



2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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A MESSAGE OF HOPE

As I reflect on the past year and my retirement as the Senior Pastor of Salem Baptist Church of Chicago and new role as CEO of the Hope Center Foundation, I am excited about our work this past year.

In the unwavering pursuit of nurturing hope and ushering in positive transformation, my dedication remains steadfast. The Hope Center has broadened its reach, instilling empowerment through comprehensive workforce development and training, placing a paramount emphasis on the holistic well-being of our community. Moreover, we have embraced a new initiative—one close to our hearts—an endeavor dedicated to Affordable Housing for the community of Roseland.

I am pleased that our Affordable Housing Initiative is well underway, and we're on track to build 100 homes by 2025. This is not work that I have decided to embark upon in retirement. Yet, it is an extension of the work I have been doing for over four decades in this community. This housing program is my focus, the best thing to get up in the morning for.

As we look ahead, remember that your continued support is crucial for our mission. Together, we'll work to inspire hope, make positive changes, and build a foundation where everyone can thrive.

Thank you for being a vital part of the Hope Center family.
Sincerely,

James T. Meeks
REV. JAMES T. MEEKS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Dear Hope Center Foundation Supporters,

As I reflect on the past year, it is with immense gratitude and pride that I present the annual report for the Hope Center Foundation in Roseland. In the face of unprecedented challenges, our community has demonstrated resilience, unity, and an unwavering commitment to creating positive change. Throughout the year, the Hope Center has continued to be a beacon of hope and support for those in need. Our dedicated team, volunteers, and generous supporters have played a crucial role in enabling us to expand our reach and impact, despite the obstacles that presented themselves. With the support of our generous donors, we have been able to invest in our programs, enhance our outreach efforts, and contribute significantly to our Affordable Housing Initiative.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

Our outreach initiatives have allowed us to connect with even more individuals in need. Through community events, workshops, and collaborative partnerships, we have been able to foster a sense of belonging and empower individuals to overcome challenges.

EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

The Hope Center remains committed to education as a catalyst for change. Our educational programs have provided valuable resources, scholarships, and mentorship opportunities to underserved youth, equipping them with the tools they need to build a brighter future.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE

We are excited to announce the launch of our Affordable Housing Initiative. Recognizing the critical need for safe and affordable housing in our community, we have embarked on a mission to build 100 homes by 2025. This initiative aims to provide stable housing options for individuals and families, fostering a sense of security and laying the foundation for a brighter future.

HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS

In response to the ongoing health crisis, the Hope Center Foundation has implemented initiatives to address the physical and mental well-being of our community members. From healthy living workshops to mental health resources, we continue to prioritize the holistic health of those we serve.

None of our achievements would be possible without the dedication and generosity of our supporters. On behalf of the Hope Center Foundation, I extend heartfelt thanks to our donors, volunteers, staff, and community partners. Your commitment to our shared vision, especially as we venture into the Affordable Housing Initiative, has made a lasting impact on countless lives.

As we move into the coming year, the Hope Center Foundation remains steadfast in its mission to inspire hope, facilitate positive change, and empower individuals and families in Roseland. With the inclusion of our Affordable Housing Initiative, we are confident that, together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference. We invite you to join us on this exciting journey as we work towards building 100 homes by 2025, providing stable and affordable housing to those in need. One of the most effective ways to lift people out of poverty is to give them the dignity of a home. Housing is not just shelter; it is a fundamental human right that empowers individuals, strengthens communities, and paves the way for a brighter, more equitable future.

In closing, I express my deepest gratitude for your ongoing support. The Hope Center Foundation is not just an organization; it is a community-driven force for good. With your continued partnership, we will continue to be a source of hope and positive transformation for all.

Shenita Muse

SHENITA MUSE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MISSION:

The Hope Center Foundation of Chicago is a Roseland-based, not-for-profit organization, helping residents of the Urban Chicago community to successfully transition out of poverty to living wage and into generational wealth. The organization works to address the root causes contributing to poverty and violence in the community through imaginative, solution-focused programs that provide support in the areas of home ownership, financial literacy, workforce development, youth mentorship, and entrepreneurship.

