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Transform Westside Summit

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Westside Future Fund
Friday, August 16, 2019



Agenda

7:15 – 7:20AM

Welcome

John Ahmann
President & CEO
Westside Future Fund

7:20 – 7:35AM

Opening Devotion

Imam Mansoor Sabree
Director
Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN)
of Atlanta

7:35 – 8:00AM

Self Introductions

John Ahmann
President & CEO
Westside Future Fund

8:00 – 8:15AM

Announcements

John Ahmann
President & CEO
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8:15 – 8:45AM

**Featured
Presentation:
Quest Community
Development
Organization, Inc.**

Leonard L. Adams, Jr.
Founder & CEO
Quest Community Development
Organization, Inc.

Shawn Coste Roman
Property Development Director

Sha’Nelle High
Program Services Manager

Kimya Trotter
Benefits Specialist Supervisor

8:45 – 8:55AM

Q&A

All

8:55 – 9:00AM

Closing Remarks

John Ahmann

9:00AM

Meeting Adjourns

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Our Speakers

Imam Mansoor Sabree

Director, Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN) of Atlanta

Imam Mansoor Sabree is an activist, social entrepreneur, and nonprofit leader. He currently directs the Atlanta chapter of Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN), a grassroots organization focused on health, wellness and healing in the inner-cities of the USA. IMAN Atlanta's programs offer a holistic approach to transitional housing, spiritual development, life skills education, construction training, and job placement support for young men and returning citizens.

IMAN Atlanta is part of a larger national campaign that works on grassroots issues affecting communities of color in urban neighborhoods across the country, including housing, education, immigration, criminal justice reform. Recently he was recognized amongst the "Who's Who 40 under 40 Muslim Leaders in Georgia" and inducted into the board of Religious Leaders at the historic Morehouse College (1867). Mansoor is a distinguished fellow of the American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute (AMCLI) from the University of Southern California. As Mansoor has said, "I am passionate about helping underserved communities see and reach their potential for model community life."

Leonard L. Adams, Jr.

Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Quest Community Development Organization, Inc.

Leonard L. Adams, Jr., is the Founder of Quest Community Development Organization, Inc.; a GA based 501c3 non-profit organization and currently holds the position of President and CEO. Mr. Adams is a true visionary taking this once grassroots organization starting with \$30,000.00 to an operating budget of just north of \$4M annually, \$39M in current assets and securing over \$100M in gov't grant and subsidy support for affordable housing under his leadership.

As an entrepreneur and social-entrepreneur of over 25 years, Mr. Adams has multi years of experience in developing affordable & supportive housing communities in challenged neighborhoods on Atlanta's Westside and Knoxville, TN's. He is a seasoned, results oriented leader with a strong record of accomplishment. He utilizes his Leadership, Fiscal, Strategic and Operational strengths as he navigates the non-profit community development superhighway in such uniquely challenging communities.

Mr. Adams gained his MBA from Kennesaw State University, a HUD-CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization) certificate from the University of Illinois and completed his undergraduate studies at Knoxville College in Knoxville, TN.

A War Veteran of the United States Army, Mr. Adams is committed to supporting urban community and economic development that serves as a catalyst for change, through his work and equitable housing models that serve homeless and low-income individuals, families, older persons and veterans living with a disability.

Understanding the delicate balance of professional and personal growth Mr. Adams serves on the Knoxville College Board of Trustees as Vice Chair. He also gives of his time serving on the Enterprise Community Partner Advisory Board and as an Enterprise Community Leadership Council (ECLC) member. He is a Leadership Atlanta Alumni Class of 2016 and a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.



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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.



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

Westside Future Fund is a nonprofit formed by Atlanta's public, private and philanthropic partners who believe in the future of Atlanta's Westside and are committed to helping Historic Westside 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 as 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 337 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 are driving a collective effort focused on our four impact strategies with many different impact partners.

