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# Transform Westside Summit

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Friday, November 19, 2021

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## City of Atlanta Mayoral Runoff Candidate Forum

Friday, November 19, 2021

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### AGENDA

7:15AM – 7:25AM

Welcome + Updates

John Ahmann

*President & CEO, Westside Future Fund*

Benjamin Earley

*Westside Correspondent, Redclay-Hill*

7:25AM – 7:30AM

Opening Prayer

Makeda Johnson

*Vine City Resident and Founder, Sister's Action Team*

7:30AM – 7:35AM

Session Overview

Rose Scott

*Host, Closer Look WABE 90.1 FM*

7:35AM – 7:40AM

Candidate Introductions

Andre Dickens

*City of Atlanta Council Member and Mayoral Candidate for City of Atlanta*

Felicia Moore

*City of Atlanta Council President and Mayoral Candidate for City of Atlanta*

7:40:AM – 8:25AM

Q & A

Rose Scott

*Host, Closer Look WABE 90.1 FM*

8:25AM – 8:30AM

Closing Statements

All Candidates

8:30AM – 8:35AM

Final Thoughts from  
Q & A

Rose Scott

*Host, Closer Look WABE 90.1 FM*

John Ahmann

*President & CEO, Westside Future Fund*

8:35AM – 9:00AM

Reflections, Reminders  
and Raffle Drawings

John Ahmann

*President & CEO, Westside Future Fund*

Benjamin Earley

*Westside Correspondent, Redclay-Hill*

9:00AM

Summit Adjourns



# Our Featured Participants

## **D. Makeda Johnson**

*Resident, Vine City and Founder, Sister's Action Team*

D. Makeda Johnson is a legacy resident of the Historic Vine City and English Avenue Communities where she has lived and worked for nearly three decades, A mother, artist, and ordained minister, whose firm belief in the establishment of the authentic holistic Beloved Community, where revitalization efforts address the needs of not only brick and mortar that includes intentional actions that are inclusively designed to enhance and empower human capital. (Gods People). Her passion has translated into a ministry of community service.

Makeda is known for successful implementation of programs that empower youth, women, children, entrepreneurs, and community development initiatives. She is the Director and founder of Sisters Action Team, Inc. (SAT) Women Empowerment Network: a community-based organization that advocates for the needs of women, children and families in housing, health, education, and economic development. SAT focuses on spiritual connectivity, physical wellness, and emotional balance. In this endeavor she has held various leadership roles and provided innovative visionary leadership.

Makeda has worked tirelessly to provide tools and resources that empower and inspire hope, vision and personal transformation for the reduction of social economic disparities found within undeserved Urban communities.

Inspired by her personal motto "We must not only build edifice we must simultaneously assist in the empowerment of our residence to ensure that they too are a part of community revitalization efforts" MJ. Her visionary leadership skills and commitment to service is reflective in the numerous neighborhood organizations and community advisory boards that she has been elected to serve on throughout her residency. Including but not limited to as a two-term president of Centennial Place Elementary School PTA, served a total of ten terms as the Chair (8) and Vice chair (2) of Neighborhood Planning Unit -L, Vice Chair of Vine City Civic Association, MLK/Ashby Merchant Association Vice Chair, Chair Westside Neighborhood Tax Allocation District and Co- founder/ Publisher of Historic Westside News and Chair of Neighborhood Union Health Center Community Advisory Board.

Makeda, is the recipient of numerous awards among them Georgia State Department of Human Resources Live Healthy Georgia BARR award, BET/CDC award for the outstanding community-based organization, Atlanta City Council Proclamation, Georgia State Proclamation, Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness Exemplary Leadership Awards, Midtown Atlanta Rotary Club. She holds an AA in Social Psychology Urban Studies, BS in Organizational Leadership, MA in Human Services.

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# Our Featured Participants

## **Rose Scott**

*Host, Closer Look with Rose Scott*

Rose Scott is an award-winning journalist and host of the midday news program “Closer Look” heard on Atlanta’s NPR, station 90.1 FM – WABE.

