West Side United

Community Impact Report: Our Origins

2018 - 2020
Greetings WSU family,

We are honored to share our first annual impact report chronicling our passion, purpose and dedication to Chicago and 10 West Side communities. Our work is a continuum of intentional commitments from our partners who are also committed to decreasing the life expectancy gap between Chicago’s Loop and 10 West Side communities by 50% by 2030. 2020 provided a set of challenges that had not been experienced in our lifetime but were exacerbated by the familiar tenets of structural racism and disinvestment that our most resilient communities have faced over decades.

We made a significant pivot with the rest of the world to address the challenges presented by COVID-19. Our commitments to food pantries and West Side businesses at the onset of COVID-19 were heightened to combat food insecurity and small business challenges. We answered the call of Mayor Lightfoot to co-convene a Racial Equity Rapid Response Team in 48 hours. We allocated over $3 million in COVID response and recovery funding and programs in partnership with the Oprah Winfrey Charitable Foundation and others. We provided thousands of PPE to community residents and Federally Qualified Health Centers in partnership with the American Medical Association.

This initial impact report is a testament to what happens when multiple stakeholders work together to eliminate historical health disparities. Our impact report outlines our leadership, national impact, COVID-19 Response efforts, impact areas, financial forecast, strategic plan, funders and partners. I welcome you to learn more about our journey over the past year and the champions who accompanied us as our story comes to life via the pages of our inaugural impact report.

In solidarity,

Ayesha Jaco, MAM.
Executive Director
West Side United
Our Team

PASSION
PURPOSE
DEDICATION

Our West Side United team is dedicated to building a healthier, stronger, more vibrant community on the West Side.

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Who We Are

To build community health and economic wellness on Chicago’s West Side and build healthy, vibrant neighborhoods.

Mission

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Vision

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Our Founding Hospitals

AMITA Health
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago
Cook County Health
Rush University Medical Center
Sinai Chicago
University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System

Our Operating Principles

• Work with and for the community
• Work strategically to address multiple social determinants of health
• Leverage the assets of our hospital partners to create an outsized community impact
• Focus on the areas with the greatest life expectancy gaps
• Connect our activities to amplify the impact of our work
• Coordinate programming through partners whenever possible
• Work with a sense of accountability

Building Blocks to Better Health
NATIONAL IMPACT

West Side United’s approach has held national attention. We have attracted the interest of a range of partners and inspired similar initiatives across the country.

Unequal Cities

Last year, WSU was the subject of a chapter in the forthcoming book, Unequal Cities: Structural Racism and the Death Gap in America’s 30 Largest Cities. Maureen Benjamins, Senior Research Fellow at Sinai Urban Health Institute, and Fernanda De Maio, Associate Professor of Sociology at DePaul, detailed structural injustices that have created life expectancy gaps across a number of U.S. cities. Our WSU Metrics Workgroup co-chair, Pam Roesch, along with input from Ayesha Jaco, and ELC members Darlene Hightower and David Ansell, wrote a chapter highlighting the work of WSU to illustrate how cities can strategically combat these disparities.

Funding Boost

WSU’s COVID-19 work with the Racial Equity Rapid Response was able to bring significant resources to the West and South sides, including from the Oprah Winfrey Charitable Foundation, Clara Lionel Foundation, SNL cast member Chris Redd, and Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey. Funding is used to support the work of WSU partners providing on the ground support through food and PPE distribution, health outreach, and other direct services to those who have been impacted the most by COVID-19.

Fostering Alignment

WSU received a two-year grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to study how WSU has built alignment across cross-sector partnerships, including public health, healthcare, and community-based organizations. The study is being conducted with staff support from the Sinai Urban Health Institute and advisement from the WSU CAC and several other stakeholders. We look forward to sharing results spring 2022 through townhall meetings.

Spreading the Word

Harvard Business School wrote a case about WSU to be used within the business school, training students on how to approach challenges and build partnerships and stakeholders.

The American Medical Association wrote a case study detailing Chicago’s Racial Equity Rapid Response Team.