The philanthropic arm of Salem Baptist Church of Chicago, the Hope Center Foundation serves Urban Chicago residents of all ages, specifically targeting the millennial population. HCFC's goal is to mobilize residents and empower them to be the center of change in their community. Leveraging a strong resource network and community alliances, the Hope Center Foundation of Chicago aims to be leaders in creating economic mobility for a "reimagined" Urban Chicago.

***“WE ENVISION A PLACE WHERE
EVERYONE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO
REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.”***





CORE VALUES



FAITH

Faith is our foundation and the driving force behind all that we do.



INDEPENDENCE

We work to empower our community to be independent to disrupt cycles of stagnation, dependency and poverty.



GENERATIONAL WEALTH

We view success as not just “making it” ourselves, but positioning the next generation for success and financial independence.

CAREER PATHWAYS

We believe in exposing youth and young adults to career opportunities that will afford them the opportunity to thrive and not just survive.



TANGIBLE IMPACT

Our programs are designed to create true transformation in the lives of those that we touch for the betterment of families and communities.



R.E.A.D.Y TO WORK

(Recruit, Employ, Advance & Develop Youth)

Ready to Work is a 20-week programs designed to help participants ages 16-24 gain exposure to career pathways, learn soft skills, receive on-the-job-training, internships and job placement services. This programs also takes a holistic approach to workforce development through counseling sessions, math & reading support, and workforce coaching.



"helping residents of the Urban Chicago community to successfully transition out of poverty to living wage and into generational wealth."

CAREER READINESS

The Hope Center Foundation Career Readiness Program is a 10-Week Program that services participants ages 16-24. This program takes a holistic approach to workforce development in which each participants are provided job readiness training combined with trauma-informed support services. Upon completion youth will have the skills and emotional support needed to become successful in the workplace.



"The Hope Center Foundation has helped me to become more engaged in conversations and to be mindful in my thinking. They taught me how to build a professional resumes and to be confident with my voice; now if I have a question, I am not afraid to ask it."

-Omarion Harvin, Career Readiness





Justice Advisory Council (Peaceful Pathways) is a 12 - week program dedicated to serving young adults ages 18-32. This program takes a holistic approach to workforce development in which participants reach career readiness training, job placement, social emotional learning training, expungement assistance, free certifications and so much more. This program seeks to help our participants build a future on their terms.



