

# Westside Future Fund

## Transform Westside Summit Convene | Communicate | Collaborate

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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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# 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.

Engish 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.



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#### 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
  - $_{\circ}$  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 leaseto-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** 









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John Ahmann President and CEO



**Jaren Abedania** VP of Real Estate



Rachel Carey VP of Project Financing



**Brenda Dalton** Chief Operating Officer



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# A Dedicated Team



**Charles Forde** Director of Project Financing



Lee Harrop VP of Real Estate Development



**Raquel Hudson** Director of Westside Volunteer Corps



Senior Administrative

Assistant

Marni Pittman Controller



Deidre Strickland Development Manager



Jaaren Strickland Accounting Manager



Joan Vernon Director of Neighborhood Engagement



Christal Walker Staff Accountant



**Robyn Washington** Development Coordinator



Cristel Williams Chief Development Officer

## Agenda

Summit Adjourns

7:15AM – 7:25AM Welcome + Updates	Benjamin Earley <i>Westside Correspondent,</i> Redclay-Hill
	Ebony Ford <i>English Avenue Resident</i>
	John Ahmann President & CEO, Westside Future Fund
7:25AM – 7:40AM Opening Devotion	Pastor Eric Vickers <i>Pastor, Beulah Baptist Church</i>
7:40AM – 8:00AM Self-Introductions	Attendees of Transform Westside Summit
8:00AM – 8:55AM Strategic Partners & WFF Updates since COVID-19	Jesse Wiles, APD Urban Planning + Management
	Karen Rogers, Atlanta Police Foundation
	AP Thompson, <i>CHRIS 180</i>
	Bill Bolling, Food Well Alliance
	Olivia Maxwell, On the Rise Financial Center
	Leonard Adams, Quest Community Development Organization
	Faith Porter, Raising Expectations
	George Dusenbury, Trust for Public Land
	Raquel Hudson & Rachel Carey, Westside Future Fund
	Chaundra Johnson, <i>YMCA of Metropolitan Atlanta</i>
8:55AM Raffle Drawings + Closing Remarks	John Ahmann President & CEO, Westside Future Fund
9:00AM	



#### John Ahmann

President & CEO, Westside Future Fund

A native son of Atlanta, 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 currently the President & CEO of the Westside Future Fund and resides in the historic Vine City neighborhood.

#### 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 Ford

Westside Resident, English Avenue

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 elected official as she serves as secretary for her neighborhood school's GO Team. Professionally, Ebony works in IT for the State of Georgia.

#### **Pastor Eric Vickers**

Pastor, Beulah Baptist Church

The ministry of Reverend Eric George Vickers is driven by a sincere heart for 'Connecting People to Christ!' As Senior Pastor of the historic Beulah Baptist Church of Atlanta, Rev. Vickers desires to inspire people to effectively win souls and make disciples for Jesus Christ.

Since submitting to the Gospel call as a teenager in October 2005, this passion has allowed him to serve on several church staffs in pastoral and staff support capacities. He has been privileged to share the Good News across the United States, the Caribbean and on the continents of Africa and Europe. In March 2016, Eric George Vickers Ministries, Inc. was established as a 501(c)3 effort to be a global witness for Jesus Christ through the charge of the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20).

Upon accepting the call to Beulah's pulpit in May 2016, Pastor Vickers and the congregation have been richly blessed by the sustaining power of God. With energy and excitement, the church has embraced the vision to 'Gather, Grow, Give and Go' in effort to become disciples who make disciples. As a result, many souls have been baptized and new families have united with the fellowship as a testament to the movement of God's providential hand. Due to new and anticipated growth, Pastor Vickers was led to assemble a staff to meet Beulah's growing day to day operational needs. The church has also revitalized and reorganized existing ministries such as The Beulah Services Foundation, a non-profit ministry, to minister to the underserved of Beulah's historic Vine City neighborhood. Additionally, new ministries have been engineered to meet the changing needs of the church and community and nearly \$200,000 in improvements have been made to the infrastructure to provide better service to all persons within reach of the ministry of Beulah. Pastor Vickers was licensed and ordained for Christian ministry at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church of Pontiac. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies from Morehouse College and is in study for the Master of Divinity degree at Emory University's Candler School of Theology. He serves as the State Director for Youth and Young Adults for the New Era Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia and holds membership on several boards while also working in various civic and community organizations. Pastor Vickers is the recipient of many awards and honors, but he concedes that his greatest achievement and fortune is the gift of his beautiful wife, Cierrá, and their two children.