Residents of West Garfield Park have a significantly shorter life expectancy of 68 years, compared to an average life expectancy of 82 years in The Loop. Health inequities in our West Side neighborhoods reflect decades of disinvestment that has resulted in concentrated poverty. West Side United is focused on reducing inequities by building a stronger, healthier, and more vibrant community.
Our West Side

West Side
At a Glance

Demographics

Hardship Index

Data source: American Community Survey (Calculated by Metopio)

The Hardship Index is a composite score reflecting hardship in the community, incorporating several indicators, including unemployment, education, per capita income, crowded housing, and poverty.

Did you know?

Dr. Martin Luther King moved to North Lawndale in 1966 to focus on showing that racism is a national issue. During his time here, he led marches into Marquette Park & Cicero.

Little Village in South Lawndale has a roaring retail district along 26th Street that is SECOND in sales in Chicago. Only the Magnificent Mile beats it!

Humboldt Park’s Puerto Rican People’s Parade draws more than one million people each year! Humboldt Park is also home to the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture, which is the only one of its kind in the country.

Garfield Park was originally called Central Park! The City changed the name to honor President James A. Garfield after his death in 1881. Garfield Park is home to the Garfield Park Conservatory, one of the largest botanical conservatories in the nation.

Median Age 33 Averaged across 10 WS Communities Population 559,160

Data source: American Community Survey, Chicago Health Atlas
Year in Review

- **Announcement of $500K to 29 Small Business Grantees**
  - AMA
  - Jan

- **Our annual community convening with over 400 attendees & 1st round of Emergency Food Micro-Grant**
  - MAR

- **$5M of OWCF Grants to Live Healthy Chicago**
  - MAY

- **WSU/GCFD SNAP Coordinator program ends with over 2,100 connections and 267 new benefits applications created**
  - JUN

- **WSU and SUHI kick off Family Connects program**
  - JUL

- **WSU receives $75K One West Side planning grant for the SBCH program**
  - AUG

- **WSU partnered with AMA and City to distribute over 60,000 units of PPE & Distributed $110K to 11 businesses**
  - SEP

- **WSU Education Committee reviewed 23 applications and selected 3 finalists for the SBCH Pilot**
  - OCT

- **Initiated Anchor Hospital CEO conversations & 2nd round of Emergency Food Micro-Grant**
  - NOV

- **WSU and SUHI kick off Family Connects program**
  - DEC

- **LHC announces $1M to 28 COVID-19 Grantees**

- **Mayor convenes Racial Equity Rapid Response Team & Virtual Hiring Event**
  - FEB

- **Announced Anchor Hospital CEO conversations**
  - FEB
OUR COVID-19 RESPONSE

Racial Equity Rapid Response Team

During the COVID-19 epidemic, we saw the very same disparities that WSU has been combating worsen and grow. People with chronic conditions, those working frontline jobs, and those with barriers to accessing care had a higher rate of cases, higher rate of complications and higher rate of death. West Side United has been addressing this disease and its social and economic impacts from the start.

In April, the Mayor’s office invited WSU to convene The Racial Equity Rapid Response Team (RERRT), a data-driven, community-based and community-driven mitigation of COVID-19 illness and death in Black and Brown neighborhoods.

The Racial Equity Rapid Response Team of Chicago recognizes the urgency of the work of dismantling the structures and policies that protect and cement injustice and racism in our systems.

Excerpt from “Our Response to the Breonna Taylor Case Decision”

THE RERRT

published a statement on the Breonna Taylor case decision to confront systemic racism, injustice and the unjust police killings of George Floyd and many other Black men and women. In addition, acknowledging the role of systemic inequities in healthcare, the RERRT member hospitals created a joint statement that was signed by 36 Chicago health care organizations decrying racism in our health system and naming racism as a public health crisis. The statement was adopted nationally.

WSU Mask Distribution

Through the AMA, our CAC and other ongoing partnerships, WSU disseminated over 60,000 masks across the West Side communities.
Our COVID-19 Response

Food Pantry Support

Higher Demand for Food Pantry Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic

West Side United provided two $10,000 micro-grants to 12 West Side partner pantries to better support their response to increased demand during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pantry partners increased their capacity with the grant money by purchasing necessary equipment; implementing home delivery services and curbside pick-up; hiring additional staff members; extending pantry hours; and increasing the quantity of food, pantry space, and food storage.