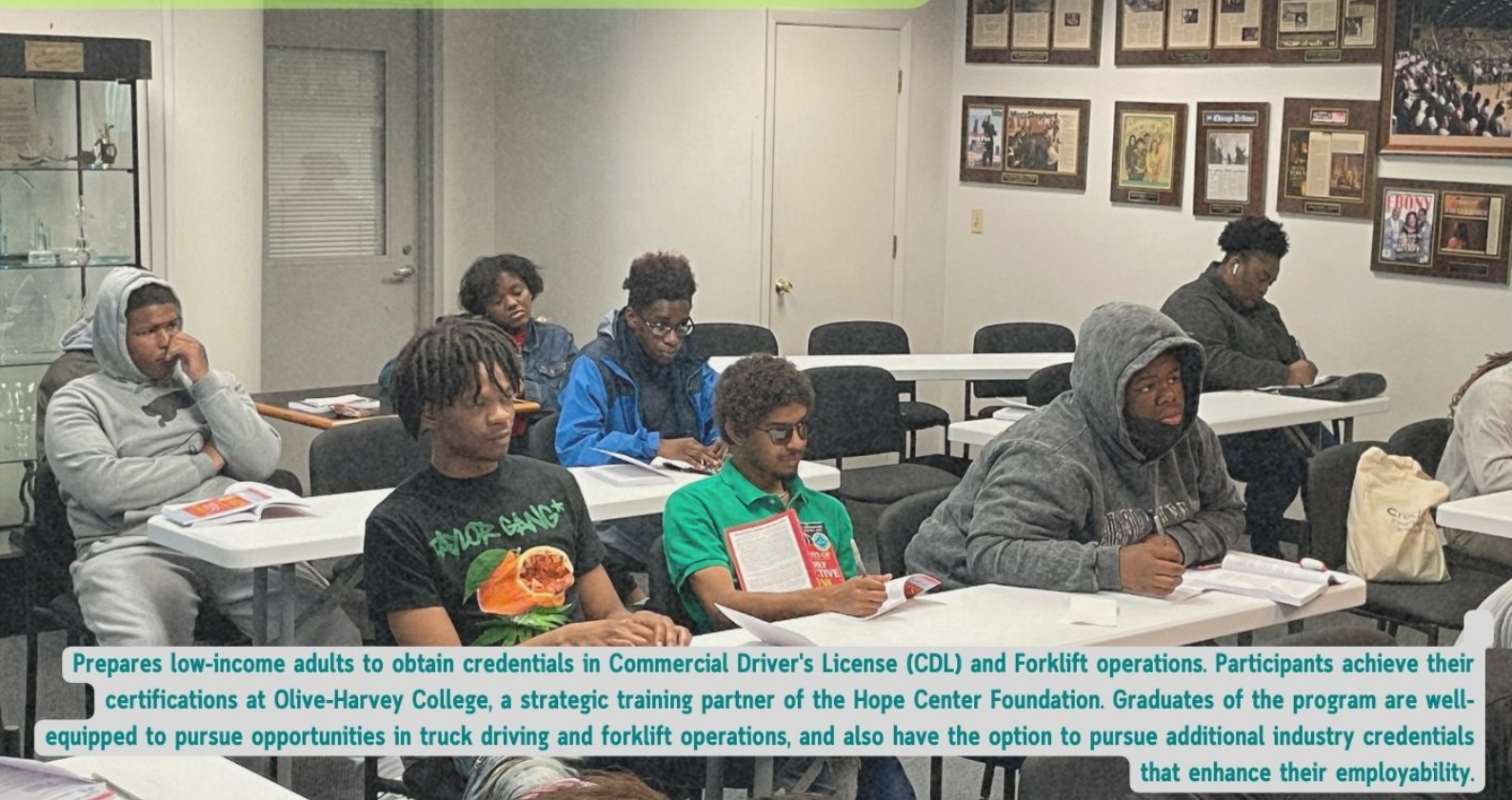
ERICA JACKSON
AGE: 30

"The Hope Center Foundation has provided that extra push that I needed to get out of the depressive state with the things I was going through. They have taught me that "closed mouths don't get fed". When it comes down to receiving all that I needed to receive from this program, it took for me to be vulnerable and to tell my actual story and the things I was going through."

"Before the Hope Center Foundation I was struggling with housing insecurity. I was living between family houses and my personal car. The Hope Center was able to assist with getting my life back on track career wise but also being an emotional help and being the extended family that I really needed. To me hope provides emotional support, stability, and consistency."



CAREER PATHWAYS



Prepares low-income adults to obtain credentials in Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and Forklift operations. Participants achieve their certifications at Olive-Harvey College, a strategic training partner of the Hope Center Foundation. Graduates of the program are well-equipped to pursue opportunities in truck driving and forklift operations, and also have the option to pursue additional industry credentials that enhance their employability.



**GEOMARRI
JOHNSON**

The Hope Center Foundation helped me get to a better position for a better job and future. Before coming to the Hope Center, I was eager for a gateway opportunity. I wanted more for myself regarding my well-being and having a good enough job to support me. This program leads young black, educated and uneducated men and women to greatness. When I first arrived, I was skeptical about the pre-requisition steps and the number of participations needed for the process. During the process, (Mrs. Tammy) explained how the program could help me with most issues that may or may not be current at the time. I was guided me in the right direction. Thanks to her help, I got my Forklift Certification and license nearly the same month beyond intake. I was enrolled in a 1-week class that would guarantee my success in getting my Forklift License. Within that week, I was professionally taught Forklift Fundamentals and Safety. The course was profound in allowing every learner to understand the operations thoroughly. After the class was finished, I immediately began to send each participant jobs and companies hiring within our areas. I was also provided information on other programs at The Hope Center that could further our experiences and lengthen our resumes. The Hope Center generously offered each of us work gear, safety wear, and uniforms precise and necessary for our certification. One thing I like about the Hope Center is that they will always let you know that there is more in store for anyone who wants and feels that they deserve more for themselves. Regardless of where or what you're from, I invite anyone to try the Hope Center Foundation.

