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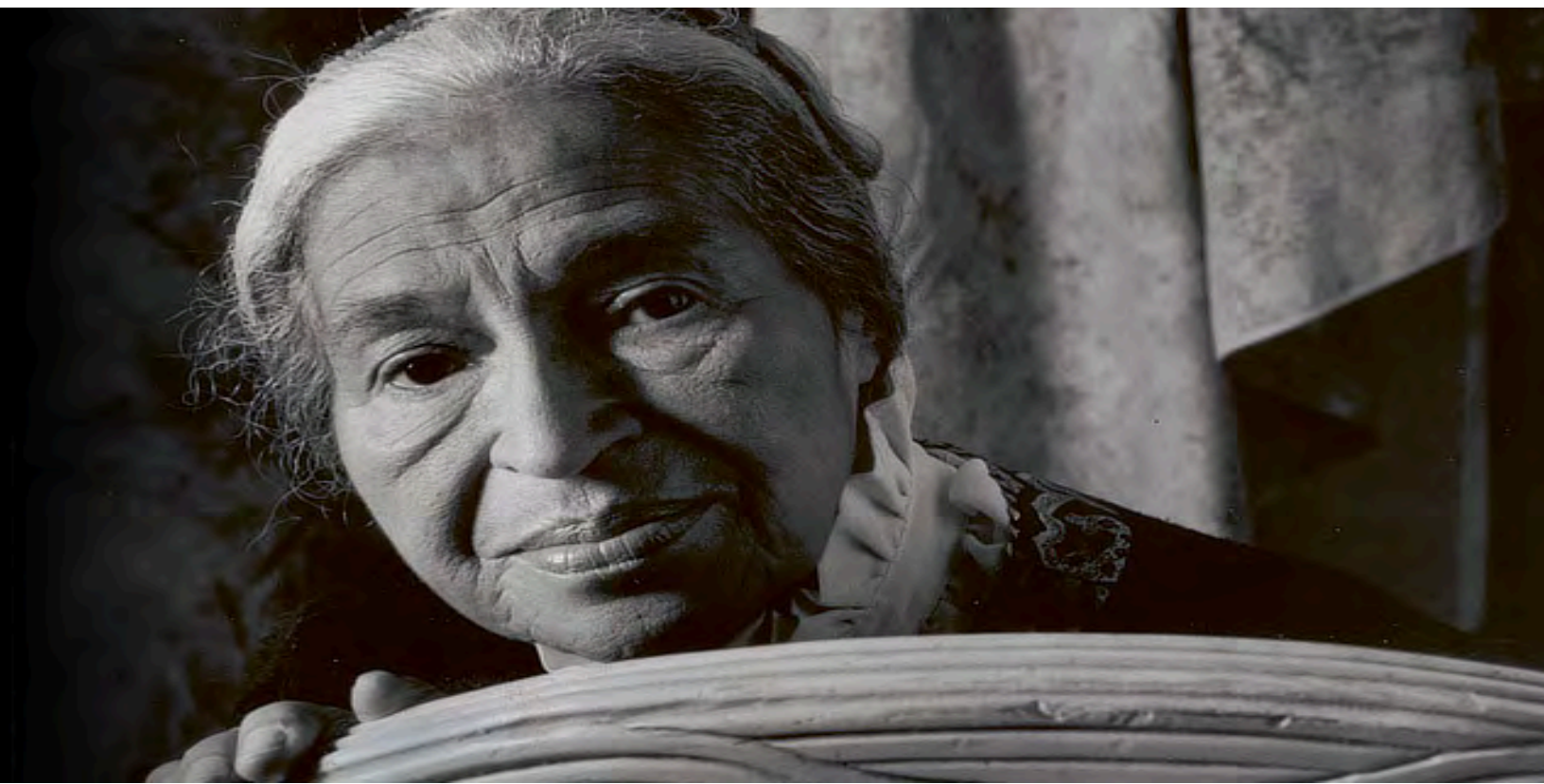
Transform Westside Summit