In her role as a co-host and now host, Rose has interviewed foreign heads of states, cabinet members, U.S. ambassadors, numerous consul generals, state and local elected officials as well as civic and social leaders. Closer Look has become a signature broadcast for the community and brings together viewpoints from all sectors of society.

She leads the “Closer Look” team in presenting discussions centered on affordable housing, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, immigration and criminal justice reform.

With more than two decades of reporting in Atlanta, Rose has covered education, minority health issues, Atlanta historically Black colleges and universities, gender issues and sports. Prior to moving into a permanent host role, Rose covered topics dealing with Georgia’s death penalty, sex trafficking of minors in Atlanta as well as the country’s biggest cheating scandal found in the Atlanta Public Schools.

She often moderates panels on the two topics.

In 2013, Rose traveled to Amman, Jordan to report on Syrian refugees.

Rose also has an extensive background in sports broadcasting and has appeared on various national outlets.

Well respected in the Atlanta community for her thought-provoking reporting style, Scott has been honored with several awards including a Southeast Regional Emmy Award, an Edward R. Murrow Award, Atlanta Association of Black Journalists Award and numerous Georgia Association of Broadcaster awards.

She has also received awards from the Georgia Associated Press and is a Girls Inc. Strong, Smart & Bold Award Winner.

Rose often speaks to youth groups, mentors journalism students and volunteers with youth empowerment initiatives.

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## **Andre Dickens**

*City of Atlanta Council Member, City of Atlanta and Candidate, City of Atlanta Mayoral Election*

Andre Dickens is a City of Atlanta council member, businessman, nonprofit executive, engineer, speaker, deacon, father, and native Atlantan. His career follows his passions, and his impact follows his commitment.

As the Post 3 At-Large Council member, Andre Dickens has been a vocal legislative leader on public safety, transportation, affordable housing, workforce development, educational

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opportunities for Atlanta Public Schools students, and seasoned citizens programming. He currently serves as the chairman of the Transportation Committee, providing oversight to city streets, bridges, sidewalks, paths, and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest airport. In 2017, he chaired the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee, during which time homicides went down 33% and all violent crimes decreased 12%.

Some of his legislative highlights include: creating the Department of Transportation, sponsoring legislation increasing annual salaries for Senior Patrol Officers, implementing a \$15 per hour minimum wage for city employees, establishing BeltLine Inclusionary Zoning for affordable housing, establishing the Atlanta Youth Commission, setting aside a \$40 million Housing Opportunity Bond, creating a joint commission between City Council and APS board, and establishing a BeltLine senior housing rehab program. In 2017, he sponsored and helped launch the Teen "Midnight" Basketball League, a program which includes workshops that help young men develop life skills and further their education.

Dickens was elected citywide to the Atlanta City Council Post 3 at-Large in November 2013 and was re-elected in 2017. While on Council, he has served on the boards of the Atlanta BeltLine, Invest Atlanta, and the Center for Civil and Human Rights.

Dickens is the Chief Development Officer for TechBridge, a nonprofit that drives community impact by bringing affordable technology and business expertise to other nonprofit organizations. In 2018, he co-founded the Technology Career Program, a free program designed to prepare unemployed and individuals experiencing disadvantage in the work field for a career in the growing technology job market. The program teaches high demand technology skills while helping participants land jobs in IT departments across Atlanta.

Dickens previously served as the Assistant Director of Outreach Initiatives for Georgia Tech's Office of Institute Diversity. He spearheaded Tech's African-American Male Institute, which resulted in a significant increase in the GPA and graduation rate among black males. He also managed the Focus graduate school recruitment program and the Challenge Program that helped hundreds of students successfully transition into college life each year.

Early in his career, Dickens worked as a sales engineer for DSM Engineering Plastics and became the youngest and first Black salesman of the year. At the age of 28, he co-founded City Living Home Furnishings, which grew into a multi-million dollar retail business with two locations. Dickens ran the company for nine years until 2011.

Dickens also serves as a member of the Georgia Tech Alumni Board of Directors, an Alumnus of Leadership Atlanta, Diversity Leadership Atlanta, United Way VIP; Regional Leadership Institute, member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc.; deacon of New Horizon Baptist Church; and several other organizations and affiliations.