Uziel Cervantes

The Hope Center Foundation has been a big help in getting me started on my journey to become a forklift driver. Since the first day I walked in, I was treated wonderfully by staff, a warm, welcoming, helpful staff member who helped me get from ground zero of no job; minimum wage wasn't cutting it, and bills to pay were beginning to pile up, but now I'm on my way to start looking for a better-paying job that will help me straighten out life problems and alleviate others. Throughout this process, Ms. Hughes never really left my side to "figure it out." We have been working well thus far, and my experience here has been positive. I am grateful to be here and to have been given such an opportunity.





JENETTA PAYNE

I was working for the Salem Baptist Church of Chicago as a maintenance person before I joined the Apprentice Illinois Cohort.

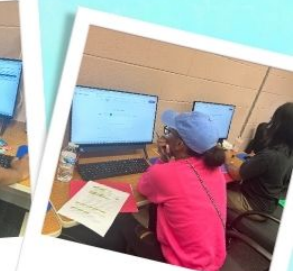
The Hope Center has impacted my life by letting me know I can still do it. And that's whatever I want to do. The Hope Center never made me feel like I was lost. They were always there to help me no matter what. They made me feel like I can do it.



TIERRA EVANS

Before the Hope Center, I was just working a regular job and prolonging on wanting to be in the medical field, now I'm focused on a better future for me and my children and working on having my own soon. I feel like hope is achieving things you wanted to achieve or that someone told you that you couldn't do while still being able to achieve your goals.

They became a new family, they embraced me and fed me information I could carry on in life they want to see me do better and they helping me get in school. I'm a person who gets discouraged fast so once I came to the Hope Center and opened up they made a different impact on me to open up and kept pushing me and never gave up on me. I can always look into other things and still accomplish what I want to do no matter what it is and I appreciate that.



APPRENTICESHIP ILLINOIS

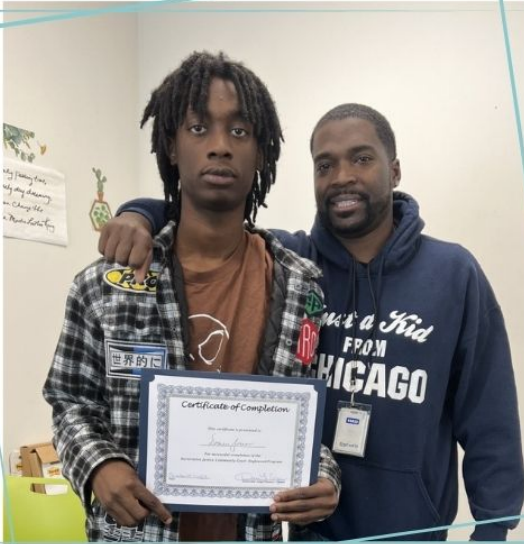
Apprenticeship Illinois is a yearlong program that serves women from age 16-60 who are economically disadvantaged, single parents, or returning citizens. With the broad spectrum of certifications such as CDL-A, CDL-B, Forklift, Six Sigma, Nursing Assistant, etc. paired with workforce development systems in place this program gives participants the tools and confidence needed to take on the work world.

C.D.B.G

Community Development Block Grant seeks to make a difference in the lives of men 18 years or older who are residents of Chicago and has had contact with the Criminal Justice System. This program provides job readiness training and employment placement assistance. Participants get the opportunity to receive One-on-one Career Planning, Counseling, Financial Literacy Coaching, free certifications and much more!

Dominic

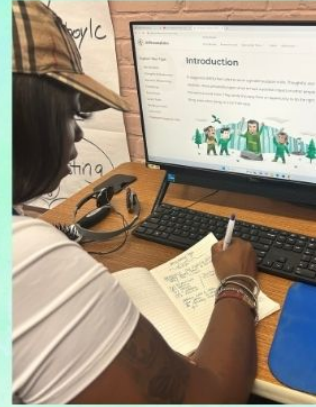
Dominic graduated today From the Restorative Justice Community Court in Englewood. He came to the Hope Center Foundation for mentorship and employment. He is now employed at Just Turkey and working to become a better person.