Along with their efforts to provide healthy food to our communities, partner food pantries also offer community resources, health screenings, housing services, employment assistance, energy savers program, healthcare referrals, and nutrition education.

“The grant from West Side United allowed us to make the necessary changes to stay open during a time of great need in our community.”

Iglesia Evangelica Emmanuel
Emergency Micro-grant Recipient
Live Healthy Chicago has distributed $1.5 million to 34 community-based organizations that serve our 20 target communities* in the West and South Side.

- April Oasis (Our Home)
- Arthur Lockhart Resource Institute
- By the Hand Club for Kids
- Catholic Charities Chicago Violence Services
- Community Health
- Family Christian Health Center*
- Gadi Hill Center
- Garfield Park Community Council
- Healthy Food
- Hope Center Foundation
- House of Magdi's Loving Home Daycare
- In D.A.R.E.
- I Grow Chicago
- Inspiration Corporation
- Lift-Chicago
- Ladies of Virtue
- Little Village Community Foundation
- Mercy Home for Boys & Girls
- New Community Outreach
- New Life Centers of Chicagoland
- New Moms
- Northwestern Settlement
- Peace Fellow Mutual Aid Collaborative
- Peer Plus Education & Training Advocates
- Project Vida
- The Firehouse Community Arts Center
- The Resurrection Project
- Thresholds
- Un Nuevo Despertar
- United For Better Living
- Unidad Popular
- Urban Growers Collective
- Westside Health Authority
- Yogacare

* The shaded areas represent where the organizations serve.
** Family Christian Health Center is not visible on this map as it’s located in Harvey, IL.

West Side United, along with Forty Acres Fresh Market, MAAFA Redemption Project, My Block, My Hood, My City (M3), and Rush University Medical Center partnered to create the Live Healthy Chicago (LHC) collaborative. Through generous support of the Oprah Winfrey Charitable Foundation, LHC implements initiatives to improve the wellness of seniors and high-risk populations experiencing COVID-19 health disparities and food insecurity. The initiatives span 20 majority Black and Brown target communities on Chicago’s West and South sides and engage a wide range of partners through community grant opportunities.

I am so grateful that Ladies of Virtue is a recipient of the Live Healthy Chicago Community Grant. I look forward to serving on the front lines to ensure that those who are living in communities disproportionately affected by violence and high COVID-19 cases are provided with the support that they need.

Jamila Trimuel, CEO of Ladies of Virtue
Our Impact

IMPACT AREAS

West Side United envisions revitalized, healthy communities for all residents. WSU initiatives address four impact areas that focus on different social determinants of health. We believe that addressing inequities in each of these areas across our ten communities will help to reduce the drivers of the life expectancy gap.

Tier I. WSU Overarching Goal
(Community-Level Health, Mortality, and Life Expectancy Metrics)

Reduce the life expectancy gap and improve health

Tier II. WSU Domains of Impact
(Domain-Related, Community-Level Metrics)

Education  Economic Vitality  Neighborhood & Physical Environment  Health and Healthcare

Tier III. WSU Initiatives
(Initiative-Level Metrics)

01 ECONOMIC VITALITY

Enrich the vibrancy of West Side communities by investing in people and local businesses.

WSU promotes economic vitality through strengthening local hiring, purchasing, and investments in West Side workers and businesses. Because we know that economic stability and positive health outcomes are inextricably linked, many of our initiatives focus on the economic wellbeing of the West Side.

02 EDUCATION

Improve educational outcomes and eliminate educational disparities on Chicago’s West Side.

To combat the longstanding disinvestment in education on the West Side, West Side United’s initiatives aim to improve the quality of education in our communities and increase access to a variety of training and learning opportunities for West Side youth.

03 HEALTH & HEALTHCARE

Decrease health disparities by coordinating and scaling prioritized interventions across hospitals & community partners.

By mobilizing community residents and organizational partners to align existing resources and build on community assets, WSU sets out to address the social, structural, and economic determinants of health and promote health equity.

04 NEIGHBORHOOD & PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Increase investment of capital and resources in community infrastructure that builds healthier neighborhoods.

