

# Westside Future Fund

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### TRANSFORM WESTSIDE SUMMIT CONVENE | COMMUNICATE | COLLABORATE PRESENTED BY THE WESTSIDE FUTURE FUND FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

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<mark>Agenda</mark> 7:45A-7:50A	Welcome	John Ahmann President & CEO Westside Future Fund
		Ebony Ford English Avenue Resident & Community Advocate
7:50A-8:00A	Opening Devotion	Aisha A. In Her Hands Westside Recipient Georgia Resilience and Opportunity (GR Fund
8:00A-8:10A	Self Introductions	John Ahmann President & CEO Westside Future Fund
8:10A-8:35A	"Generations of Opportunity: Building the Future Together on Atlanta's Westside" moderated by Dr. Alex	Amit Khanduri Director of Programs, Freedom Futures Georgia Resilience and Opportunity (GR Fund
	Camardelle	Chyna Quarker Director of Programs, In Her Hands Georgia Resilience and Opportunity (GR0 Fund
		Hope Wollensack Founding Executive Director Georgia Resilience and Opportunity (GRG Fund
3:35A-8:55A	Q & A	All
3:55A-9:00A	Closing Remarks	John Ahmann President & CEO Westside Future Fund
		Ebony Ford English Avenue Resident & Community Advocate

#### Dr. Alex Camardelle Vice President of Policy and Research, Kindred Futures

Dr. Alex Camardelle is the Vice President of Policy and Research at the Kindred Futures (KF), an intermediary that seeks to achieve shared prosperity by building Black wealth. In this role, Dr. Camardelle is responsible for developing and overseeing KF's mission-aligned advocacy and research agendas and related strategic initiatives and activities. He also serves as Co-Investigator for anti-poverty research at the National African American Child and Family Research Center at Morehouse School of Medicine and adjunct social policy instructor at Georgia State University. Outside of these roles, Dr. Camardelle serves as a strategic advisor to nonprofits, foundations, and businesses interested in advancing economic mobility and racial justice through research, evaluation, policy analysis, and advocacy.

Dr. Camardelle previously served as the Director of Workforce Policy at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, where he led a program that centers Black workers in policy debates concerning the future of work, workforce development, and access to good jobs. Dr. Camardelle also served as the Senior Policy Analyst for Economic Mobility at the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute where his research and advocacy supported policies addressing economic development, the criminalization of poverty, worker justice, and access to core safety net programs. Lastly, he worked at the Annie E. Casey Foundation, where he was responsible for strengthening economic opportunity through research, grantmaking, and partnerships.

Dr. Camardelle serves on the board of directors for the National Skills Coalition, an organization that advocates removing barriers to high-quality training and employment services through policy change. The Georgia Center for Nonprofits recognized Dr. Camardelle as one of its 2017 30 Under 30, a distinction for professionals who are making a powerful impact in Atlanta by exhibiting outstanding leadership, innovation, and commitment to their community work. He is also part of Georgia State University's 40 under 40 alumni class. In 2023, Dr. Camardelle was recognized with a resolution from the Georgia legislature for his economic and racial justice advocacy.

Dr. Camardelle holds a B.A. in political science from the University of Alabama. He is also a graduate of Georgia State University, where he earned his Master of Public Administration degree in policy analysis and evaluation and Ph.D. in educational policy studies. Alex's scholarship focuses on race, economic development, and political economy. He is also a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated. He lives in Atlanta with his partner, Ricky, and dogs Zora and Albus.

#### Amit Khanduri

Director of Programs, Freedom Futures, Georgia Resilience and Opportunity (GRO) Fund

Amit serves as Director of Programs for the Georgia Resilience & Opportunity Fund, where he leads GRO's Baby Bonds pilot program, Freedom Futures: Cash for Today, Capital for Tomorrow, and efforts to address the racial wealth divide. Amit's work and studies focus on driving bold solutions to narrow Atlanta's racial wealth divide.