Devon

Devon got his case dismissed from the Restorative Justice Community Court. He is a Part of The CDBG program he was employed with Just Turkey for months until he found a full time job. He's currently working a fulltime job. Now we're working on his expungement!





Job Training and Economic Development

Our Job Training and Economic Development program calls on young adults between the ages of 16 and 24, to explore the possible career pathways in healthcare or post-production. Students spend 10-12 weeks developing personally and professionally with opportunities to consider their vision for their future career pathways and lives.

Graduates have completed our program designed to set students up for success reflecting on wellness, personal values, and envisioning alternative futures. Through the Hope Center Foundation they've received industry recognized credentials in Phlebotomy, EKG & CPR, CNA, Sound Engineering, and Videography. And have gone on to start careers and pursue higher education in their respective fields.



Treyada Kittler

"Before the Hope Center Foundation, I was job hunting and trying to figure out what I wanted out of life. I was still working at Footlocker, and looking for a new place to live. But I always knew that I wanted to do more, I want to help people.. Working in healthcare has always been something that I could see myself doing. The Hope Center Foundation staff and the work they do helped me broaden my horizons in so many ways. In the program, I had a chance to really decide what I wanted for my future and out of life itself. This organization not only contributed to the next steps I'm taking in my journey, but has helped me gain mentorship and leadership skills that I never had. I've learned so much working with Jessica. My perspective has changed to be reminded that no matter where you are in life, it's never too late to make change. I also learned that in order to be your best self, you've got to step out of your comfort zone to see different results."

Nadia Murphy

Nadia Murphy started at the Hope Center Foundation about to give birth to her first child, a beautiful baby girl. Eager to still pursue her dreams, Nadia expressed an interest in continuing her education with her long-term goal of becoming a nurse practitioner, in mind. She started her classes mid-September, two weeks before going into labor. Nadia successfully completed her last day of Phlebotomy classes in November and is awaiting the results from her exam from the National Phlebotomy Association. During her clinicals, Nadia received an offer for a full time position at Rush Hospital --- and has her sights set on becoming a Nurse. Despite experiencing some adversity, Nadia is a star student on a pathway to success. During her time at the Hope Center Foundation, we watched her become more confident, expressive, and willing to help other students. Her willingness to lead, teach, and help others, has also positioned her become a Course Instructor at our training partners institution, Chicago Instruction Center for Career Development.



Youth Trauma Arts Camp



The Hope Center Foundation's Youth Trauma Arts Camp's goal is to break the generational cycle of violence and poverty in the Roseland, Pullman, and West Pullman areas by establishing programs that integrate art as a vehicle of healing. The therapeutic components of the camp allow our participants to express themselves creatively through drama, theater, spoken word, music, and creative writing. With a cultural emphasis, our arts program impacts the lives of the youth due to the organization's ability to change and to strengthen youth in a positive setting.



PULLMAN GATEWAY PROJECT

Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives (CNI) is partnering with the Hope Center Foundation in a Far Southside collaboration bringing together 13 communities, including Roseland, Altgeld Gardens, Calumet Heights, Cottage Grove Heights, Fernwood, Golden Gates, London Towne, Morgan Park, Pullman, Roseland, Rossmoor, Washington Heights, and West Pullman.

For more than a year, with the support of Local Initiatives Support Corporation Chicago, the Collaborative has engaged in an asset-based comprehensive planning process, building on the transportation infrastructure, singular history, natural resources, ready workforce, and well-organized community infrastructure.