#### Leonard Adams

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

Leonard L. Adams, Jr., is the Founder and CEO of Quest Community Development Organization, Inc.; a GA based 501c3 non-profit organization. Mr. Adams is a true visionary taking this once grassroots organization starting with \$30,000.00 to an annual operating budget of \$4.5M, with \$39M in current assets and securing over \$100M in gov't grants and subsidy support for affordable housing under his leadership.

As an *entrepreneur and social entrepreneur* of over 25 years, Mr. Adams has multiple 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 utilizing's his Leadership, Fiscal, Strategic and Operational strengths as he navigates the non-profit community & economic development sectors 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 and revitalization. Through his work and equitable housing models that serve homeless and low-income individuals, families, older persons and veterans living with a disability Mr. Adams embodies Quest mantra of Live Work Serve.

Understanding the delicate balance of professional and personal growth Mr. Adams serves on the Knoxville College Board of Trustees. 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.

Inspiring a shared Vision.

#### **Bill Bolling**

Chairman and Senior Advisor, Food Well Alliance

Bill Bolling serves as chairman and senior advisor of Food Well Alliance, a network of growers and leaders in Atlanta's local food movement, committed to strengthening healthy food systems and increasing access to locally grown food.

In addition to his work with Food Well Alliance, Bill has convened and facilitated the Atlanta Regional Housing Forum since its inception in 1988. He is highly sought-after for his skills as facilitator, bridge-builder, mentor, and connector. His work extends beyond Atlanta to Georgia, the U.S. and across the globe. He is a frequent speaker on topics related to hunger, poverty, affordable housing, and public policy reform.

Bill founded the Atlanta Community Food Bank in 1979 and served as its executive director until 2015. Under his leadership, the Food Bank distributed more than half a billion pounds of food and grocery products through a network of more than 600 partner food pantries, community kitchens, shelters and other nonprofits that feed the hungry across 29 Georgia counties.

As a charter member of Feeding America, the national network of food banks, Bill played a key role in the launch of food banks across the country. He was also instrumental in starting the Georgia Food Bank Association, through which he helped establish eight food banks serving more than 2,600 hunger relief organizations in every Georgia county.

In recognition of his life's work, Bill received an honorary degree from Emory University in 2018. He was inducted into Georgia Trend Magazine's Most Influential Hall of Fame in 2015 and was named Georgia Trend's Georgian of the Year in 2012.

Bill sits on the boards of the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, the Arby's Foundation, and the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University; he sits on several advisory boards including Convergence, Hands on Atlanta and the Regional Commission on Homelessness.

Bill lives with his wife, Haqiqa, in Decatur, GA.

#### **Rachel Carey**

VP of Project Finance, Westside Future Fund

Rachel Carey joined Westside Future Fund in May of 2018. As VP of Real Estate Finance, she is responsible for managing WFF's affordable housing pipeline and capital structure. Rachel's background in affordable housing finance and leveraging public funds in the form of capital and operating subsidies helps advance the public-private partnership that is core to Westside Future Fund. WFF currently owns and operates more than 180 units of affordable rental housing and is actively developing both multifamily apartments and single-family homes in Atlanta's historic westside neighborhoods, with a laser focus on community retention of legacy residents. WFF's mission is to create a community Dr. King would be proud to call home.