Prior to GRO, Amit was a Senior Program Officer at LISC Atlanta. Amit helped to establish LISC's new Atlanta office and directed and advised the deployment of \$50M in community development investments to improve financial stability, wealth, and well-being.

Amit served on the leadership team for WorkSource Atlanta (WSA), the city of Atlanta's workforce development agency, where he developed job training programs. Prior to WSA, Amit was a Human

Capital Analyst at Deloitte Consulting's Federal Practice, where he helped federal agencies align their culture, structure, and talent with their mission.

Amit holds a Master's degree in Public Policy from Duke University and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Georgia Tech. Amit lives in Atlanta with his wife, daughter, and cat. Ask him about Atlanta Hawks basketball and places to enjoy good food and drinks.

#### Chyna Quarker

Director of Programs, In Her Hands, Georgia Resilience and Opportunity (GRO) Fund

Chyna Quarker serves as the Director of Programs over the In Her Hands guaranteed income initiative.

Chyna is a proud Los Angeles native who has spent her career working on community-driven initiatives aimed at alternatives to incarceration and increasing the accessibility of quality social services in Atlanta. Prior to her current role, Chyna was the Director of Community Response Services at the Policing Alternatives and Diversion Initiative in Atlanta, where she built the country's first non-emergency non-police response program through a city's 311 line. She has since developed several extensions of that work, all focused on decriminalizing poverty and providing appropriate responses to people in crisis in Atlanta.

She began her career as a Sr. Cognitive Behavioral Health Counselor within the Georgia Department of Corrections, where, in addition to providing substance use and mental health treatment, she created and implemented programs centered around family reunification, restorative justice, and recidivism prevention.

Chyna received her Bachelor's in Psychology from Howard University and her Master's in Political Psychology from Arizona State University, where her interest in the intersection of public policy and human behavior was born.

Chyna lives in Atlanta with her cat, Balenciaga, and enjoys traveling, cafe-hopping, and fantasy football.

#### Hope Wollensack

#### Founding Executive Director, Georgia Resilience and Opportunity (GRO) Fund

Hope Wollensack is the founder and Executive Director of the Georgia Resilience & Opportunity (GRO) Fund. GRO brings to life bold, evidence-based, and community-driven solutions to eliminate poverty and narrow the racial wealth gap. GRO's work includes the *In Her Hands* guaranteed income program, a \$30M initiative serving over 900 Black women across Georgia, and *Freedom Futures: Cash for Today, Capital for Tomorrow*, the first accelerated Baby Bonds pilot program, which will provide young people in Georgia with \$40,000 to build wealth.

She began her career as an organizer, teacher, and assistant principal. After serving nearly a thousand students, Hope shifted her career to address the root cause of why students, children, and families face an economic system that limits their choice, opportunity, and life.

Her work is rooted in her upbringing in New Haven, CT. Hope earned her Master of Public Affairs from Princeton's School of International and Public Affairs and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tufts University, where she helped found the Africana Studies program.

Hope was a LISC Rubinger Fellow, Aspen Institute Ideas Festival Fellow, Chime for Changemakers Fellow, and Good Trouble award winner.

#### 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 to fruition. He 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 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. **Ebony Ford** *English Avenue Resident, Community Leader, and Advocate* 

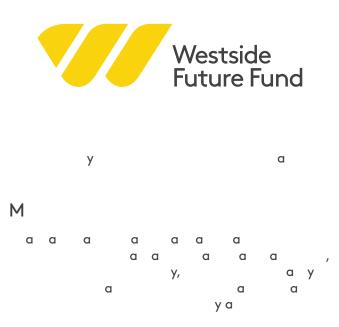
Ebony Ford is a dedicated community leader and advocate on Atlanta's Westside, where she has lived for 15 years. As a resident of the English Avenue neighborhood and a proud parent of a student at Hollis Innovation Academy, Ebony is deeply invested in the well-being and progress of her community.