The Collaborative's goals include creating greater individual and community wealth by increasing home and local business ownership; improving community health by building on and enhancing the area's natural and built assets including the forest preserves, parks, prairie trails and cultural gems like the

Pullman National Monument's Collaborative is focusing on an array of transformative projects:

- *Roseland Medical District Redevelopment Plan building on the foundation of Roseland Hospital*
- *Kensington Park (Roseland) new housing development*
- *Chick-fil-A plans on having a location*



RECLAIMING COMMUNITIES: RESTORING ROSELAND



HOPE HOMEOWNER: LINDA BROWN-WILSON

Three years ago Linda Brown-Wilson and her family lost their home in a fire. For the past three years, they had been living with a relative. When Ms. Brown-Wilson came into the Hope Center Foundation to pick the address of her HOPE home, she was emotional -- full of gratitude for a light being shined on what felt like a dark situation for sometime. Following the recent loss of her son this past year, becoming a homeowner has revitalized her sense of joy and hope. In the next year, her family will be walking into their new home, building equity for the generations to come in the Brown-Wilson family line.

"I'M EXCITED... OVERWHELMED. I'M LOOKING SO FORWARD TO COOKING MY HUSBAND A HOME COOKED MEAL... ME AND HIM SITTING THERE LOOKING AT EACH OTHER ACROSS THE TABLE. I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO AFFORD THIS WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE HOPE CENTER FOUNDATION."





THE ORGANIZATION WORKS TO ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES CONTRIBUTING TO POVERTY AND VIOLENCE IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH IMAGINATIVE, SOLUTION-FOCUSED PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE SUPPORT IN THE AREAS OF HOME OWNERSHIP, FINANCIAL LITERACY, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, YOUTH MENTORSHIP, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP.







20-26%

Highschool or Some College Education

25.9%

Household Income Under \$50,000

19.9%

Below the Poverty Line

38,816

Total Population

95%

African American Households

62%

Unemployment Rate

1000

Community members in attendance for our Housing Informational sessions surrounding our HOPE Homes Initiative.

450

Individuals completed our workforce certification classes which includes opportunities for personal and professional development. Our participants are challenged to evaluate their values and vision for their lives to progress their futures forward.

380

Youth between the ages of 10-24 serviced in our youth focused programs that promote exposure to diverse career pathways, personal development, and the exploration of creative outlets to process and heal from trauma.

229

Students completed Financial Literacy Training, receiving information on debt management, credit, and opportunities to increase their savings while generating plans to build their financial legacies with generational wealth in mind.

200

Students completed their Six Sigma White Belt certification, which is a globally recognized certification empowering quality and performance. Those who complete the certification program are equipped with professional tools to drive progress forward and become industry leaders in their respective fields.

189

Participants gained employment, received promotions, or increased their incomes across multiple industries. These individuals are now on pathways that are empowering their futures forward.

12

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) returning citizens entered into our transitional jobs program. These individuals were employed in work based learning experiences in the Food Service, Construction, and Landscaping Industries. *3 of these participants, who had criminal records, cases were dismissed from court* thus encouraging us as we move forward in our efforts to reduce recidivism.

186

Guns recovered through our Gun Buy Back Event which was hosted in the beginning of 2023.

46

We've secured an additional 46 lots from the Cook County Land Bank Authority to build 100 homes by 2025 in Roseland. 11 Homes are to be built in 2024 as we progress the HOPE Homes initiative forward in an effort to restore and revitalize Roseland.

14

Students completed our Healthcare Horizons and Ears 2 Innovation program, under our Job Training & Economic Development initiative. This youth focused program promotes the exploration of pathways in to the Healthcare Sciences and Post-Production for Film/Music.



Workforce Development

HOPE HIGHLIGHTS



2023

CONNECTING WITH HOPE

"Our communities are in dire need of the educational, vocational, and support opportunities that the Hope Center program affords."

CHERYL FREEMAN SMITH, DEAN CAREER PROGRAMMING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION
TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION AND LOGISTICS, OLIVE-HARVEY COLLEGE

"We recognize the positive work that Hope Center Foundation is doing with underserved youth in the Chicagoland area as it relates to workforce development, life skills and leadership development, education, and empowerment."

LATONYA ARMSTRONG, DEAN CAREER PROGRAMS & CONTINUING EDUCATION, OLIVE-HARVEY COLLEGE

"I have found The Hope Center Foundation to be professional, respectful to clients; treating them with dignity, well organized and a trustworthy Partner."