Dickens is a proud product of Atlanta Public Schools and a graduate of Mays High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a master's of public administration degree in Economic Development from Georgia State University.

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Dickens enjoys spending time with his daughter, experiencing live music, attending church services, and traveling the world. He is an avid Atlanta sports fan and enjoys supporting the Falcons, Hawks, Braves, United, Dream, and the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.

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## **Felicia Moore**

*City of Atlanta Council President and Candidate, City of Atlanta Mayoral Election*

Felicia Moore has been a public servant for nearly 30 years, beginning as President of her Neighborhood Association and Chair of her Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU-D). In these roles, she was recognized as a strong advocate for economic community development and community engagement.

She decided that government needed to change the way it did business and she wanted to do something about it. In 1997, with broad support from her community, she decided to put her real estate career on hold to seek election as the City Councilmember for District 9. She served District 9 for 20 years before becoming Council President in January 2018. No detail has ever been too small for Felicia, especially when it comes to the safety of citizens, the spending of taxpayer money, and the fiscal standing of Atlanta. She authored legislation resulting in the creation of the first Inspector General and Independent Compliance Office for the City of Atlanta.

Felicia also authored legislation to create Independent Procurement Review Officers (IPROs), who review procurements from their inception through the award process and present a report to Council, identifying any issues with the process. This legislation has been replicated by auditors across the country to support their efforts at creating a fair procurement process.

Felicia is proud to have authored the highly regarded "Mattie's Call" alert system. Created in 2006, the new system was put in place to find wandering adults and others who have dementia or other mental disabilities. This alert system has been adopted statewide. Felicia also is credited with the 2011 pension reform effort for the City of Atlanta, the opening of a brand-new Publix Supermarket in Northwest Atlanta where there had not been a grocery store in decades, and the installation of the state-of-the-art Agape Community Center.

In 2019, Felicia was named one of the Outstanding Women in Leadership by the Lt. Governor of Georgia, and in 2020 and 2021 she was recognized as one of the "50 Women In The Know" by Engineering Georgia Magazine, "Notable Georgian" by Georgia Trend Magazine, "Power 100 Most Influential Atlantans" by the Atlanta Business Chronicle, and "Most Influential" by the James Magazine. Additionally, she was named an "Atlanta 500" 2020 and 2021 by the Atlanta Magazine and "2021 Most Influential Georgian" by Georgia Trend Magazine.

She is an active member of the Georgia Municipal Association, National League of Cities, Atlanta Regional Commission, and the Georgia Freight & Logistics Commission.

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Felicia is an Honors Society member and cum laude graduate from Central State University in Ohio. She also holds an MSA from Central Michigan University. Felicia is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and an active licensed Real Estate Broker. She is a native of Indianapolis, IN, and a proud resident of Atlanta for over 30 years, residing in the Historic Collier Heights Community.

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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 and contribution to racial equity.

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.

A native son of Atlanta, John is currently the President & CEO of the Westside Future Fund (WFF). WFF was launched by the Atlanta Committee for Progress (ACP) in December 2014, with the strong leadership support of former Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed. The nonprofit organization’s mission is 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. Through its flagship program, *Home on the Westside*, WFF helps neighbors live in the place they love through access to high-quality housing and educational support, strengthening the city we call home.

John has been recognized for his work by receiving the following awards: 2020 and 2021 *Atlanta Magazine’s* Atlanta’s 500 Most Powerful Leaders; 2020 and 2021 *Atlanta Business Chronicle’s* 100 Most Influential Atlantans; 2019 Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy Partnership Award; 2019 Christian City’s Community Champion Nonprofit Honoree Award; Atlanta Business League’s Visions of Excellence Award in 2019; Antioch Urban Ministries Anchor Award in 2018; and 2018 *Atlanta Business Chronicle’s* Best Overall Deal in Atlanta Real Estate Awards.

John has two adult daughters and lives in Atlanta’s historic neighborhood of Vine City.

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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.

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## **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.



