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Chase Woodward (Consultant) and Ernest Sanders (NCP Organizer) of GADC pose for a photo by the UCMC Van.



The University of Chicago's Pediatric Mobile Care Van (UCMC) parks outside of Perspectives Charter Schools-Calumet Campus (PCS) to provide middle and high school students comprehensive health care. Photos: Ernest Sanders & Monique Turner



Felicia Morelon (UCMC Program Mgr), Tamara Davis (PCS Middle School Principal), and Pamela Beauduy (UCMC Nurse Practitioner) smile for a picture.

World-Class Health Care for Youth Right Here in Auburn Gresham

The University of Chicago Pediatric Mobile Care Van has partnered with the Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation (GADC) and Perspectives Charter Schools-Calumet Campus (PCS) to bring pediatric healthcare services (at no cost) to the Perspectives-Calumet students. The "hospital on wheels" brings medical resources to Chicago schools so

parents or guardians don't have to overcome obstacles, such as transportation, to get their child to a healthcare professional.

To accomplish this task, GADC and PCS-Calumet have partnered with Chase Woodward of the Chicago Health Corps (a division of AmeriCorps), to work within the PCS-Calumet campus. Woodward is a Northwestern University graduate and future physician.

The Mobile Care Van's medical staff (a pediatrician, a nurse practitioner, a program manager, and a driver) is passionate about improving access to healthcare for the youth of Auburn Gresham.

These partnerships are part of a GADC "Early Action Project" sponsored by Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) to improve healthcare for youth in Auburn Gresham.



PCS Middle School Students exit the UCMC Van in good and healthy spirits.

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The mission of the Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation (GADC) is to foster and promote revitalization of the greater Auburn-Gresham community, which includes Auburn-Gresham, Englewood, and West Chatham.





Foreclosure Busters in the Hood



Deborah Moore

Qs everyone has heard on local and national

news, read in the newspapers, and even participated in some forums on "keeping your home"; **FORECLOSURE** has become a household word. Neighborhood Housing

Services of Chicago (NHS) – the Auburn Gresham / Englewood branch has counseled many people in home mortgage default during 2007 and helped them to avoid foreclosure.

Though a very arduous process, Deborah Moore, Director for this neighborhood branch, and her team continue to treat each client with dignity and respect while helping to solve their hardship.

"Saving families from losing their home and investment, in addition to saving our neighborhood from another vacant, boarded up house is currently the most important work to accom-

plish," said Ms. Moore.

Before coming to NHS, Deborah earned her MS from Spertus College in Affordable Housing Development and Human Services Administration and served as a Development Specialist for Shorebank Corporation's non-profit housing organization. In that role, she developed multi-family and commercial facilities in the South Shore and Austin neighborhoods.

2007 was a good year for first-time homebuyers who purchased homes in the Auburn Gresham and Englewood communities. NHS partnered with GADC and Harris Bank to sponsor

a Developers Forum where hundreds of potential homebuyers were able to have a virtual tour of all the new housing developments slated for these communities.

This NHS neighborhood branch also celebrated their 10th year anniversary in the Auburn Gresham and Englewood communities. Northern Trust Company located at 78th & State sponsored the gala.

For more information, contact Deborah Moore or Sandra Wells at (773) 488-2004.



New Faces in the Office



Saint Turner

Saint M. Turner comes to GADC with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Jackson State University. She spent 13 years in Corporate America, but soon found herself wanting to contribute her time and talents to underserved communities. Saint noticed the unique revitalization in the Auburn Gresham and Englewood communities in 2006-2007. She then expressed interest in working with GADC to help with the development of these communities in an effort to give back and share her talents and love of people. Saint's responsibilities were few initially, but quickly accumulated as GADC's commitments to

these communities increased. One such responsibility is "Phase II of the Ada Street Model Blocks" project. This energy efficient project offers free rehab construction to applicable homes in the 7600, 7700 and 7800 blocks of South Ada Street.



Hubert Newkirk

Hubert Newkirk joined GADC in August 2007 as the Litter Free Zone Initiative Coordinator. The Litter Free Zone is a targeted area within the Auburn Gresham community and spans from 75th to 83rd streets to Halsted and Racine. Similar to the City of Chicago's updated recycling initiatives, its goal is to improve our neighborhood's physical appearance and participate in environmental friendly habits. GADC wants to raise awareness of the benefits of recycling and litter prevention and has partnered with several local schools and SOS Children's Village to launch recycling campaigns at each. This

pilot program includes the following schools: Simeon Career Academy, Oglesby Elementary School, and Perspectives Charter Schools-Calumet Campus. Hubert has spent 37 years working in the community as a store manager for both Jewel Food Stores and Dominick's Finer Foods. The last ten years he worked for the City of Chicago before he retired in June of 2006 as Streets & Sanitation Superintendent of the 17th Ward.

2008 Financial Empowerment Workshop Schedule

How to Improve Your Credit Score:

February 26 – WAMU Bank

Steps to Savings: March 11 – Sharon Stokes (CWF)

Financial Investment Options:

March 25 – Renee Stevens – Smith Barney

Pathways to Homeownership:

April 8 – NHS/Highland Community Bank

Investment Rehabbing: April 22 – DOH/Shore Bank

Identity Theft: May 27 – ABC Bank

Paying Bills: June 24 – Checking Acct VS Currency Exchange – Citibank

How to Improve Your Credit Score:

July 22 – Chase Bank

Don't Loose Your Money/Plan Ahead:

August 26 – Fifth Third Bank

Protecting Your Housing Investment:

September 23 – NHS

How to Start Your Own Business:

October 28 – Beloved Community/WAMU Bank

All Classes will be held at the SOS Children's Village located at 7600 South Parnell. To register, please call the GADC offices at (773) 483-3696.