#### George Dusenbury

Georgia State and Southern Hub Director, The Trust for Public Land

George Dusenbury is in his first year serving on the Decatur City Commission. George also serves as the Georgia State and Southern Hub Director for The Trust for Public Land, a national organization dedicated to creating parks and protecting land for people. Before joining The Trust for Public Land, he served as Commissioner of the Atlanta Parks & Recreation Department (2010-2014), Executive Director of Park Pride, a nonprofit dedicated to building civic and corporate support for Atlanta's parks (2004-2010), District Director for Congressman John Lewis (2000-2004) and in Congressman John Lewis's legislative team (1993-1999).

In addition to his professional roles, George has served in various volunteer capacities on the Emory Board of Visitors, Downtown Decatur Neighbors, Historic Oakland Foundation, Decatur Parents Network, Candler Park Neighborhood Organization and EarthShare of Georgia.

#### **Raquel Hudson**

Director of Property Assets and Volunteer Programs

Raquel Hudson joined Westside Future Fund (WFF) in July of 2018. As Director of Property Assets and Volunteer Programs, she is responsible for the maintenance of our portfolio of unoccupied properties and managing WFF's volunteer engagement activities. Raquel's work in volunteer management provides an opportunity to introduce corporate and community volunteers to our work and leverage that manpower to support our westside residents and partner agencies. WFF connects volunteers to the community, schools and other westside nonprofits to increase their capacity and advance their mission. WFF's mission is to create a community Dr. King would be proud to call home.

#### Chaundra Johnson

Director of Community & Volunteer Engagement, YMCA of Metropolitan Atlanta

Chaundra Johnson is a proud native of Georgia. She graduated from Tri-Cities Visual and Performing Arts High School Drama Magnet Program in East Point, GA and earned her bachelor's degree from Howard University in Washington, DC. Chaundra works at the YMCA of Metro Atlanta as the Director of Community and Volunteer Engagement. In this role, she forges partnerships and connects volunteers, member, donors, and corporate groups to the service opportunities at the YMCA.

Chaundra's span of employment with the YMCA include Events and Communications Manager. In this role, she coordinated events, and created content for newsletters, blog posts and social media. She also worked as a Center Operations Education Manager with the YMCA Early Learning Program for five years at Dean Rusk YMCA Early Learning Center in the West End of Atlanta. She is passionate about Arts Education and making a difference in the lives of children and families. Chaundra is a member of the Arts Leaders of Metro Atlanta Class of 2019 from Atlanta Regional Commission. Chaundra serves on the Board of Directors for Out of Hand Theater.

Chaundra is a member of the 2021 Class of Inspire Atlanta from the Atlanta Women's Foundation. Chaundra obtained a Certificate of Fundraising in 2018 from Georgia Center for Nonprofits and completed the 2015 cohort of the High Potential Diverse Leaders program. Chaundra enjoys volunteering with Make-A-Wish Foundation and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Chaundra's greatest accomplishment is being a wife and mother.

#### Olivia Maxwell

Executive Director, On the Rise Financial Center

Olivia D.A. Maxwell is the new Executive Director for On the Rise Financial Center in Atlanta, GA. Olivia is excited about reimagining the next level for On the Rise and curating key partnerships that will enhance the development and sustainability of Atlanta's historic west side community and the greater Atlanta communities overall.

Her determination and positivity are great assets in forming strategic alliances that benefit the residents as she upholds the reciprocal relationship between On the Rise and the citizens. Working closely with Equifax and the Arthur Blank Family Foundation, Olivia takes a collaborative approach to advocacy, working strategically with internal and external executives, community members, clergy leaders, and academia, with the goal of enhancing and developing sustainable initiatives that allow Atlanta's citizens to "live their best financial life".

Olivia has held senior-level positions within Healthcare, the Federal Government, and has over fifteen years of experience as a Business Development and Human Resource Consultant within Boston, Massachusetts, and Atlanta, Georgia.