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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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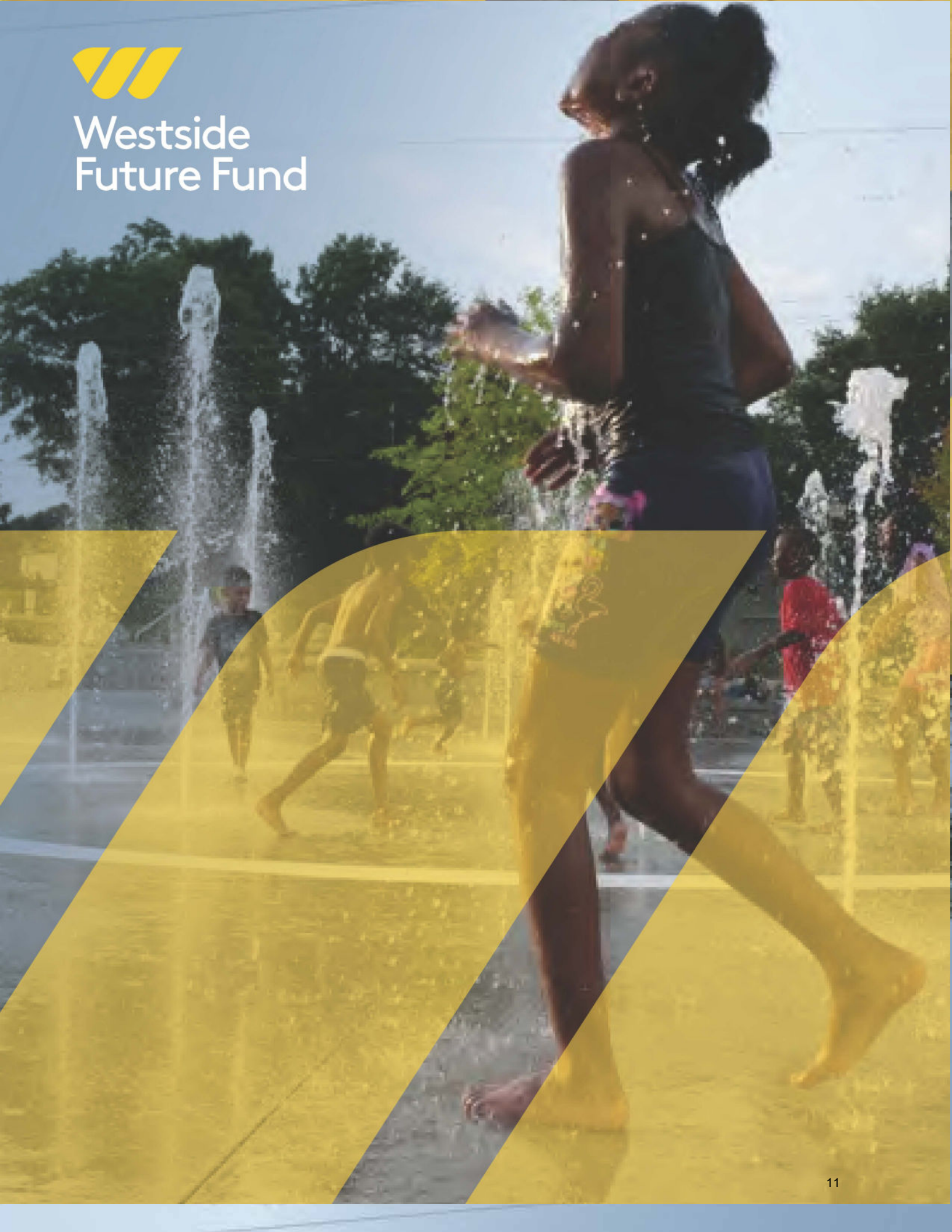
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# Meet the Westside Future Fund.

## WHY THE WESTSIDE?

The Westside is an important part of Atlanta's past, present and future. These historic neighborhoods played a defining role in the American civil rights movement and is the place some of its most iconic leaders called home, like Ambassador Andrew Young, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Dorothy Bolden, founder of the National Domestic Worker's Union of America. The Westside also bears the scars of policies that led to depopulation and left those who stayed without economic opportunity. Today, the Westside Future Fund is working to change that and make it a model of racial equity and economic justice. The result will be a better Atlanta where everyone on the Westside has access to the resources they need to thrive.

