westsidefuturefund.org](http://westsidefuturefund.org)



### ENGAGE

Attend a Transform Westside Summit or join our Westside Volunteer Corps.

[westsidefuturefund.org/volunteer-corps](http://westsidefuturefund.org/volunteer-corps)



### GIVE

Already convinced? Great! Donate to our efforts.

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# Progress from the Collective Effort

## RODNEY COOK, SR. PARK AT HISTORIC VINE CITY



Rodney Cook, Sr. Park continues to take shape in Vine City. This 16—acre park will include:

- Green infrastructure to help with stormwater flooding issues
- Terraced lawn with amphitheater seating
- Picnic areas with pavilions
- A splash pad and playgrounds for a variety of ages and abilities
- Multi-use sports courts
- An outdoor shaded fitness zone
- Signage featuring information on the historic significance of the Vine City community

 [rodneycooksrpark.org](http://rodneycooksrpark.org)

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## YMCA LEADERSHIP AND LEARNING CENTER



The YMCA will open its new Leadership and Learning Center on MLK Jr. Dr. in the first quarter of 2019

- The Center will serve as YMCA of Metro Atlanta's new headquarters
- The Center will offer Head Start slots, bringing high-quality early learning to children in the community



 [ymcaatlanta.org/ymca-locations/leadership-and-learning-center/](http://ymcaatlanta.org/ymca-locations/leadership-and-learning-center/)



# Progress from the Collective Effort

## THE 1300 AT THE CITY OF REFUGE



Nonprofit organization  
City of Refuge is developing  
47 units of affordable housing  
on Joseph E. Boone Blvd.

- More than half of the apartments will be primarily for mothers with children who have suffered from domestic violence or abuse
- City of Refuge will arrange for full supportive services, as needed, for residents
- Construction is expected to start in November, with the building slated to open summer of 2019



 [cityofrefuge.org](http://cityofrefuge.org)

## ATLANTA POLICE FOUNDATION



- With assistance from The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation and PulteGroup, The Atlanta Police Foundation (APF) is building 25 homes in Vine City and English Avenue
- APF is creating pathways to homeownership for officers to reside in these neighborhoods resulting in increased police visibility and enhanced engagement between the Atlanta Police Department (APD) and the citizens they serve
- This home located on Fox Street will be completed in December of 2018

 [atlantapolicefoundation.org](http://atlantapolicefoundation.org)

10/26/2018

# Announcements

## CELEBRATION OF SERVICE 2018 VETERANS DAY COMMUNITY



### AGENDA

10:00AM - 11:30AM

Complete Projects (Community)

11:45AM - 12:30PM

Arthur Blank & Craig Menear to speak

12:30PM

Lunch

1:30PM

Community Departs

11/9/2018 at

The Home Depot Backyard

### PROJECTS



#### CHALLENGE COIN HOLDER PROJECT

\*Walk up project - no registration needed

Walk up and help us build 100 challenge coin holders to give out to veterans that are a part of our local nonprofit partners.



#### FLEECE BLANKET PROJECT

\*Walk up project - no registration needed

Walk up and help us assemble 200 fleece blankets to give out to our local nonprofit partners. Organizations such as Must Ministries, Veterans Empowerment Organization and The Salvation Army will provide shelter to those in need especially ahead of the upcoming winter months.



#### PERSONAL CARE KITS

\*Walk up project - no registration needed

Walk up and help us create 3,500 personal care kits with HeroBox. We will pack items such as baby wipes, tooth paste, soap and much more to provide to our local nonprofit partners. These partners will provide them to those in need that are in or transitioning into shelters.



#### KITCHEN KITTING

\*Walk up project - no registration needed

Many Furniture Bank clients are unable to afford essential household items such as plates, glasses, silverware, pots, pans and linens. By volunteering to build kitchen kits you will make sure that Furniture Bank families have everything they need to enjoy healthy meals at home and no longer have to purchase more expensive pre-made food.



### 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





# 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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SPECIAL GUEST:

HONORABLE

*Keisha Lance Bottoms*  
ATLANTA MAYOR

**FRIDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 2**

TIME:

9:30 A.M.

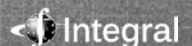
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JANUARY  
**19th**  
9am-12pm  
@ TURNER FIELD

# The MARCH to **20 HUNDRED THOUSAND BOOKS**

JOIN  
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A CHILDRENS  
MARCH for Literacy



**Uniting Neighborhoods, Families, and Atlanta through Books!**

Join us on this fun family march as we take to the streets to shed light on the epidemic of illiteracy and its proximal side effects on our society. Let's empower children to reclaim their narratives, tell their own stories and get excited about reading!



### A Movement Created by a Child to Empower other Children!

The March to 20Hundred Thousand Books was Dreamed up by a Kindergartner who wanted to make sure all children have access to books because every kid deserves to read. While Selah may be leading the March, this is a story about all children reclaiming their narratives and authoring their stories of their futures.

### WHY WE MARCH!

**4x**

Children who do not read proficiently by the end of third grade are four times more likely to dropout of school

**2/3**

2/3 of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of 4th grade will end up in jail or on welfare.

**85%**

85 percent of all juveniles who interface with the juvenile court system are functionally illiterate.

**68%**

68 percent of Atlanta Public School students cannot read at grade level in 3rd Grade.

**3rd Grade**

Some Prisons forecast jail cells based on 3rd Grade illiteracy rates.

[www.empoweredreaders.org](http://www.empoweredreaders.org)





## The Y at Good Sam – Group Ex Schedule

### WEDNESDAY:

4:30pm – Strength

### SATURDAY:

10:00 am – Zumba® Gold

Please arrive 5-10 minutes before the start of class to sign in for the class. For morning classes you can enter through the lobby and for evening classes go through the side door, located to the left of the main entrance.

**Strength** – If you're looking for a total body strength training class, this is it! Various types of equipment will be used, including body-weight exercises, body bars and dumbbells. Lots of modifications are available so beginners to advanced are all welcome!

**Zumba® Gold** – Active older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba® class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower intensity.



**See a Good Sam employee or YMCA instructor about the Fall into Fitness Challenge and to pick-up your punch card!**

### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Pay by Day at \$5, cash or check.

Class Pass 10-pack at \$25, available through the Y at the desk in the main lobby.

YMCA Memberships are available which gives you access to the Y at Good Sam classes as well as our 18 facilities.



[ymcaatlanta.org/schedules](http://ymcaatlanta.org/schedules)

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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.fultoncountygga.gov/recordrestriction](http://www.fultoncountygga.gov/recordrestriction)

**Monday, September 17th – Friday, October 12th 2018**

Limited to the 1st 300 Registrants

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# 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



### **November 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

Please register at

 [westsidefuturefund.org/upcoming-projects](http://westsidefuturefund.org/upcoming-projects)



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