REV. ELENA H. CALLOWAY, CEO, T. R.E.A.D.

"The impact that homeownership has on building generational wealth is a benefit that has been denied to many of our Black and Brown residents on the South and West sides for far too long- not only due to historical racially discriminatory housing practices, but also due to present day lack of lending and investment."

MARISA NOVARA, COMMISSIONER, CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

"Communities need thoughtful, comprehensive and innovative solutions proven to help people find work and improve their financial stability,"

MEGHAN HARTE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LISC CHICAGO.

"Though Hope Center Foundation has been a partner agency of the City of Chicago for a short time, they have shown and proven their ability to facilitate successful workforce programs by way of intentional, strategic, and correlated approaches. As a 3-year-old organization, Hope Center Foundation continues to increase their impact and capacity year by year. Just prior to the beginning of COVID, Hope Center Foundation's adult workforce development program, which includes mostly African American men, successfully reached a 75% completion rate of those enrolled. In addition, 40% of those participants were able to obtain employment."

TRENITY K. DOBBEY, SERVICES SUPERVISOR, CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & SUPPORT- WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Meet the **HOPE DEALERS**

2023 Hope Center Team



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Hope Center Foundation Team



Walter Bush
DIRECTOR OF WORK FORCE
DEVELOPMENT



Joan Douglas
OPERATIONS MANAGER



Isaiah Moncrief
RECRUITMENT AND ENGAGEMENT



Ariel Betts
CASE MANAGER



Abriel Brooks
PROGRAM ADMIN



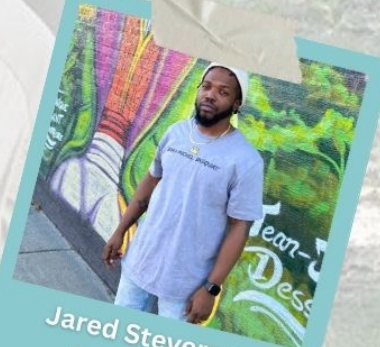
Ezra Johnson
JOB READINESS INSTRUCTOR



Jessica Clark
PROGRAM ADMIN



Aislinn Harris
BOOKKEEPER



Jared Stevenson
CASE MANAGER



Fred Cooper
CASE MANAGER



Jordin Hale
PROGRAM ADMIN



Kayla Knazze
OFFICE MANAGER

HOPE ON THE Horizon

We're delighted to share with you the remarkable progress we've made in the past year. But the path ahead is even more promising as we prepare to expand our territories to explore new horizons for hope at the Hope Center Foundation. In the ever-revolving landscape of our programs and initiatives, we remain committed to our mission of addressing the economic and social needs of Roseland and Urban Chicago through imaginative, solution-focused programs that equip and inspire residents to transition out of poverty, into a livable wage, and onto generational wealth.

Our future of programming and further development of our economically empowering initiatives remains bright. As we look forward to elevating as a lead-organizer in our community, our sights remain on expanding educational horizons, raising our standard of excellence, increasing services that are inclusive around health and well-being, and continuing to be grateful for our partners that support us as we forge a path forward.



ILLUMINATING HOPE

CRAIN'S CHICAGO BUSINESS

Residential Real Estate

A pastor's retirement plans: Fill dozens of long-vacant Roseland lots with new homes

By Dennis Rodkin

Reprints Share

"It means everything," Meeks said. "If we can establish good relationships, good partners, some of these communities that have been neglected for years can come back."

Meeks led the charge in recruiting Chick-fil-A to Pullman. He is the founder and recently retired head of the 10,000-seat Salem Baptist Church, just across the street from Chick-fil-A's future home. Though Chick-fil-A locations are typically closed on Sunday, when 6,000 people flock to Salem Baptist, the church draws 800 people for Bible study on Wednesday nights and hundreds of others for activities throughout the week, Meeks said. They need more dining options.

Restaurants

Chick-fil-A is coming to the Pullman neighborhood

By Ally Marotti

Reprints Share

Chick-fil-A is coming to Pullman, another sign of revitalization in the historic South Side community.