## OUR 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.**

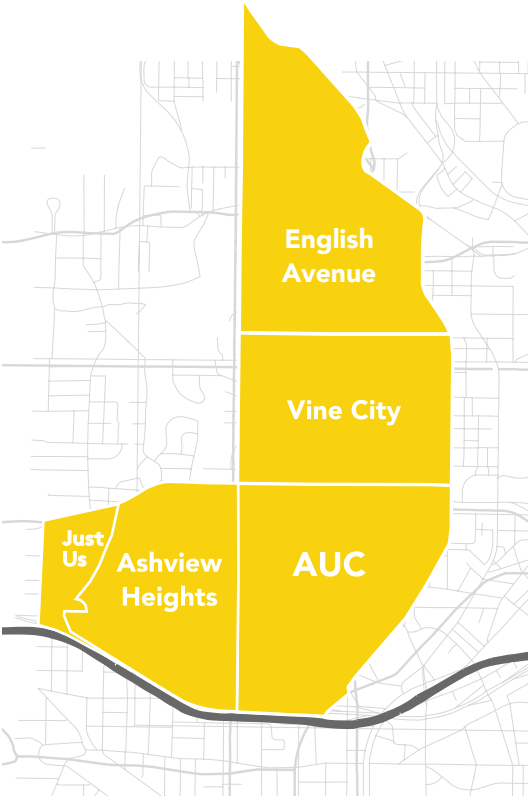




## THE HEART OF THE WESTSIDE

We focus on five neighborhoods in Atlanta’s Historic Westside: Vine City, English Avenue, Ashview Heights, Atlanta University Center and Just Us. Long underserved and underfunded due to systemic racism, the Westside suffered from the lack of essential services, food deserts, neglected infrastructure and blight. Today, more than half of its residents live below the poverty line, and 40% of all housing is vacant. Only 79% of the population can read above the third-grade level. That is why our mission is to open access to resources and potential through the cornerstones of homeownership and education.

**Definition of Legacy Resident:** Anyone residing on the Westside prior to 2017 as well as those with meaningful ties to the Westside including former colleges and universities, church congregants and others.



## WHAT DOES THE WESTSIDE FUTURE FUND DO?

The Westside Future Fund is a nonprofit organization with a mission to improve the lives of current and future Westside residents. Through our flagship program, Home on the Westside, we help our neighbors live in the place they love through access to high-quality housing and educational support, strengthening the city we call home.



SAFETY  
& SECURITY



HEALTH  
& WELLNESS



MIXED-INCOME  
COMMUNITIES



CRADLE-TO-CAREER  
EDUCATION

### MORE WAYS TO BE AT HOME ON THE WESTSIDE

We ensure the availability of affordable, quality housing in ways that are financially attainable for long-time residents of the Westside or those connected to the neighborhood. That includes support to rent, buy or retain a home with a unique focus on community retention.

### ACCESS TO CRADLE-TO-CAREER EDUCATION

Education is a cornerstone of better futures and prosperity. Investment in these foundational opportunities starts with quality early childhood education and our partnership with Atlanta Public Schools in support of the elementary, middle and secondary schools that make up the Booker T. Washington Cluster. It continues through adult skill training and support of Westside entrepreneurs. Westside residents deserve the resources that support families and lead to quality employment opportunities.

### CHAMPIONING A SAFE & HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD

Collaborating with other organizations working on the Westside, we advocate for an environment where residents can thrive. That means teaming up to improve access to healthcare and overall wellbeing with greenspace, walkability, and safety. It’s contributing to residents’ sense of security by mitigating social factors that impact crime rates.

We also stand shoulder-to-shoulder with those who care about the Westside — residents, community groups, police officers, schools, business owners, developers, donors, and investors – and lend our voice to the calls for change today and a better future tomorrow.

We can stop the unchecked gentrification that displaces legacy residents of the Westside and tears the social fabric of Atlanta. Instead, we want to ensure they benefit from the rising tide of economic opportunity, rather than being swept away by it. Together, we can realize the vision of the courageous American civil rights leaders who called the Westside home: a thriving mixed-income community that models what it means to be a world-class city embracing racial and economic justice.