Impact Areas



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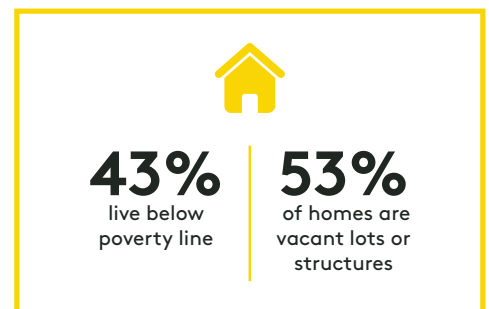
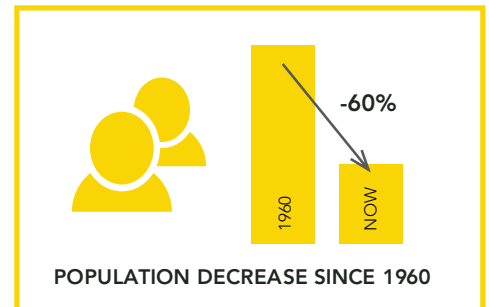
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COMMUNITIES (COMMUNITY
RETENTION)



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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.

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ENGAGE

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

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Progress from the Collective Effort

RODNEY COOK, SR. PARK IN VINE CITY



The roof of the restroom building at Cook Park will be a plaza for park users to gather and will provide a great elevated view of the park. The stainless-steel guardrail for the space is completely installed.

Retaining walls at the east side of the park along Walnut Street are currently under construction. The short seating walls will create grassed terraces that lead down to the project's pond and will be a comfortable space for park visitors to relax.

Cook Park is designed to seamlessly integrate functional engineering features within a programmed park space while providing park amenities to visitors of all ages and abilities with ways to gather, connect and enjoy nature including: a playground, splash pad, aeration fountain, and great lawn, along with a market plaza, multi-purpose courts, and an amphitheater stage.



WESTSIDE VOLUNTEER CORPS @ HISTORIC WESTSIDE GARDENS

On Saturday, July 20th, more than 30 volunteers from Westside Future Fund supported Hope Street Garden. This garden is part of the Historic Westside Gardens, a nonprofit that provides affordable access to free produce for residents in the westside. The program provides home gardens, education, and an affordable market with the goal of a well-fed and prosperous community.

Volunteers from across metro-Atlanta came together to assemble picnic tables, build benches, mulch pathways, and clear weeds from planting beds. This effort directly supports one of Westside Future Funds strategic impact areas – Health and Wellness. Hope Street Garden is now ready for the next planting season and will be able to continue to provide nutritious produce to the community.



SAVE THE DATE

Next Westside Volunteer Corps | Day of Service
Saturday, August 24th – Community Clean-Up

For more information and additional volunteer opportunities, visit volunteer.westsidefuturefund.org



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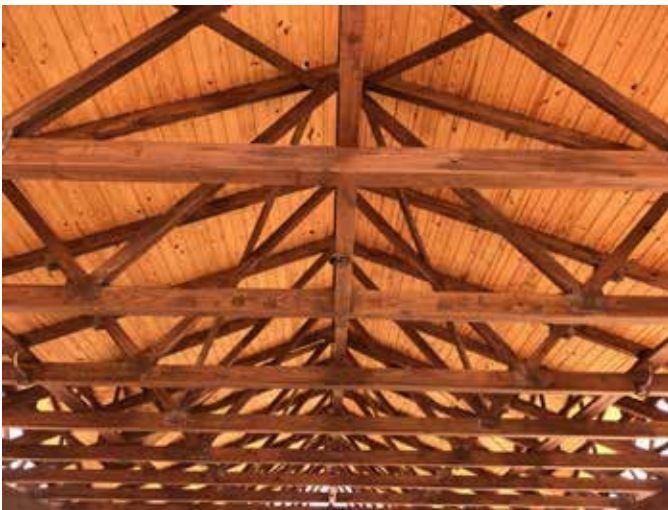
FULL CIRCLE OF HEALTH EXPANSION – GOOD SAMARITAN HEALTH CENTER

Construction continues to progress on Good Sam's Full Circle of Health Capital Campaign Expansion project and is expected to move very quickly throughout August – September 2019.

The roof is now completed on both the Wellness Center's and the Farmer's Market pavilion, and the pavilion roof is stained as well.