WSU strives to address disparities in neighborhood-level access to resources like food and safe housing by coordinating new strategies to improve healthy food access and impact investing.
Many West Side neighborhoods experience high unemployment rates leading to negative health outcomes associated with unemployment and poverty. We are on track to achieve our goal to hire 5,000 West Side residents by 2023. To this date, we have 2,400 new West Side hires at our partner hospitals.

West Side businesses have not had access to the same resources and opportunities as businesses in other parts of the city and state. We aim to mitigate the economic disparities and boost the local economy on the West Side by working with our partner hospitals to increase spending in WS businesses to $60M per year by 2023. Since 2018, our anchor partners have spent $90M of addressable purchases at local West Side businesses.

Small businesses are the heart of any neighborhood. WSU’s Small Business Grant Program provides small grants to existing small businesses or start-ups on the West Side to build their capacity. Last year, we distributed nearly $500,000 in grants to 19 West Side businesses and 10 start-ups that seek to strengthen their communities. This year, we expanded the pool and provided 39 businesses with grants. Since 2018, we’ve distributed $1M to 70 businesses.

WSU used AdvancingCities funding from JPMorgan Chase to expand two existing career pathways, the Medical Assistant Pathway Program (MAPP) and the Certified Nursing Assistant Pathway (CNA), and to develop two new career pathways: Health IT and Respiratory Therapist. We’ve had 88 participants with 41 of them having completed training. All participants accessed case management & professional development services, and those placed into employment received a wage increase.

With the Small Business Grant, we were able to feed the community at different shelters … I was able to purchase a truck with the grant money, and I don’t have to worry! I would like to partner with different organizations to continue my work.

Sweet Polly’s Kitchen, Small Business Grantee
NEIGHBORHOOD & PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

01 Impact Investments

Through the impact investing initiative, West Side United, along with Illinois Medical District, Northern Trust Bank, and the American Medical Association, collectively invested across four Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) that are funding community-based projects on the west side. This investment allowed us to exceed our goal of investing a total of $7.5M in community supported West Side projects by 2021. Investments span businesses and organizations across WSU’s ten community areas supporting the growth of affordable housing, community spaces, and job development. Our investments supported 161 loans on the West Side, totaling up to $8.1M.

Community Voice

Esteban Rodriguez
WSU CAC Member

“My West Side is a community that will be developed but not displaced because of all their resilient factors and resources.”

Loan Categories

- Small Business: 36%
- Affordable Housing: 33%
- Community Services: 25%
- Economic Vitality: 4%

02 Healthy Food Strategy

We dedicated resources to healthy food access, including co-funding a SNAP and Medicaid Benefits Enrollment Coordinator with the Greater Chicago Food Depository and piloting a Fruits and Vegetables Voucher Program at the Farm on Ogden. We received nearly 300 referrals from 2 participating hospitals to the voucher program. All of our West Side communities are supported by our partner food pantries.

WEST SIDE PARTNER FOOD PANTRIES

Iglesia Evangelica Emanuel
European American Association
Marillac House
La Casa Norte
Harmony Community Church
Beyond Hunger

PARTNER PANTRIES PROVIDE:

- Housing Services
- Community Resources
- Health Screenings (Blood Pressure)
- Employment Assistance
- Energy Savers Program
- Health Insurance
EDUCATION

**01 Internships**

The WSU Internship workgroup is led by Illinois Medical District and includes members from each of our partner hospitals who collaborate to share information and improve internship opportunities for West Side youth. This year, the hospitals transitioned to virtual programming in order to continue offering high-quality, career-focused paid internships to young people. As we continue to track internship participation we will increase our focus on recruiting Black young men and teens.

![2019 Interns](146 interns)

![2020 Interns](148 interns)

**2020 Intern Demographics**

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**02 School-Based Community Hub**

WSU has been working closely with hospitals, nonprofits, and educational experts to design a school-based community hub in Chicago’s West Side. This hub will host and facilitate wraparound services like physical and mental health services, social-emotional learning support, career exposure, teacher supports, and job assistance for parents and families. As the Cluster of Care grantee, Herzl School of Excellence will receive an initial investment of $135,000, which will go toward strategy planning to create the blueprint for the hub and to hire initial staff.