## CONTRIBUTE TO RACIAL EQUITY IN ATLANTA

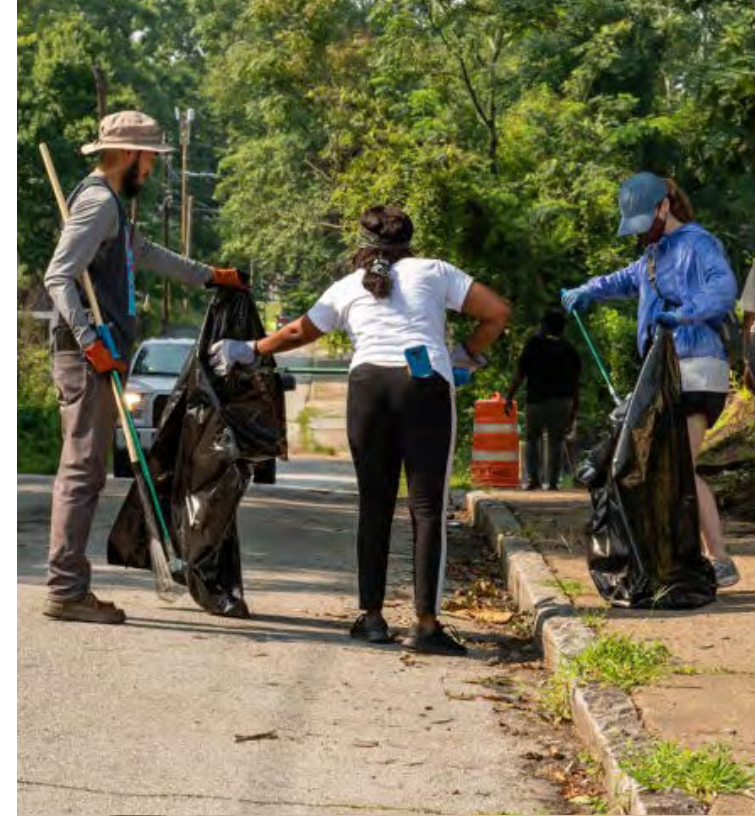
The long-term effects of underserved neighborhoods and generational poverty have limited opportunity on the Westside, and the enormity of the problem may seem overwhelming. Together we can break down barriers and build something better. We can connect legacy residents to resources that make homeownership possible. And, in turn, that homeownership can fuel transformational and generational change for them and their families.

**Home is more than a house, so when you contribute to *Home on the Westside*, you're also investing in the community.**

That means strengthening educational opportunity from cradle to career and advocating for the safety, security, and wellness of all our residents. It's a holistic approach to neighborhood revitalization.

Westside Future Fund's Home on the Westside program is uniquely built to realize this model. We represent a convergence of experience, expertise and influence from the worlds of business, education, government, and philanthropy, as well as the knowledge, connections and creativity needed to address the complex issues facing the Westside. **We also have the ability to leverage every \$1 donated to Home on the Westside with \$2 from the WFF Impact Fund, multiplying the impact of every contribution.**

**Revitalizing the Westside is not just something we can do; it is something we must do. Atlanta cannot forget those who built it. Get involved. Invest in real change. Make a better Atlanta at Home on the Westside.**





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



Introducing **Home on the Westside**, an 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](https://westsidefuturefund.org/homeonthewestside)

Contact WFF with any questions.

