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DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BENEFIT DINNER

CONTINUING THE LEGACY OF BUILDING.
COMMUNITY. CULTURE. COLLABORATION

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 25, 2018

CROWNE PLAZA CHICAGO
WEST LOOP HOTEL



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LETTER FROM CEO

CARLOS A. NELSON



GREATER AUBURN-GRESHAM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation is hosting our First Benefit Dinner, **Continuing the Legacy of Building - Community. Culture. Collaboration.**

Our benefit dinner and its proceeds will support the GAGDC programs and initiatives to build and support a strong community. We will celebrate commitment, collaboration, community engagement, and culture.

Commitment - the commitment of a small, upstart community organization seventeen years ago, led by volunteers from corporate America, to give of their time to rebuild their community. It will celebrate Collaboration - over the past years our successes and efforts have come through a myriad of collaboration.

It will celebrate Community engagement - as our work begins with community engagement and planning; giving a voice to the residents in our community. It will celebrate Culture - a culture of giving and creating a connection to our heritage. And It will celebrate the Comprehensive nature of our mission - the community development approach used by GAGDC to revitalize the people and places that make up our community.

As I reflect on the past fifteen years that I have been at the helm of this organization on the corner of 79th Street and Racine in the heart of the Auburn Gresham community, I am reminded of what is possible when we come together to serve a common cause - improving individual lives and entire communities through a lens of equity. I am proud of our work bringing expertise, resources and connections to the people and neighborhoods that need them most. Our work has many dimensions and involves thousands of people - donors, volunteers, advocates, agency staff, Board members.

We ask that you accompany us along this journey, contribute to the amazing work, and help continue the mission of GAGDC.

Regards,

Carlos A. Nelson
CEO/Executive Director



ABOUT THE EVENT

The Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation (GAGDC) will host its first benefit dinner, Continuing the Legacy of Building - Building Community. Building Culture. Building Collaboration on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Chicago West Loop Hotel.

GAGDC will raise funds for its community programs which provide services and resources to south side neighborhoods. The event will also celebrate and honor community leaders and organizations that have impacted neighborhoods and families throughout the Chicagoland area. The benefit will include full course dinner, awards ceremony, special guest speakers, live auctions, live music and more!

Let's end inequality in our communities together and build for the future!

Join Us!
GAGDC Benefit Dinner
CONTINUING THE LEGACY OF BUILDING
Thursday October 25
2018

CROWNE PLAZA
CHICAGO WEST LOOP HOTEL

733 WEST MADISON
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AWARD NAMES

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

HOUSING AND SENIOR SERVICES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

EDUCATION



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The Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation (GAGDC) works to foster and promote revitalization of the low-to-moderate income communities that we serve on Chicago's south side using comprehensive community development strategies.





GAGDC AREAS OF FOCUS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CATALYTIC PROJECT

Redevelopment and transformation of a vacant 60,000+ SF commercial site to serve as a healthy lifestyle hub poised to invigorate future development along the 79th Street Business Corridor. This project will provide living wage jobs for more than one hundred community residents.

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Provide safety and security services, marketing assistance, façade enhancement, debris removal, maintenance and beautification to over 900 businesses along West 79th Street and South Ashland Avenue.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Strengthen and support with emphasis on organic business stabilization as a Neighborhood Business Development Center.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Trains and hires local hard-to-employ men and women to staff the Urban Green Team, a social enterprise of the GAGDC focused on landscaping, maintenance and beautification, litter abatement and recycling in south side business districts.

FREE INCOME TAX PREP

Coordinates and hosts the annual Income Tax Prep Site, an operation which services thousands of clients each year, at no cost. Since 2004 we have returned over \$20 Million in tax refunds.

GAGDC AREAS OF FOCUS



EDUCATION

Auburn Gresham Neighborhood Network - Lead Agency supporting AG GOLD, our community driven education plan which is active in seven local schools.

Literacy - Coordinate AG GOLD Summer Camp serving community youth, Kindergarten to 3rd Grade, with a high quality, math and reading curriculum including citywide excursions and enrichment activities.

Teacher-Education Pipeline - Develop high quality, culturally competent Urban Educators from Illinois State University.

Parent Workforce Development - Train adults clients as part of the GAGDC 2-Generation Program, working with parents of students attending our AG GOLD schools. Services include literacy enrichment to increase test scores and hire apprenticeship programs as a pipeline for full-time jobs.

After-School Programming - Host activities, including Culinary Arts, Performing Arts, Creative Writing, Gymnastics, and Martial Arts, for middle school students in the AG GOLD Schools.

Life-long Learning - Provide on-site ACT and SAT prep, and one-on-one tutoring to Chicagoland students.



HOUSING & SENIOR SERVICES

Free Senior Home Repairs - Provide small repairs allowing the senior citizens to remain safe, secure, and independent as they age in their homes. Since program inception, over 600 seniors have been served, utilizing local subcontractors.

Neighborhood Stabilization - Promote affordable housing and wealth building by acquiring and renovating vacant homes while educating local homeowners and renters.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

School Based Health Center - Nearly 1,500 Chicago Public School students and their families receive treatment at the 3,500 SF Auburn Gresham Health and Wellness Center located at the revived historic Calumet High School, now home to Perspective Leadership Academy, Perspective Middle School and Perspective School of Technology.

Health Fair on the Block - Hosted bi-annually to promote health awareness, resources, and services to the community along the 79th Street Business Corridor including blood pressure screenings, HIV testing, at no cost.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Annual 79th Street Renaissance Festival - Created and coordinated since 2005, this iconic event is now one of the largest neighborhood festivals on the south side, held along a quarter mile stretch of the 79th Street Business Corridor. Now a two-day event boasting more than 25,000 attendees.

Senior Breakfast - Hosted bi-annually to honor our seniors with free hot breakfast, which includes a live blues band and an opportunity for student volunteerism, promoting intergenerational interaction for our seniors and youth.

Community Task Force Meetings - Organize residents and other community stakeholders to develop a Quality-of-Life Plan that integrates existing and planned strategies to improve the lives of residents.

GOLD PREMIER SPONSOR

\$25,000

- One VIP table of 10
- Company name/logo on event invitations (hard copy digital) and website
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- Company representative to make remarks during the program
- One page ad in program book
- Company name/logo to appear on sponsorship slide on projector screens at event
- Company listed in all press materials
- VIP reception inclusion

SILVER SPONSOR

\$10,000

- One table of 10
- Company name listed on invitations (hard copy and digital) and website
- Company logo listed on signage during event
- Company name listed in event program book
- Special acknowledgement from stage during event
- VIP reception inclusion

BRONZE SPONSOR

\$5,000

- ½ table of 10
- Company name listed on invitations (hard copy and digital) and website
- Company name listed on signage during event
- Company name listed in event program book
- VIP reception inclusion

TABLE SPONSOR

\$1,500

- Name listed on table
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Thank you for your generous hearts, your contribution, and for celebrating with us!

CARLOS NELSON, CEO

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***Submission of this completed Sponsor Application is confirmation and assurance of Corporate Sponsorship. Please submit before October 10, 2018.**

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