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Devotion Presented by:

The Westside Singing Ambassadors

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Progress from the Collective Effc

RODNEY COOK, SR. PARK IN VINE CITY







Near the Cook Park intersection of Joseph E. Boone Blvd. and Elm St., retaining walls surrounding the playground, splash pad, and restroom are being installed to provide a comfortable place for users to sit and enjoy the park under shade.

Construction of the Cook Park boardwalk next to the already installed elevated steel bridge is underway. The concrete boardwalk with lighting will allow users to be closer to the project's stormwater pond and will pro

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, splosh pad, aeration fountain, and great lawn, along with a market plaza, multi-purpose courts, and an amphitheater stage.





WESTSIDE VOLUNTEER CORPS AT TRULY LIVING WELL - JOIN SEPTI



Westside Volunteer Corps has recently collaborated with Historic Westside Gardens, Brown Middle School, and M. Agnes Jones Elementary supporting Westside communities.

Highlights include that 400 volunteers from American Family Insurance packaged 4000 snack packs for students at M. Agnes Jones Elementary, and 125 volunteers from Cox Enterprises packaged 2000 toiletry kits for the students at Brown Middle School.

If you're interested in joining at the Collegetown Farm another time, visit volunteer, westsidefuturefund.org/calendar to view more opportunities every Tuesday and Thursday, and at Lindsay Street Park every second Saturday!

SAVE THE DATE:

Next Westside Volunteer Corps | Day o

Saturday, September 28th at Truly Living W
Natural Urban Agriculture at Collegete
Volunteers are needed to prepared for fa
and the expansion of the fruit orch
For more information and additional voluntee
visit: volunteer, westside futurefund





eating the Beloved Community



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Jr. from "Facing New Age," 1956

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he beloved community the es" and spoke of the beloved I, separate from ordinary life, a here all those "fully dedicated truth, and reality itself" were a distinctly Christian perspecigious communities at their core ystery of loving membership in rticipation was enacted through nal cause that one serves with oul and strength."

r own cause, your interesting, rengrossing cause; serve it with oul and strength; but so choose e it, that thereby you show forth so that because of your choice use, there is a maximum of ing 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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FOUNDATION

Vision, Mission, and Values

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.

We have an all volunteer **Board of** Directors.



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The Roles We Play

The Westside Future Fund's role in supporting and/or driving impact will vary depending on the theme and stage of development





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Featured Presentation

Panel Discussion on Wrap-around Services Targeting Hollis Innovation Academy Families

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