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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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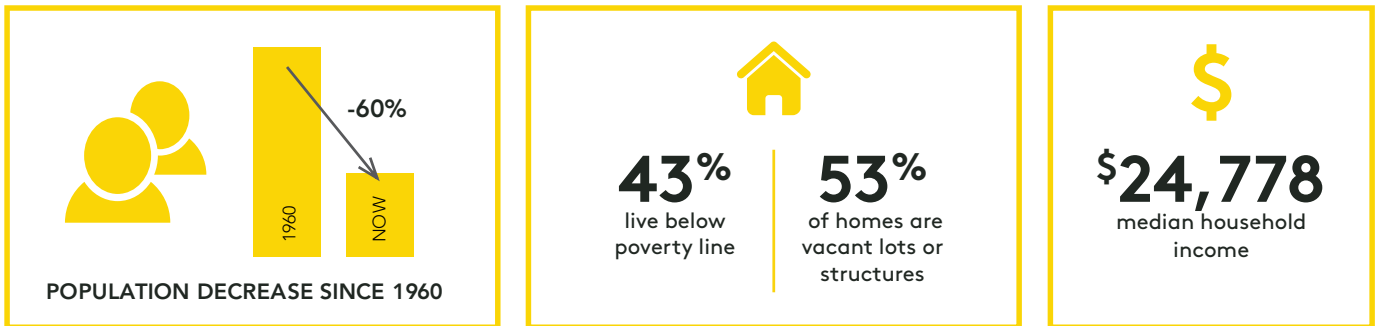


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CREATING A NEW WESTSIDE FUTURE

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.

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Agenda

7:45AM – 8:00AM

Welcome

John Ahmann
President & CEO
Westside Future Fund

Valerie Williams
Westside Resident
Atlanta University Center

Benjamin Earley
Westside Correspondent
Redclay-Hill

8:00AM – 8:15AM

Opening Devotion

Rev. Dr. Gregory V. Eason, Sr.
Pastor
Flipper Temple A.M.E. Church

8:15AM – 8:55AM

**Career Development with
Goodwill of North Georgia**

Keith Parker
President & CEO
Goodwill of North Georgia

Dr. Eloisa Klementich
President & CEO
Invest Atlanta

Jenny Taylor
Vice President of Career Services
Goodwill of North Georgia

Ebony Ford
TechBridge Program Participant
English Avenue Resident

8:55AM

Closing Remarks

John Ahmann
President & CEO
Westside Future Fund

9:00AM

Summit Adjourns



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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 outsourced 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 lead 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.

Valerie Williams

Westside Resident

Valerie Williams is the president of the Atlanta Alumni Association of Booker T. Washington High School, which partners with decades of historic Atlanta alumni, the Atlanta business community, and various local parent organizations to preserve nearly 100 years of Black Atlanta education history. After spending over 30 years in operations management with ATT, Valerie has turned her organizational skills and inner drive for excellence toward historic community preservation. Valerie has tirelessly advocated for all of the Washington feeder schools, assuring the renovation of Brown Middle School; the renaming of John Kennedy Middle School to Hollis Innovation Academy after the Booker T. Washington Class of 1971 alumnus and entrepreneur, Michael Hollis, who founded one of the first Black-owned airlines, Air Atlanta. Valerie helped to rebrand the Washington cluster as a whole, establishing PTAs in every cluster school, and assuring all students and families in the school cluster neighborhoods garnered increased support from across Atlanta.

Valerie serves on several committees including APS's Target 2021, NRG, Alumni, SPLOST, and Principal Selections. In addition, Valerie belongs to the Community Who Knows (CWK), Washington Cluster Advocacy Group (WCAG), the Westside Community Alliance (WCA), Westside Ready. She is currently the treasurer for the Booker T. Washington High School PTSA and the First VP of the Atlanta Council of PTAs.

A native Atlantan born at Grady Hospital, Valerie started her education at the historic M. Agnes Jones Elementary School and grew to become a proud member of the Booker T. Washington Class of 1982. Valerie holds a BA in Arts and Science from Oglethorpe University. Valerie is the proud parent of one daughter, Rickia L. Willingham.

Rev. Dr. Gregory V. Eason, Sr.

Pastor, Flipper Temple A.M.E. Church

Gregory Vaughn Eason Sr. was born in Metter, GA, and is the son of Reverend William and Mrs. Geneva Eason. He graduated from East Georgia College in Swainsboro, Georgia in 1981, and from Morris Brown College, Atlanta, GA in 1983, Magna cum Laude. He continued his education and was conferred the Master of Divinity degree from Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA in 1986. He received his Master of Theology degree from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA in 1988 where his Thesis was:

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"Suffering, Liberation and Violence: A Study of God's Presence in the History of Black America." Pastor Eason received his Doctorate of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in May, 2011. His project dissertation was entitled, "Radical Hospitality, Re-envisioning a Downtown Historic Congregation".