Originally from Saginaw, Michigan, Ebony has made Atlanta her home and is committed to making the city the best it can be. She previously served as the Director of Community Building and Engagement at Quest CDC on the Westside of Atlanta, where she played a pivotal role in strengthening community ties and fostering engagement and hosted a podcast titled Westside Wise, leveraging her extensive network to connect the many entities doing impactful work on the

Westside with the residents who benefit from these initiatives. The podcast also served as a vital resource for informing her community on important issues and developments.

Ebony is actively involved with several organizations, including the Westside Future Fund, YWCA, Atlanta Public Schools, and Westside Table.





#### Do with the Community, not to the Community

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#### Be Compassionate

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#### Have Integrity in Everything

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#### **Be Creative**

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#### Deliver Results

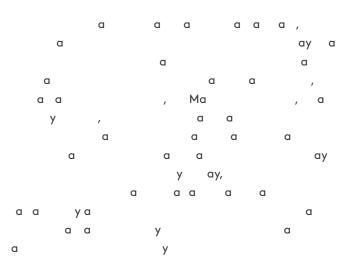






# Meet the Westside Future Fund.

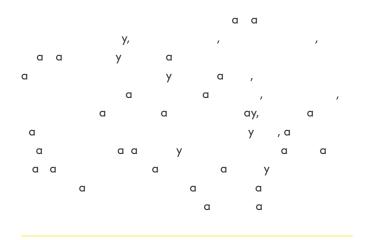
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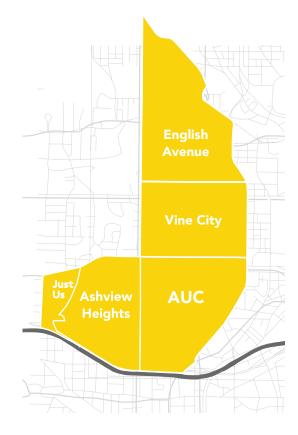
#### **OUR MISSION**

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



Definition of Legacy Resident: y 1 a a a a , a a







#### WHAT DOES THE WESTSIDE FUTURE FUND DO?

COMMUNITIES



& WELLNESS

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

& SECURITY

We ensure the availability of affordable, quality housing in ways that are financially attainable

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#### ACCESS TO CRADLE-TO-CAREER EDUCATION

Education is a cornerstone of better futures and prosperity.

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# CHAMPIONING A SAFE & HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD

EDUCATION

Collaborating with other organizations working on the Westside, we advocate for an environment where residents can thrive. a a а а a a a а, a aa y, a a y уу а a a а a a

We also stand shoulder-to-shoulder with those who care about the Westside , y , , , , , a a a a ay a a

We can stop the unchecked gentrification that displaces legacy residents of the Westside and tears the social fabric of Atlanta. a , a y



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

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a y, a a , a a y a a 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.



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## Are you interested in Home on the Westside?

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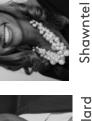
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Director of Home on the Westside

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# 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 *etier* 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 wilbe 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 and Career Center on Metropolitan Parkway**

Located at 2160 Metropolitan Parkway, our new store and career center will bring jobs and skills training to the local community. This project is generated 30-40 construction jobs for local residents and created 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 recieve 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 <u>LIHEAP-CSBG-LIHWAP@dhs.ga.gov</u> Local Georgia Community Action Agencies can be found online at http://www.georgiacaa.org.



# **Creating the Beloved Community**



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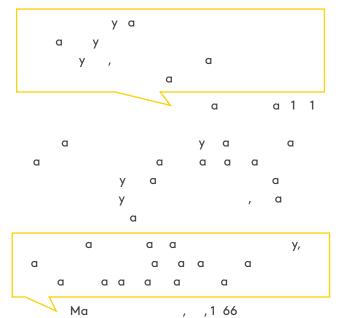
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