Auburn Gresham/Englewood Year in Review



Local residents were among the first to receive free tax services at the Auburn Gresham's free tax clinic. Services were offered in partnership with GADC, the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center (ERC), and the Center for Economic Progress (CEP).



Mayor Richard Daley joined Alderman Latasha Thomas (D-17), City Treasurer-Stephanie Neely, City Clerk-Miguel Del Valle, Cleanslate Interns, and a host of other dignitaries and local residents at BJ's Market & Bakery to celebrate the community's accomplishments.



Nearly 50 local residents, Perspectives Charter Schools (PCS) teachers, parents, students, and civic & community leaders attended GADC's first planning session for the Integrated Services in School (ISS) project, including plans for a school-based health clinic at PCS.



Mayor Daley joined Chicago Police Department's Dana Starks, a concerned resident, Senator Jacqueline Collins (Legislative-16), Father Pfleger of St. Sabina Church, and Alderman Howard Brookins (D-21) in a march to protest violence in the City of Chicago.



Alderman Latasha Thomas, Jonathan Fanton (MacArthur Foundation), Carlos Nelson (GADC), Andy Mooney (LISC), Mayor Daley and Father Pfleger pose for a photo after Fanton committed \$26 million to 14 New Communities Program (NCP) Lead Agencies in Chicago.



The Auburn Gresham School Team revealed the proposed ISS Executive Summary for middle school reform in Auburn Gresham in conjunction with GADC, Perspectives Charter Schools, ACCESS Community Health Network, and the University of Chicago.



Lagniappe, an Auburn Gresham restaurant and caterer, participated for a 2nd time, in the 27th Annual Taste of Chicago, the Midwest's largest food festival. Lagniappe impressed festival-goers with their Creole Cajun-style selections. The crowd's favorite was the beignets.



Saint Turner and Linda Johnson of GADC joined former GADC'er Nicole Jones (center) and Tommy the IDOT Turtle at the Ice Theater's 4th Annual Community at 87th & Dan Ryan to promote community and city-wide resources. This event was free and open to the public.



Carlos Nelson, GADC Executive Director (center), joins the ladies of GADC at the 2nd Annual 79th Street Festival. The ladies include: Cheryl Johnson (NCP Director), Saint Turner (Administrative Assistant), Kim Cox (Consultant), and Linda Johnson (Business & Project Manager). See you next year 9/6/08!



Tim McCormick, Kimberly Duchossois, Dayle Duchossois Fortino, Alderman Sharon Denise Dixon (D-24), Senator Jacqueline Collins, Alderman Latasha Thomas, Lynn Kiley, Mayor Daley, and Ted Weldon joined in a ribbon cutting ceremony at SOS Children's Village, located 7600 South Parnell.



GADC partnered with GRANDFamilies: Generations Creating a Legacy, the City of Chicago Department of Aging, and Granville Love, proprietor of Team Construction, to install new windows, fascia and screens in Alma Donald's home—a senior and Englewood resident.



Hubert Newkirk, the Litter Free Zone Coordinator for GADC works hand in hand with Oglesby Elementary School Student Ambassadors to encourage them to stop the "trash talking" on the streets of Auburn Gresham and Englewood. He has worked with more than 100 students at 3 local schools.

2008 Upcoming Events

- Jan 15, 29: University of Chicago Pediatric Mobile Van at Perspectives-Calumet Campus
- Jan. 26: Opening day of Auburn Gresham Free Tax Preparation
- Feb. 7: 14th Annual Chicago Neighborhood Development Awards – Hyatt Regency
- Feb. 15,16: Winter Festival-Breakfast & Blues for Youth/Seniors (Thurgood Marshall Library)
- Feb. 23: Money Matters – The New Kennedy King College (KKC)
- March 26, 27: New Communities Program Leadership Assembly - UIC



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GADC Partners with St. Sabina's ERC and CEP for Free Tax Preparation



The Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation (GADC), the St. Sabina Employment Resource Center (ERC), and the Center for Economic Progress (CEP) will offer free tax preparation at the St. Sabina ERC (1153 W. 79th St.) on **Monday, Thursday, and Saturdays, between January 26 and Monday, April 14, 2008.** Families earning under \$40,000 and individuals earning under

\$15,000 are eligible for this service.

Help is provided on a first come, first serve basis and bank representatives will be available on site to help people open checking and savings accounts.

Also, if you are interested in becoming a volunteer tax preparer, CEP is looking for Volunteer Tax Preparers to help Auburn Gresham families file their taxes and get the refund they've earned.

Free, flexible training is avail-

able through the month of January and volunteers will get a chance to learn new skills, meet new people, and help Chicago families get ahead.

For more information, on the free tax services or becoming a volunteer tax preparer, please call the GADC offices at (773) 483-3696 or call the CEP at (312) 630-0273. You can also visit CEP's website at: www.centerforprogress.org.

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