Pastor Eason's denominational service in the A.M.E. Church includes: President, Connectional Council for the A.M.E. Church; Vice Chairperson, Trustee Board Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference; Chairperson, Search Committee - President/Dean, Turner Theological Seminary, ITC; and Chairperson, Georgia Annual Conference Board of Examiners, Chairperson, Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference Board of Examiners where he was responsible for training new ministers for ordination in the A.M.E. Church - to mention a few. Pastor Eason currently serves as a board member of the World Methodist Evangelism Institute and Dean of the Atlanta North Georgia Conference Board of Examiners.

Pastor Eason's pastoral ministry in the 6th Episcopal District started at Saint Mark, Wadley, and Hickman Tabernacle in Augusta. Pastor Eason also served as pastor of Saint James, Thomson, Saint James, Monticello, Saint Philip, Savannah, Flipper Temple, Atlanta, Big Bethel, Atlanta, Saint Paul, Atlanta and Flipper Temple AME Church in Atlanta.

Pastor Eason serves on the Board of several organizations and colleges including: The Regional Council of Churches of Atlanta, Morris Brown College Trustee Board, and the Trustee Board of Turner Theological Seminary & The Interdenominational Theological Center. He has contributed to several publications and productions. Among some of his writings and published works are: "Looking at AIDS through the eyes of God" (A.M.E. Church Review, 1990); "Dreams and Nightmares" (A.M.E. Church Review, 1995); Evidence of Transformative Ministry (A.M.E. Church Review, 2012); "A Small Boy with a Big Fish" (an article in the African American Study Bible) - a joint venture of The Congress of National Black Churches and Zondervan Publishing House. He has also served as a Commentator for "This Far by Faith: African American Spiritual Journeys" - a joint production of Blackside, Inc. and the Faith Project - aired on PBS Television.

Pastor Eason has been bestowed many honors including: being inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Board of Preachers at Morehouse College; a member of The International Society of Theta Phi, ITC; The Bishop Henry McNeal Turner Image Award for Outstanding Community Service, Turner Theological Seminary; and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Pastor Eason is the husband of Mrs. Linda Tyson Eason. They are the blessed parents of the late Carmen Jovonne Eason and Gregory V. Eason, Jr.

Keith Parker

President & CEO, Goodwill of North Georgia

Keith T. Parker is president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Goodwill of North Georgia (GNG). One of the largest nonprofit organizations in the southeast, GNG spans a 45-county territory, operating 64 stores, 54 attended donation centers and 13 career centers. GNG employs over 3,000 team members, each of whom play a direct or supporting role in the organization's donated goods retail operations and its career services. Annually, GNG serves more than 7 million shoppers. Through the revenue generated in its stores, the organization is able to train

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and connect over 25,000 North Georgians to jobs each year (establishing GNG as one of the most successful workforce development agencies in Georgia). Parker took the helm at GNG in October 2017. Prior to transitioning into his leadership role at GNG, Parker has served as CEO of the largest transit systems in several cities, including San Antonio, Charlotte and most recently, Atlanta.

Parker's five-year leadership of MARTA won widespread acclaim. He helped transform one of the most beleaguered transit agencies in the nation - with huge budget deficits and major public image issues - to a fiscally sound, award winning organization. Parker's leadership established MARTA as an important player in Georgia's economic development efforts, helping to attract/retain major employers.

Throughout his career, Parker has received numerous awards and accolades as a transformational leader and transportation visionary. He won Texas CEO of the Year Awards in 2011 and 2012, and the Georgia CEO of the Year Award in 2013. He was recognized as the nation's Outstanding Public Transportation Manager by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) in 2015. METRO Magazine named Parker as one of its 20 Most Influential People of the Decade. In 2016, Parker was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve on the National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC). In November of the same year, he was named one of eight Public Officials of the Year by Governing Magazine. In August 2017, Parker was selected as one of Atlanta's Most Admired CEOs by Atlanta Business Chronicle. Georgia Trend Magazine has recognized Parker as one of Georgia's 100 Most Influential leaders on multiple occasions. In 2019 and 2020, Parker was selected as one of the City's Most Powerful Leaders by Atlanta Magazine. Parker's commitment to one of his alma maters, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), has been notable. Parker received the VCU Alumni Star Award in 2015, followed by an appointment to the Virginia Commonwealth University Board of Visitors by Governor Terry McAuliffe in 2016. More recently, Parker was unanimously elected Rector and Chairman of the VCU Board of Visitors.

Parker has a long history of service to nonprofit, charitable, and corporate boards. Parker served on the board of directors for Goodwill of San Antonio and Goodwill of North Georgia. He remains active and engaged with the Rotary Club of Atlanta, GA Chamber of Commerce, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, Learn4Life, and Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau. Parker serves on several prominent national boards including The Eno Center for Transportation and continues his work with NIAC. On the corporate side, Parker serves on the Fifth Third Bank Advisory Board as well as the VHB Board of Directors.

Parker and his wife are natives of Virginia and have 3 children. Parker holds an MBA from the University of Richmond, as well as a Master of Urban and Regional Planning and a BA in Political Science from Virginia Commonwealth University. Parker is a 2014 graduate of Leadership Atlanta.