The finalized project will include a fitness center (operated by the YMCA of Metro Atlanta), outdoor farmer's market & activity pavilion, and event space to benefit neighbors on Atlanta's Westside.

Good Sam is eager to complete this project to expand healthy eating and exercise programs for neighbors with heart disease, diabetes, and other illnesses. The new amenities will be open to the surrounding community — you do not need to be an existing patient of Good Sam to benefit.





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We have a program specifically for homeowners who reside within the Westside Tax Allocation District (English Avenue, Vine City and portions of Castleberry Hill).

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ANNOUNCING ATLANTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE'S "WEDNESDAY WORKS AT THE SUMMIT"

"Wednesday Works" is a weekly information session hosted by Atlanta Technical College's Office of Academic and Student Affairs every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on campus in the Student Success Center (1560 Metropolitan Parkway, SW Atlanta, GA 30310). This recurring event is for potential students to speak with academic advisors and financial aid representatives to fast track their acceptance into Atlanta Technical College. The application fee is waived for students who apply during these sessions.

Wednesday Works is expanding to the Westside through a special partnership between Atlanta Technical College and the Westside Future Fund called "Wednesday Works at the Summit." The "Transform Westside Summit" is Westside Future Fund's flagship community engagement meeting hosted bi-weekly on the first and third Friday morning of each month at the Gathering Spot. The Summit is now serving as an additional venue for prospective students to connect with Atlanta Technical College representatives and have their application fees waived if they apply on-site. The event includes a free breakfast catered by Chick-fil-A, and attendees who are Westside residents can also enter a raffle to win a free gift card from our sponsor, Home Depot.

Atlanta Technical College is hosting "Wednesday Works at the Summit" on the following dates: June 21, July 19, August 2, and August 16 from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. For more information on Atlanta Technical College, please contact Enrollment Services at admissions@atlantatech.edu, 404-225-4461, or visit www.atlantatech.edu.





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Westside Future Fund is offering free transportation to and from the Transform Westside Summits via the Cute Shuttle.

The Cute Shuttle will make scheduled stops at these locations on every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month:

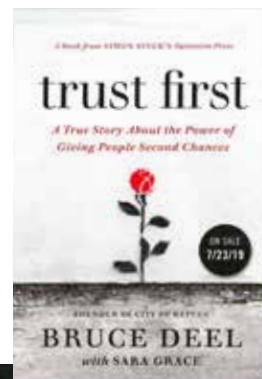
At-Promise Center
740 Cameron Madison Alexander Blvd, NW

Hollis Innovation Academy
225 James Brawley Drive, NW

Passenger pickups at these locations will occur every ten minutes between **6:50 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.**

Passenger drop-offs from the Gathering Spot will occur every ten minutes between **9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

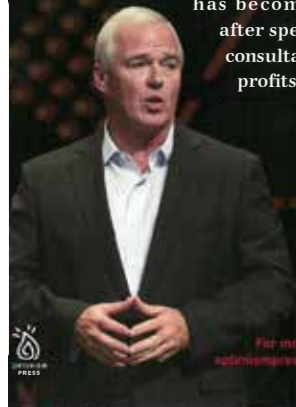
No registration is required to ride the shuttle. Simply show up at one of the two pickup locations for a ride. To contact Cute Shuttle, call: 470-231-9941



Over the past 20 years, Bruce Deel has helped over 20,000 people in the most dangerous zip code of Atlanta escape the cycle of homelessness, joblessness, and drug abuse. In these powerful true stories about the men and women who fell through the cracks in our social services system, he shows the power of radical trust to change lives.

Bruce Deel founded City of Refuge in 1997. He is the Senior Pastor of The Mission Church and a graduate of Lee University in Cleveland, TN. As a result of his experience and success, Bruce has become a highly sought after speaker and serves as a consultant to numerous non-profits around the country.

Bruce will donate a portion of his proceeds from **TRUST FIRST** to the charitable organization City of Refuge.



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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."

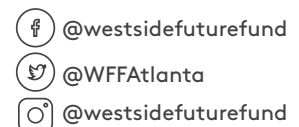
Our goal is to create a beloved community, and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.

Martin Luther King, Jr., 1966

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