Convene | Communicate | Collaborate

Westside Future Fund
Friday, March 5, 2021

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**Westside
Future Fund**

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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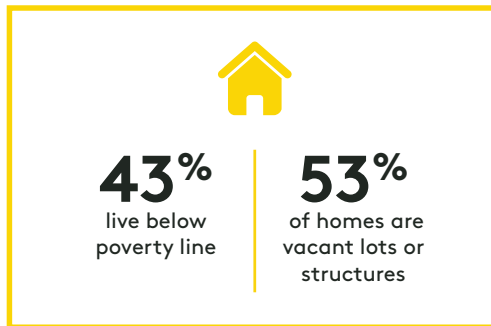
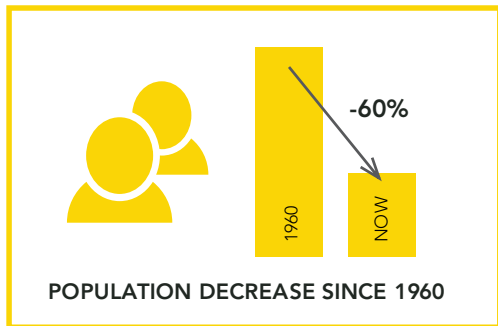


Westside Future Fund

CREATING A NEW WESTSIDE FUTURE

Westside Future Fund (WFF) 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



Role of the Westside Future Fund

With an emphasis on community retention and a 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.

Impact Areas

Westside Future Fund’s holistic, partner-driven model is proving successful. Through our roles as participator, amplifier, convener, strategist and accelerator, WFF is delivering results in our four impact strategies.



SAFETY & SECURITY



COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS



MIXED-INCOME COMMUNITIES



CRADLE-TO-CAREER EDUCATION



HOME ON THE WESTSIDE

Investing in a New Westside Future

- Westside Future Fund is deeply committed to community retention
- We created Home on the Westside as a signature initiative in partnership with Mayor Bottoms to drive equitable and inclusive redevelopment in the Historic Westside neighborhoods
- WFF's community retention guidelines prioritize individuals and families with ties to WFF's historic neighborhoods to be first in line for housing opportunities and do not discriminate based on income

Using these guidelines, Home on the Westside prioritizes Westside legacy residents by providing high quality, permanently affordable housing opportunities

- Providing renters housing they can afford as area rents continue to rise
 - Renters should not have to pay more than 30% of their gross income on rent
- Enabling homeownership with financial coaching and counseling
- Constructing and renovating new single-family homes, available for purchase and for lease-to-purchase, supported by down payment assistance
- Covering increases in property taxes for qualified legacy homeowners

If you are interested in housing opportunities through Home on the Westside, start by completing an interest form.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



A Dedicated Team



John Ahmann
President and CEO



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Coordinator



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John Ahmann

President & CEO, Westside Future Fund

For more than 25 years, John Ahmann has been driven by the determination to improve the way communities and institutions function in Atlanta. From his early days working in Washington, D.C. to his positions with private, governmental, and organizational entities in the Atlanta area — including his eight years as an elected school board official in Decatur — he has focused his energy on solving the big problems whose resolutions can ultimately change Atlanta's trajectory. He has worked primarily behind the scenes, bringing together diverse stakeholders and managing initiatives through to fruition, and has had a hand in some of the region's most important public policy initiatives and cross-sector collaborations. Along the way, John has built a vast network of individuals who are impacting Atlanta and its future.

John is a native son. He was born at Grady Hospital in Atlanta in 1965, was one of Paideia School's first graduates in 1983, and earned his BA in Political Science from Emory University in 1987. After having moved to Washington, D.C. and worked for Representative Pat Williams of Montana and then Congressman Ben Jones of Georgia, he entered Yale School of Public Private Management in 1991 and graduated with seven letters of recognition in 1993.

Within months after returning to Atlanta, John was hired by the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games as the Program Coordinator of Government Relations. He was soon promoted to Manager of Federal and State Government Relations where he worked with officials from four federal government offices, including the White House. Following the 1996 Olympic Games, John worked at Edington & Wade, a public affairs firm, and then Georgia's Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism (GDITT, now the Department of Economic Development), where he led and managed strategic planning teams. From there he moved into GDITT's newly created position of Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Research.