The fast-food restaurant, known for its chicken sandwiches and its cult following, is expected to open next year. It will be the South Side's second Chick-fil-A. Though several south suburbs have stores, the only location in the city sits on the border with Burbank.

Rev. James Meeks, Hope Center's CEO, said landing a Chick-fil-A is going to be a significant step for Pullman.

Block Club Chicago

ROSELAND

Modular Homes Are Coming To Roseland To Help More People Become Homeowners

The model home was finished in November. Dozens more are planned as part of an ambitious initiative to build hundreds of homes on vacant land on the South and West sides.

Group aims to restore Roseland, South Side communities with affordable modular homes



By Mark Rivera

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

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The first of dozens of new modular homes was pieced together on the South Side Wednesday. WLS

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Affordable modular homes going up in Chicago's Roseland neighborhood

It's all thanks to a collaboration of local organizations and city and state funding to build affordable housing

By Patrick Fazio • Published November 29, 2023 • Updated on November 29, 2023 at 9:30 pm

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New affordable modular homes at reasonable prices are being built in Chicago's Roseland neighborhood. The new homes are meant to help families who are unable to afford a home as home prices reach record highs across the country. Patrick Fazio has more.

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Roseland's revitalization: First modular home in 60 years signals affordable housing initiative



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BUSINESS

Roseland Initiative Works to Promote Homeownership, Revitalize Communities Using Modular Homes

Emily Soto | December 5, 2023 8:26 pm



Community members on the Far South Side hope they're laying the foundation for a new approach to homeownership by using modular home construction, a process in which large segments of a house are built elsewhere and then assembled at a site in just a day.

Strategic Partners

TRAINING PARTNERS

Olive-Harvey College TechKno Academy
Self-Help Credit Union Scott School of Careers
Nirvana Institute Peerless Credit LLC.
Chicago Community Learning Center
Chicago Instruction Center for Career Development

EMPLOYER PARTNERS

Whole Foods Market Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)
Method Soap Pace
SC Johnson Gotham Greens
Pure Brite Cleaning Company Self Help Credit Union
Just Turkey Restaurants Kinnex Modular Constructions
Blue Demo Construction Advocate Aurora Healthcare
Lawn Transformers Landscaping
OSF Healthcare Little Company of Mary Medical center

HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERS

Corliss Highschool
Chicago Vocational Career Academy
Fenger Highschool
Harlan High School
Olive-Harvey Middle college



Ways to Give HOPE

Our mission is to remain dedicated to the Roseland community, committed to helping residents transition out of poverty to a livable wage, and onto generational wealth. We're committed to addressing poverty and violence at the root. Through innovative and imaginative, solution-focused programs we provide support to the Roseland, Pullman and West Pullman communities – in the areas of entrepreneurship, ownership, financial literacy, workforce development, and youth mentorship.

We're invested in envisioning a future fueled by HOPE where we drive economic mobility and empower our communities forward.

Join Club HOPE!

DONATE



Restore HOPE and inspiration with us by making a meaningful impact with a yearly donation! Your generosity will help us provide life changing opportunities and experiences to expand our clients' horizons -- e to cultural experiences, educational excursions, expansive activities and network opportunities for our clients. You're sowing into our mission of transitioning the residents of OUR communities out of poverty and into a livable wage.

PARTNER



Fuel a future full of possibilities by joining club HOPE. When you take the HOPE pledge by becoming a intentional partner with the Hope Center Foundation of Chicago we work together empower communities. Collaboration is at the heart of our success. It's vital for us to leverage our collective strengths and amplify our impact to eradicate violence and poverty on the far Southside. Our partnership is what advances our shared missions and visions forward.

VOLUNTEER



Plant a seed of HOPE in our communities and become a volunteer for our programs and community events. Volunteers are the true beacons of HOPE who nurture communities, build bridges of understanding, inspire collective action, and sow seeds of optimism while empowering others through their service. When you join club HOPE as a volunteer, you have a profound impact on instilling HOPE in the lives of those who experience the Hope Center Foundation of Chicago.

Take the HOPE Pledge today!