Call: 470.377.1696

Email: [home@westsidefuturefund.org](mailto:home@westsidefuturefund.org)



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Legacy westside residents,  
Ebony and her son, Jeremiah



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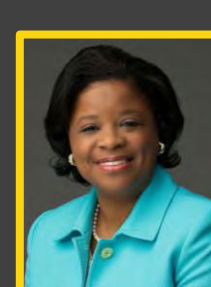


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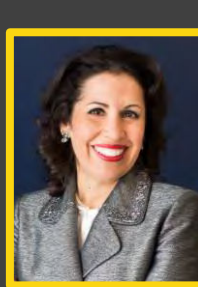
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**Christal Walker**  
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Coordinator



**Cristel Williams**  
Chief 17  
Development  
Officer

# 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**

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[dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine](https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine)

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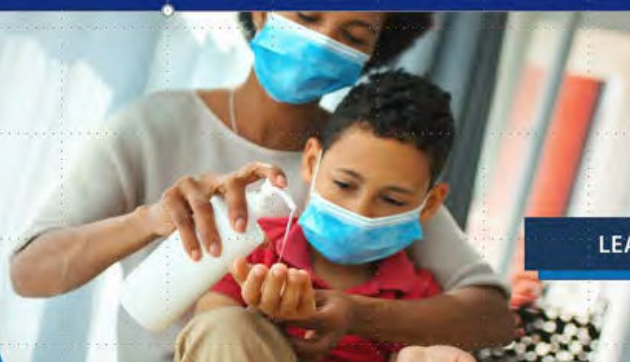
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COUNTY**



**This is a federally funded program, which is based upon a first-come, first-serve basis. Spaces are limited. No walk-ins are accepted. You must call to make an appointment. Must be 65 years or older.**





Only one number to get the help you need: food, housing, counseling, employment, 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**

**NEED A  
DOCTOR?**

**TEXT:  
WESTSIDE  
TO 51555**



## **JOB FLASH REPORT**

**IF INTERESTED IN EMPLOYMENT, PLEASE CALL 404-853-1780  
OR VISIT [INTEGRITYCDC.ORG](https://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](mailto:sonia@westsidefuturefund.org)  
for more details!



# AT&T

## 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 [here](#).**



# 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](mailto:info@mowatl.org) or 404-351-3889*







## Center for Employment Opportunities

938 Peachtree Street  
Atlanta Ga, 30309  
404-689-6579  
[www.ceoworks.org](http://www.ceoworks.org)  
Mon-Friday 9am-5pm

*We provide immediate, effective, and comprehensive employment services exclusively to individuals who have recently returned home from incarceration.*

**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.

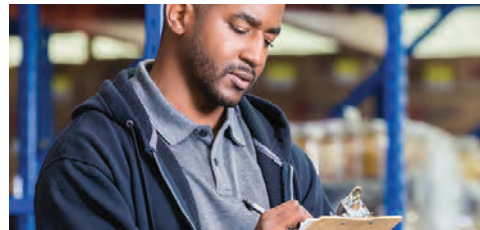
### **Great finds at great prices.**

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](https://goodwillng.org/metro) and sign up to receive updates on job opportunities, hiring events, construction updates and more at our new location.





# Attention families in need of heating or cooling assistance

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (**LIHEAP**) is a federally funded program that assists low-income households heat or cool their homes.

Apply for assistance at your local Community Action Agency. Take the following documents:

1. Proof of Income for all household members for the past 30 days
2. Proof of Social Security number for each person in the household
3. Most recent Gas and Electric Bill for the household
4. Proof of citizenship or legal immigrant status



**Heating Assistance  
Application Cycle**

• **November 1 - March 31**



**Cooling Assistance  
Application Cycle**

• **April 1 - June 30**

For additional information, email [LIHEAP-CSBG-LIHWAP@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:LIHEAP-CSBG-LIHWAP@dhs.ga.gov)  
Local Georgia Community Action Agencies can be found online at  
<http://www.georgiacaa.org>.





# WALK WITH A DOC: 2021 VIRTUAL WALKS!

Walk with a Doc is a no-cost program for anyone who wants to learn more about leading a healthier life!

Participants will be able to listen to a health professional speak about nutrition, physical fitness, mental health, and more, all while getting up and moving!

**JOIN US EVERY SATURDAY AT 9AM  
AT THE FOLLOWING ZOOM LINK:  
[HTTPS://EMORY.ZOOM.US/J/97331526227](https://emory.zoom.us/j/97331526227)**



## OUR PARTNERS:



# 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



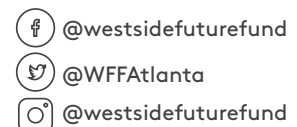
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