In 2000, John was hired by the Metro Atlanta Chamber to serve as its Senior Vice President of Community Development. There he oversaw the Chamber's initiatives regarding transportation, education, arts and culture, the environment, and legislative affairs. In 2003, John bought the majority interest in a local public affairs firm, and in 2006 he established Ahmann, Inc. While in private practice in 2004, John began his engagement as the out-sourced Executive Director of the Atlanta Committee for Progress (ACP), a group of top CEOs and university presidents that advises and supports the mayor on priorities critical to Atlanta's economic vitality. While with ACP, he was heavily involved in launching the Atlanta Beltline, the acquisition of the Martin Luther King Jr. Personal Collection, the 2015 Re-new Atlanta Bond Program, and ACP's Westside Redevelopment Task Force that led to the launch of the Westside Future Fund. John is currently the President & CEO of the Westside Future Fund.

John has also been an elected public servant. He won his race for the City Schools of Decatur Board of Education in 2003, was re-elected in 2007 without opposition, and served until 2011. John was the first Paideia School alumni invited to join the Paideia School's Board of Trustees where he served for four years.

John's unwavering commitment to Atlanta and deep knowledge of specific areas such as education, economic development, infrastructure and local fiscal policy make him a unique presence in Atlanta's change landscape. He is honored to serve the board of Westside Future Fund as its President & CEO.

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Benjamin Earley

Senior Consultant, Redclay-Hill

Benjamin Earley is a web developer, creative writer, and musician born and raised in Atlanta, GA, where he continues to call the Westside home. He holds two certificates from Berklee College of Music for Music Business and General Music Studies. In addition to pursuing his passion for songwriting and music production, Benjamin also builds websites and web-based solutions for clients as an independent contractor with Redclay-Hill.

Ebony M. Ford

Westside Resident, English Avenue

Ebony purchased a home in English Avenue after moving from her home state of Michigan more than 10 years ago. She was drawn to the potential of the Westside and wanted to be a part of what was sure to be its uprising in the very near future. She is a divorced mother to a 4-year old son, and an IT Analyst for the State of Georgia. Ebony has started an organization, English Avenue Tea, to bring awareness and an image of normalcy to the rest of Atlanta about the residents that live in historic Westside neighborhoods. The Westside is on the rise and Ebony is proud to go along for the ride.

Pastor John Onwuchekwa

Pastor, Cornerstone Church

A native of Houston, TX and a graduate of Baylor University, John moved to Atlanta in 2009 (with 25 of his closest friends) with the aim of seeing broken communities restored. John is a husband to Shawndra and a father to Ava. He's a pastor of Cornerstone Church located in the historic West End community, an author, and most recently an entrepreneur. He's the co-founder of Portrait Coffee headquartered in the West End. He is also a devoted community leader and has served as a mentor to teens in the neighborhood and works with Raising Expectations in support of the advancement of Westside youth.

Maima Judge

Managing Director and Market Investment Executive, Bank of America Private Bank

Naima Judge is a Managing Director and Market Investment Executive with the Bank of America Private Bank. In her role, she leads a team of dedicated investment and trust professionals, who work closely with high net worth individuals and families to provide customized wealth and investment management solutions. She has worked in investments and wealth management for over 20 years, beginning her career as an INROADS Intern on a commercial paper trading desk.

Naima attended Northeastern University in Boston, MA on a Division I full basketball scholarship where she earned her bachelor's degree in international business and finance. She

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also has an MBA in Entrepreneurship and Corporate Accounting from the University of Rochester's, Simon School of Business.

While living in her hometown of Rochester, NY, Naima co-founded a community service organization called Women In Service Excellence, or "W.I.S.E." WISE focused on mentoring and educating inner-city young women on a host of topics such as etiquette, personal finance, and public speaking.

She was a past recipient of the U.S. Trust "President's Award" which is an annual honor awarded to the top performing associates in the organization. In 2017, Naima was inducted into her High School's Hall of Fame for her outstanding achievements in basketball during her high school tenure as well as her personal and professional accomplishments after high school.