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Dr. Eloisa Klementich

President & CEO, Invest Atlanta

Dr. Eloisa Klementich is President and CEO of Invest Atlanta. Previously, Eloisa served as managing director of business development at Invest Atlanta. In this position, she worked to attract new businesses and create initiatives that promoted job growth in Atlanta. Before coming to Invest Atlanta, Eloisa served as special assistant for economic development at the U.S. Economic Development Administration in the Office of the Secretary. She served as California's assistant deputy secretary for economic development and commerce and has held various roles with city governments, including the consultant for Mexico's President Vicente Fox, working on best practices for addressing constituent issues and requests. Eloisa holds a bachelor's degree from Pitzer College and a master's degree in business administration from el Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey. She holds two master's degrees in urban planning and Latin American affairs from the University of California, Los Angeles. She received her doctorate degree in public administration from the University of LaVerne. Eloisa is also active in various business and civic organizations. She serves as a board member for the Latin American Civic Association, Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs, Atlanta Technical College, Atlanta Workforce Development Agency, LaunchPad 2x, Startup Atlanta, and Atlanta Emerging Markets, Inc. A graduate of the Leadership Atlanta Class of 2017, she is also involved with the Women's Entrepreneurship Initiative, Georgia Economic Development Association, and International Economic Development Council.

Jenny Taylor

Vice President of Career Services, Raising Expectations

Jenny Taylor is a sought-after public speaker on the topics of successful large-scale public/private partnerships, employer engagement, and employment outcomes for people with significant barriers. She is Vice President of Career Services at the largest Goodwill in the nation for mission outcomes, leading evidence-based programs with outcomes in the top 10% of the industry, as measured by the National Benchmarking Project.

Her agency has a \$165 million-dollar budget and operates programs that placed 25,019 people in competitive employment last year.

She holds a Masters of Rehabilitation Counseling and is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor. She is a member of the National and Georgia Rehabilitation Associations, and Mensa.

Ebony Ford

TechBridge Program Participant

Ebony Ford is a westside Atlanta community advocate with affiliation of several civic and philanthropic organizations. She is passionate about legacy resident retention in this climate of rapid gentrification in the city of Atlanta, particularly in the neighborhoods of English Avenue and Vine City, and she spends her free time mentoring residents who want to become homeowners through her organization English Avenue Tea. She is an Atlanta Public Schools

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elected official as she serves as secretary for her neighborhood school's GO Team. Professionally, Ebony works in IT for the State of Georgia. She is a recent TechBridge graduate and is excited to share her experience about the program.

[GOODWILL OF NORTH GEORGIA TRAINING PROGRAMS](#)

Women in Non-Traditional Occupations



Hospitality



Technology Career Program





Bringing Goodwill to the Southside:

New Store & Career Center Coming to Metropolitan Parkway

Located at 2160 Metropolitan Parkway, our new store and career center will bring jobs and skills training to the local community. To start, this project is generating 30-40 new construction jobs for local residents. When we open, we will create an additional 50 jobs in the store, as well as in the career center.

Our focus will continue to be on not just helping our neighbors to find work, but helping them move into successful careers. All of our career centers provide free access to job search resources like computers, résumé writing tools, job listings, employment seminars, software training and more.

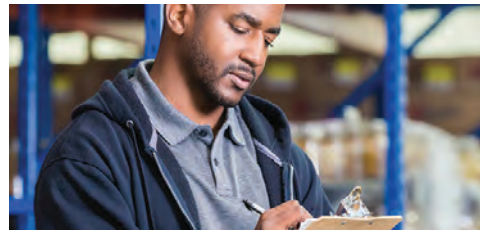
Great finds at great prices.

Our new store is bringing great deals to your community. From clothing to accessories, housewares, and shoes; shopping at Goodwill will save you money and help your neighbors find jobs.



Job training for the future.

Goodwill offers a number of skills training programs to prepare residents for careers in fields like technology, healthcare, construction, logistics and more.



Donate. Shop. Support Job Seekers. *That's #Goodwilling.*



Be the first to know.

Visit goodwillng.org/metro and sign up to receive updates on job opportunities, hiring events, construction updates and more at our new location.

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

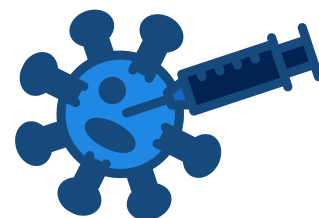
Appointments are required at all sites.

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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**Home on the Westside is our
Community Retention initiative.**



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LEARN MORE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK >>

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



WATCH EPISODE 6

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

The Beloved Benefit Conversation Series is a new virtual experience created to help us meet the extraordinary challenges of today.

Season 1 features six, 30-minute episodes of national leaders in a candid conversation on race, economic mobility, and the building of Dr. King's beloved community. Through this series, we hope to spark more than awareness: We want to ignite real-world impact and inspire deeper community connection.

Join us as we create a way forward, together.



Episode 6

ROSALIND G. BREWER & SUSAN L. TAYLOR

Season Two
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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.



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 thrives 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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