Olivia's dedication to the community is extensive. She volunteers as the Public Relations Officer for the DeKalb County Police Department PAL Unit, she is a volunteer Chaplain for both DeKalb County and Atlanta Police Departments, a board member for the DeKalb County Police Alliance, a member of the National Black MBA Association of Atlanta, and a member of the Concern Black Clergy of Atlanta.

A native of Boston Massachusetts, Olivia is an avid researcher, an ordained Pastor, a proud mother of two, a wife to Charles Maxwell, a compassionate agent for transformation, and a relentless community advocate. With a heart for restoration and reconciliation, Olivia is determined to shine a light on the areas of inequality and aims to secure pathways to a more sustainable, fulfilling, and equitable citizenry for all.

#### Faith Porter

Coordinator, Raising Expectations Project DREAM @ Families First

Faith Porter is an educator, researcher, and activist serving as the Project DREAM 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 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.

#### Karen Rogers

Director of Community Development for the Atlanta Police Foundation

Karen Rogers is the Director of Community Development for the Atlanta Police Foundation focused on crime and safety initiatives that integrate crime control with neighborhood revitalization. Previously, Karen worked for the City of Atlanta experienced in grants management and community development.

Karen serves as the Foundation's liaison responsible for community engagement, strategic planning, expanding homeownership opportunities for sworn officers to live in the City of Atlanta where residents identify their local officers as members of the community. She

provides construction project management for recruit housing a place to call home while they undergo training. As well as the development of At-Promise Centers in strategic areas, a learning and community center with specialized services for youth.

Karen has been honored with numerous awards throughout her career to include City of Atlanta Women of the Year, recognized by the Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs, Northern District of Georgia and Alabama for outstanding service. In addition, testimonial to the 110<sup>th</sup> United States Congressional Ways and Means Committee.

She received her Master of Science in Community Economic Development from Southern New Hampshire University. As a native of Atlantan, she has been heavily involved over the years in volunteerism with service to various non-profit boards and commissions.

#### **AP** Thompson

Director of Community Initiatives for Zones 1 & 5 of Atlanta

D. Aparicio (AP) Thompson joined the CHRIS 180 team in 2017 with a wealth of knowledge and experience in Community Relations, Youth and Adult Program Development and Social Services. He earned a BA is Mass Communications and a MSW in Social Work with a focus on Forensic Social Work. He is a graduate of Clark Atlanta University for undergrad and the Whitney M. Young Junior School of Social Work for graduate studies. Prior to joining the CHRIS 180 staff, Aparicio was the Family Violence Intervention Program Coordinator for Families First, overseeing 6 locations around the Metro Atlanta Area and surrounding counties. Before finding his way into the social service field, Aparicio was in Finance and Lending for more than 10 years working in professional environments from banking to large financial institutions; becoming only 1 of 2 Senior underwriters with J.P. Morgan Chase for the State of Georgia Foreclosure Housing Department. While in graduate school, Aparicio founded and facilitated an alternative sentencing program for Fulton County Courts in effort to provide youth and adults an alternative to jail time, while at the same time practicing as a Senor Paralegal for a prominent law firm in Atlanta, that focused on community engagement, civil litigation, and social service advocacy.

Although he serviced both adults and youth, Aparicio's passion has always been to work with youth. With that passion, Aparicio landed an opportunity to become the first Program Manager for the At-Promise Center where CHRIS 180 serves as the lead agency. As the Program Manager for the At-Promise Center, Aparicio is responsible for the day-to-day collaborative programming initiatives for CHRIS 180, The Atlanta Police Foundation, Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta, Urban League of Greater Atlanta, Police Athletic League, Music Without Limits, Raising Expectations and TechBridge. Under his leadership, there has been a reduction of youth crime by 40%, countless families serviced from homelessness to stable housing and/or emergency shelter, provide food and resources to over 2500 families weekly during the COVID pandemic and an increase of youth participation with their local school activities. His commitment to the youth and families of the community extends beyond the center. Aparicio is committed to engaging the voices of the community in which the center serves, often providing outreach to the community as a collaborative with the youth and staff of the center.