Naima, in her capacity with The Bank of America Private Bank, has been a corporate partner with YearUp, a national not-for-profit organization focused on closing the opportunity divide for youth ages 18-24. She was featured in Bank of America's 2019 diversity advertising campaign and often represents the firm as a host, speaker, or panelist for both internal and external events. Naima is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, and currently serves on the board for several non-profit organizations such as Meals on Wheels Atlanta, Raising Expectations Inc., and the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council.

Tangee Allen

Co-Founder, Raising Expectations

As a co-founder of Raising Expectations, Tangee Allen has worked alongside Maria Armstrong (the two met while both were enrolled as students at Georgia State University) to create and develop our nonprofit youth development organization into the award-winning program and resource it is today. In addition to Tangee's experience working in the nonprofit sector, she has also worked for local government for over nine years. As a Program Manager in the Mayor's Office for the community-focused Department of Weed and Seed—an innovative, comprehensive multiagency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and community revitalization—Tangee was responsible for working with the designated Weed and Seed sites to develop and implement their 5-year strategy under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Justice. As an active participant in her community and staunch advocate for Atlanta's youth, Tangee has been recognized by a variety of organizations and has received a host of community awards from the City of Atlanta, Spelman College, Enterprise Foundation, Morehouse College and the WB Channel 36.

Maria Armstrong

Co-Founder, Raising Expectations

Maria Armstrong has served the Atlanta area for nearly two decades in a variety of academic and service-oriented capacities. In addition to her primary role as co-founder of Raising Expectations, growing and guiding our organization alongside Tangee Allen, Maria's diverse educational experiences have also included working as a high school teacher, mentor, teaching

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in alternative educational settings and serving as an administrator in a public charter school. A graduate of Georgia State University, Maria was also the creator, director and administrator of a collaborative after school program model that served over 400 students with interactive academic and enrichment activities. Her comprehensive experience extends to resource development with community organizations and program development in elementary, middle and high schools.

Maria was a runner up for the MTV Brick Award and was featured in the inspirational book *As I Am*. She was also honored with a Sisters Who Serve Award from Spelman College and an Unsung Hero Award from the WB 36 television station as one of Atlanta's top young leaders along with an Unsung Heroine Award from the Atlanta Chapter of National Coalition of 100 Black Women.

Faith Porter

Project DREAM Elementary Coordinator, Raising Expectations

Faith Porter is an educator, researcher, and activist serving as the Project DREAM Elementary Coordinator at Raising Expectations, a position she has held for two years. An alumna of Spelman College where she served as a Bonner Community Service Scholar, Faith holds degrees in International Studies and Spanish. In fulfillment of the requirements of her degree programs,

Faith studied in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic where she also served as a development intern at Community Service Alliance.

Faith is a 2016 recipient of the U.S. Department of Education's Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship through which she studied the Portuguese language and Brazilian culture at Middlebury College. She possesses years of classroom experience through her positions as a lead English Language Development and Spanish teacher as well as a teacher's assistant during her tenure at Summer Institute for the Gifted.

Empathy and cultural competence are at the core of Faith's personal and educational philosophies. She is passionate about child advocacy and is committed to using her skills to assist RE in the fulfillment of its mission. In her role as Project DREAM Elementary Coordinator, Faith leads a team of five dedicated and exceptionally talented STEAM Academic Leaders (SALs) and spearheads communication with parents, volunteers, partners and community stakeholders.

Natasha Ellis

Alumna, Raising Expectations

Natasha Ellis graces the world as a 2019 graduate of the amazing Booker T. Washington High School and an alumna of Raising Expectations, in which she greatly benefitted for over 14 years under its wing. Born in Fitzgerald Georgia, a community three hours south of Atlanta, Ellis moved to the Westside of town while still in the second grade. Ellis' family made this positive

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change in their lives after leaving comfort for insecurity but knew their children's lives rested in the balance. Ellis states that living in the Westside presented two choices in her young life: fall into the system or an early grave as the result of low-paying jobs and financial detriment.

After living in this new community for the first two years, Ellis states that she began to come to terms with the expectations placed upon her, often supported by her elementary teachers and members of her community. The Ellis family was presented with a third choice and the choice she is forever most indebted for: Raising Expectations. Ellis remembers opportunity as a foreign concept until R.E. found her and her family merely existing within the walls of a nearly dilapidated two-bedroom. She states beautifully: "Raising Expectations presented me with expectations that didn't seem to corner me. My life took a whole 360 from then on out. I was given another option--I can rise above society's expectations and take hold of my future or I can set my expectations. I think earning my Associate's degree in high school and now majoring in Molecular Biology/Biochemistry at Fisk University is a sign that I've taken my future by its reins". Ellis' dream is to become an Immunologist to exemplify to others in her community, that even the wildest of occupations are attainable. Ellis promises to continue studying what she loves, to never stop learning, and to remain with the high hopes of even discovering a cure one day. Ellis proudly believes that her hardships may never fully end, but armed with a family and a community of supporters, will render her capable of conquering the bad with all the good she will encompass in this life.

Jocelyn Reynolds

Alumna, Raising Expectations

Jocelyn Reynolds is a senior Computer Science major at Spelman College, the #1 HBCU, located in Atlanta, Georgia. As a native of the illustrious city of Atlanta, Reynolds chose Computer Science because she wanted to be a part of the change in the world she wished to see: more brilliant women in technology. Reynolds has been involved in various organizations throughout her college trajectory, serving as a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, Spelman College Bonner Scholars Program, a proud alumna of Raising Expectations, a NSBE and CodeHouse member. Reynold has interned at AT&T for the past two years and most recently completed an internship with Kohl's, acting as a product manager, which is a career path Reynolds wishes to secure post-graduation from college. Because of her love for computers in particular, and by gaining more experience with programming languages such as Python, C++, and Java, she wishes to contribute an eagerness to learn more about programming. As for the future, Jocelyn adds that she will bring a willingness to learn, her positive attitude, and hard-working nature to any company who chooses to develop her even more.

Women's History Month

Every year March is designated Women's History Month by Presidential proclamation. The month is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history.

Did You Know? Women's History Month started as Women's History Week

Women's History Month began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California. The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women planned and executed a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978. The organizers selected the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women's Day. The movement spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women's History Week celebrations the following year.

In 1980, a consortium of women's groups and historians—led by the National Women's History Project (now the National Women's History Alliance)—successfully lobbied for national recognition. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week.

Subsequent Presidents continued to proclaim a National Women's History Week in March until 1987 when Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, each president has issued an annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

The National Women's History Alliance selects and publishes the yearly theme. The theme for Women's History Month in 2021 captures the spirit of these challenging times. Since many of the women's suffrage centennial celebrations originally scheduled for 2020 were curtailed, the National Women's History Alliance is extending the annual theme for 2021 to **"Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silenced."**

To learn more about Women's History Month, please visit www.womenshistory.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

♥CVS Health® + Good Sam

Good Samaritan Health Center and CVSHealth are offering free rapid COVID-19 testing with results in 20 minutes.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Call **404-523-6571** to schedule.

Good Sam is located at 1015 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy, Atlanta, GA 30318.



Visit <https://goodsamatlanta.org/COVID-19> for more info.

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COVID-19 VACCINE INFO

Currently, COVID-19 vaccinations are only available to the following priority group in Phase 1A. This includes paid or unpaid people serving in healthcare settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials. Those in this category include, but are not limited to:

- Staff in clinical settings (e.g., nurses, physicians, EMS, laboratory, environmental services, etc.)
- Long-term care facilities (LTCF) staff and residents

Phase 1A also includes:

- Adults 65 and older
- Caregivers of those 65 and older
- First Responders (fire, police, sheriff, 9-1-1 personnel, etc.)