Aparicio currently serves as CHRIS 180's Director of Community Initiatives for Zones 1&5 of Atlanta. Aparicio brings experience in mental health counseling, law and social policy, program development and implementation, CPS work, case management, community organizing, advocacy, individual and group facilitation in anger management, conflict resolution, business ethics, finance, domestic violence, theft prevention and life skills. Aparicio's belief in non-traditional methods of social service leads to his efforts in creating, finding, and developing innovation ways to reach the youth of today. Aparicio is driven to empower each youth that he encounters; implementing one common message to youth and staff: "If you can't change the people around you, change the people around you".

#### Jesse Wiles

Principal and Chief Executive Officer, APD Urban Planning + Management

During planning and implementation phases, Jesse leads stakeholder engagement throughout the process, recommends best practices and creates strategic and sustainable implementation strategies for projects. He also is responsible for coordination between government agencies, nonprofits, for-profit developers and large property owners in order to ensure that processes are aligned among all entities in the creation of plans and during the implementation phase of the plans.

Jesse has a wide range of experience in community planning, real estate development, property acquisition and disposition, and housing financing. Jesse was one of the leading developers of historic property in Savannah's nationally acclaimed Victorian and Historic Districts, and later was retained by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to manage the Resolution Trust Corporation's (RTC) Affordable Housing Disposition Program (AHDP) for a nine-state region. Jesse's work, and his extensive experience in historic property preservation, urban planning, affordable housing development, and neighborhood revitalization has helped many clients secure historic tax credits and private sector financing based on sound, strategic planning.

Jesse has a Bachelor of Science in Urban Affairs from the University of Cincinnati and a Master of Community Planning and a Master of Public Administration also from the University of Cincinnati.

# **COVID-19 VACCINE 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

Morehouse Healthcare 455 Lee Street Suite 200 Atlanta, GA 30310 COVID Vaccine Line: (404) 752-1000 Good Samaritan Health Center 1015 Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway Atlanta, GA 30318 COVID Vaccine Line: (404) 523-6571

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

#### For more information on vaccination sites

<u>myvaccinegeorgia.com</u> <u>vaccinefinder.org</u> <u>dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine</u> <u>fultoncountyga.gov/covidvaccine</u>



Good Samaritan Health Center and CVSHealth are offering free rapid COVID-19 testing or vaccination BY APPOINTMENT ONLY Call 404-523-6571, ext. 4928 to schedule. Good Sam is located at 1015 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy, NW Atlanta, GA 30318 Visit goodsamatlanta.org/COVID-19 for more info.





Only one number to get the help you need: food, counselina. employment, housina. education. healthcare, COVID-19 testing. Feeling lonely, lost, stressed, anxious or down? Need help managing your health condition?

Call 404-430-8180 today!

Westside Connect **Help Line** 







# **JOB FLASH REPO**

IF INTERESTED IN EMPLOYMENT. PLEASE CALL 404-853-1780 **OR VISIT INTEGRITYCDC.ORG. WHEN YOU FILL OUT YOUR APPLICATION. MAKE SURE TO CLICK "DIRECT EMPLOYMENT."** 

# ATTENTION WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR

**OWN AD SPACE?** 

Westside Future Fund is now offering you a chance to promote your business in our Summit bulletins! If interested, please email sonia@westsidefuturefund.org for more details!



# Connectivity for the Common Good.

Making broadband more affordable for communities impacted by COVID-19



As part of our commitment to bridging the digital divide, AT&T is participating in the FCC's Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) Program to help eligible households with connectivity costs during the pandemic.



# The monthly cost of broadband – after applying the EBB – can temporarily fall to as low as \$0 a month.<sup>1</sup>

In these difficult economic times, the EBB will help qualifying households reduce wireless service costs for activities like job searches, telehealth, remote work, and distance learning. EBB enrollment is now open, and the benefit can be applied to select plans for both new and existing AT&T and Cricket Wireless customers.