Vaccination Sites

GA Department of Health of Public Health
Fulton County
Mercedes Benz Stadium
9 Mangum Street
Atlanta, GA 30303
COVID Vaccine Line: (404) 613-8150

Good Samaritan Health
Center
1015 Donald Lee Hollowell
Parkway
Atlanta, GA 30318
COVID Vaccine Line: (404) 523-6571

Morehouse Healthcare
455 Lee Street
Suite 200
Atlanta, GA 30310
COVID Vaccine Line: (404) 752-1000

Family Health Centers of
Georgia at West End
868 York Avenue SW
Atlanta, GA 30310
COVID Vaccine Line: (800) 935-6721

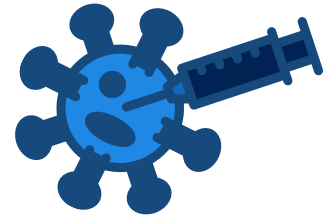
Appointments are required at all sites.

Learn how you can protect yourself, your family & your community by getting vaccinated against COVID-19

COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

THE COVID-19 VACCINE HAS ARRIVED IN FULTON COUNTY

Two vaccines are now available in the United States that are proven to be safe and 95% effective in preventing COVID-19.



The Fulton County Board of Health is an enrolled COVID-19 vaccine provider and offers the vaccine at no charge.

WHO CAN GET THE VACCINE?

Quantities of the vaccine are still limited. Priority groups have been established based on risk of exposure and the potential health impact of COVID-19. Only people in the approved priority group can receive the vaccine at this time.

As of January 11, only Group 1A is eligible for the vaccine in Georgia. This group includes healthcare workers, residents and staff of long-term care facilities, adults 65 + and their caregivers, and first responders.

WHEN WILL I GET MY VACCINE?

Georgia Interim COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends phases, or priority levels, for vaccination. These recommendations are used by the state to formulate its plan for vaccination.

Currently Vaccinating: **PHASE 1a**

As more vaccine becomes available, more people will be vaccinated.



In coming months, the vaccine will be available for everyone who wants it.

HOW CAN I GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

To get the COVID-19 vaccine from the Fulton County Board of Health you must (1) be part of the eligible group and (2) have an appointment. Appointment times are limited each week.

Check for appointment times online at www.fultoncountyga.gov/covidvaccine

Residents age 65+ and their caregivers may contact the Fulton County COVID-19 Hotline at 404-613-8150 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 on weekdays

Other vaccine providers are available in Georgia. For a listing go to <https://dph.georgia.gov/locations/covid-vaccination-site>

I AM HAVING DIFFICULTY MAKING AN APPOINTMENT. WHY?

At this time, demand for the vaccine is very high and quantities of the vaccine are limited. Appointments are scheduled to ensure that we have enough vaccine each day. New appointment times will be available each week.

DO I NEED A SECOND DOSE FOR THE VACCINE?

Yes. Both types of vaccine available in the U.S. require a second dose. You will need to make an appointment for the second dose. Check for instructions at www.fultoncountyga.gov/covidvaccine

DO I HAVE TO LIVE IN FULTON COUNTY TO GET THE VACCINE HERE?

The Fulton County Board of Health offers the vaccine to people who live and work in Fulton County.

WHERE IS THE VACCINE OFFERED IN FULTON COUNTY?

The Fulton County Board of Health currently offers three vaccine sites -- in North, South and Central Fulton. When you make your appointment, you will be assigned to a location that has appointments. If the location closest to you does not have an appointment, you may wait for a later time or choose another location.

IS THE COVID-19 VACCINE SAFE?

Yes. There are two COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States. Both vaccines have gone through clinical trials and have been proven to be safe and effective.

DOES THE VACCINE HAVE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

Some patients have reported soreness or swelling in the arm where they received the vaccine. Some have reported mild flu-like symptoms including fever, tiredness, headache and body aches. While these symptoms are unpleasant, they are normal and expected.



CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS EXTERIOR OWNER-OCCUPIED REHAB PROGRAM

Atlanta Housing, Invest Atlanta and the City of Atlanta have launched a deferred forgivable loan program that provides up to \$70,000 in federal funds to eligible Ashview Heights and Atlanta University Center homeowners for exterior health and safety repairs on their home. Funds will be provided in the form of a forgivable loan 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 loan term.

The maximum loan amount per home is \$70,000, inclusive of all construction related costs and closing costs. Loan term will be determined by loan amount, not to exceed 10 years.

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.
- Homeowners with 1st Mortgage Liens are permitted. Second mortgages from Habitat for Humanity on a Habitat home, and Invest Atlanta will be treated as one mortgage for purposes of this program. Homes with other liens (tax liens, recorded Fi Fas, etc. are ineligible. Homes with water liens must have a payment arrangement to be eligible).

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY

Contact the Choice Neighborhoods Exterior Owner-Occupied Rehab Program Manager
Meals On Wheels Atlanta at info@mowatl.org or 404-351-3889



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<https://www.westsidefuturefund.org/homeonthewestside/>



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Building the Beloved Community - Two Trailblazing Women Discuss What It Will Take

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VIEWPOINT: Fulfilling our vision of the beloved community

By D. Makeda Johnson | First published in the Atlanta Business Chronicle May 5, 2017

Gentrification of urban American cities is a complex phenomenon with social, political and economic implications.

It represents a double-edged sword with both opportunities and challenges. The infusion of higher-income individuals into urban centers generates increased renewal investments in formerly neglected and abandoned blighted communities. It provides needed revenue to local municipalities to meet the expense of much-needed infrastructure and service delivery improvements. Unfortunately, gentrification and displacement are manifesting as symptoms nationally as the urban center across our nation strives to attract upper-middle-income families while displacing current residents with increasing housing costs that exclude the working poor and altering the cultural and historical fabric of urban America cities.

Gentrification can be managed and provide an opportunity for Atlanta, Georgia, to honor its most noted son and drum major for social justice: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Atlanta can once again shine as an urban American city "Too Busy to Hate." We can redefine the G word. We are in a moment of opportunity for the creation of the "Beloved Community," a community of racial and economic diversity.

But it will not just happen, it must be intentionally developed. It is simple, but requires authentic partnership between community, political and private stakeholders committed to the possibility of the "Beloved Community." It will require a resident retention plan that prevents forced displacement, inclusionary affordable housing policy that supports mixed income and racial diversity by acknowledging the area median income, and a tax abatement program to protect vulnerable home and business owners.

The Historic Westside Community is poised with the opportunity to manifest not forced displacement, but demonstrate how to align urban transformation with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of "The Beloved Community." A community where justice and equality is the order of the day; an authentic mixed community where all can live, change and grow without the destruction of the Historic Westside Community's cultural integrity.

To accomplish the building of the Beloved Community, trust must be established requiring a shift

from traditional transactional approaches to community redevelopment. We had declared that our approach will be transformative and centered on the development of human capital. This innovative transformative approach to community development is no easy task. It requires that both residents, stakeholders and service providers rethink and reset traditional mindsets associated with poverty that fails to see and value the many assets within communities and design programs that empower residents with the skills and resources to be a part of the solution with equality and equity.

This writer loves living and working within the Historic Westside Community. Having chosen to call it home for nearly three decades, I proudly celebrate the beauty of community. We are a very resilient community that has, in spite of many challenges, continued to make contributions to society, especially as it relates to striving for social justice and an equitable society.





Unfortunately, too often those who seek to serve often overlook the value of relational capacity that exists within community, wealth of knowledge and ability to be a vital asset to achieving transformative sustainable communities.

Envision what could happen as residents and dedicated stakeholders shift their mindsets and reinvent how to renew communities without displacement, where there is the pollination of skills and the capacity to stay in communication even when they are difficult, seeking to establish trust and new ways of engagement that produce the greater good for humanity while creating economically healthy, thriving businesses, well-kept homes, quality affordable housing that is reflective of the earning of the communities' workforce, accessible and affordable healthcare, high-performing educational institutions. In this moment of opportunity, we can be the change that the world is looking for and create the environment that produces productive citizens with economic and social mobility by design. As residents and stakeholders, we will either fulfill or betray the vision of the beloved community based on our actions or inaction. There is a critical need for advocacy on behalf of the often-marginalized long-term residents in gentrifying communities; we have the opportunity to shift that. Where do you stand? I shall continue to strive to be a drum major for justice, equality and inclusion for the establishment of the "Beloved Community."

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