Households interested in using the benefit with AT&T should: Determine EBB Program eligibility by applying <u>here</u>.



## Level Up in Life and GET FREE COACHING

Would you welcome a volunteer partner as you pursue your long-term goals?

Partners in Change (PIC) is a nonprofit focused on your <u>self</u>-empowerment, supporting you to get where YOU want to be in life.

## WHAT DOES PARTNERS IN CHANGE OFFER?

- · Free weekly coaching sessions for one year
- One-to-one relationship with trained volunteers
- · New goal-setting and problem-solving skills
- · A reliable partner committed to you and your long-term goals





## **BENEFITS OF HAVING A PIC COACH**

- New skills, experiences, and relationships
- Support for a plan to achieve your long-term goals
- Chance to become a PIC Coach after one year
- Support as you navigate resources to address needs
- A long-lasting relationship with another successful adult

## **INTERESTED?**

- 1. Email your PIC contact or info@partnersinchangeusa.org to learn more.
- 2. Complete your PIC <u>Member Agreement & Application</u> (includes link to your background check PIC welcomes ex-offenders and there will be no charge), and complete your interview.
- 3. Once accepted, you will be paired with a volunteer PIC Coach partner.
- 4. Begin your weekly conversations with your PIC Coach partner as you pursue your goals.

#### **Partners in Change**

Contact: <u>info@partnersinchangeusa.org</u> Website: <u>www.partnersinchangeusa.org</u> Enabling personal, social, and economic upward mobility

## 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 willbe 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







#### **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.

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# THE WESTSIDE: Your home now... and for years to come



Introducing Home on the Westside, a new initiative from Westside Future Fund to help drive inclusive community retention for Atlanta's Historic Westside neighborhoods.

We're taking steps to deliver safe, quality housing on the Westside with:

- Affordable 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom rentals
- Newly constructed and renovated homes for purchase and lease-to-purchase
- Down payment assistance
- Anti-Displacement Tax Fund for legacy homeowners
- Financial coaching and counseling in partnership with On the Rise Financial Center

#### Are you interested in Home on the Westside?

Go online and complete a simple form to let us know which of our housing opportunities interest you:

westsidefuturefund.org/homeonthewestside

Contact WFF with any questions. Call: 470.377.1696 Email: home@westsidefuturefund.org

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Legacy westside residents, Ebony and her son, Jeremiah

## Progress to Date Westside Development Activity

WFF Residential Units as of July 1, 2021

	Units Acquired/ Under Contract	Units Awarded Invest	Total Residential Units	Units In Service	Units in Active Development	Deeply Affordable Units (<60% AMI)
Multi-Family	222	42	264	181	37	173
Single Family	105	10	115	6	61	48
Total	327	52	379	187	98	221

#### Major Third Party Developments as of May 1, 2021

	Total Residential Units	Units in Service	Units in Active Development	Deeply Affordable Units (<60% AMI)
Quest Commons West*	53		53	47
Herndon Square*	700	97	200	195
OaksATL*	32	32	TBD	32
Quest Simpson and Springfield projects	309		309	228
Legacy at Vine City	105	105	-	105
Atlanta Housing (CHOICE)	584	135	40	70
Total	1,783	369	602	677

\* Financing provided by Westside Future Fund





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# Update: Home on the Westside Demand for Housing vs. Supply

As of May 18, 2021

# m Demand for Housing

**2,062** households have expressed interest in housing opportunities through Home on the Westside to date

**389** households have been verified through our process and are ready to be matched with units.

**A Supply: WFF Inventory** 

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**37** additional rental units to be added in late 2021/early 2022

**26** new or renovated single-family homes will be available for sale or for rent by end of year

Demand for housing – from households that have a connection to the Westside and want to remain in the community – continues to outstrip our supply.

VS.

## **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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