**Cluster of Care Grant Recipient**

A Cluster of Care Hub is needed at Herzl and the North Lawndale Community because first, it’s about equity. Herzl scholars, families, and our community deserve access to affordable to high-quality care and support no matter our zip code. Second, we need it. Approximately, 1200 students are deemed medically non-compliant in North Lawndale … A Cluster of Care hub here at Herzl affords an opportunity for Herzl and West Side United to make a generational change here in North Lawndale.

*Principal Tamara Davis, Herzl School of Excellence*
HEALTH & HEALTHCARE

01 Family Connects

West Side United has partnered with Sinai Urban Health Institute and Sinai Community Institute to create a West Side Regional Community Alignment Board and Process for the Family Connects Chicago Pilot. Family Connects Chicago is a universal post-partum home visiting program that, at scale, will provide a nurse home visit and linkages to longer term supports and services to every Chicago family with a newborn. Some of the organizations that Family Connects has linked Chicagoans to for resources are:

- Share our Spare
- Cradles to Crayons
- Catholic Charities
- Salvation Army
- City of Chicago Community Service Center

Received a virtual family connects nurse visit (July 2020 - January 2021)

02 Best Babies Zone

The East Garfield Park Best Babies Zone (BBZ) seeks to improve neighborhood birth outcomes and create equitable opportunities for families by leveraging community expertise and forging multi-sector partnerships in order to disrupt the determinants of health caused and perpetuated by systemic racism. This effort is co-led by West Side United, Sinai Urban Health Institute, the Chicago Department of Public Health, and Rush University Medical Center. All work and strategic directions are overseen by the BBZ Advisory Team, which is comprised of over 15 residents, community leaders and organizations, and multi-sector partners.

03 Self-Measured Blood Pressure Initiative

Hypertension, a primary driver of heart attack, stroke, end organ damage and death, is prevalent among West Side residents. Some of our WS residents do not have easy access to self-monitor their blood pressure, nor do they know whether they are adequately monitoring their hypertension and communicating that with their primary care providers. We work to enhance collaboration across institutions for hypertension, as well as help hypertensive WS residents to self-measure their blood pressure, and identify and disseminate hypertension management techniques. Through our partnership with American Medical Association and American Heart Association, we have provided 1,000 validated BP devices to our community health care partners, Esperanza, Cook County Health, and Access Community Health Network.

1,000 validated BP devices will be distributed across our 10 West Side Communities.
As we continuously improve our telehealth services, we’ve been focused on making sure care is both equitable and high quality. To accomplish this task, we are expanding access to self-monitoring blood pressure devices and targeting them to our patients who need them most. With blood pressure cuffs at home, care teams and patients will have the information they need to make informed decisions about care, keep patients engaged in care, and generate good health outcomes in a telehealth care delivery model.

Ted Hufstader, Esperanza Health Centers
We will focus on

COVID-19 Vaccine Support

Increasing Community Engagement

School-based Community Hub

- Convening Local Procurement stakeholders to enhance our strategies for investing locally and continue working to make connections between local businesses and procurement needs
- Expanding our “Adopt a Pantry” Program and secure funding to launch a Fruits and Vegetables Voucher Program
- Starting a youth council
- Assessing impact investing opportunities for 2021
- Continuing to increase local hiring by holding a virtual hiring event and expanding the marketing of the hospital partner employment opportunities
- Launching new pathways for Certified Nursing Assistant, Respiratory Therapist, and Health IT roles
- Expanding investment partners

Our Goal

Reduce life expectancy gap by 50% by 2030 between the West Side and The Loop
Our Partners

Our Founding Hospitals

- AMITA Health
- Rush University Medical Center
- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago
- Sinai Health System
- Cook County Health
- University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System

Our Generous Funders

- A Better Chicago
- American Medical Association
- Anonymous Family Foundation
- AT&T
- Chicago Blackhawks Foundation
- Chicago COVID Response Fund
- Chris Redd’s COVID19 Protest Relief Fund
- Clara Lionel Foundation
- Denny and Laurie Thorley
- Edwardson Family Foundation
- Illinois Network of Charter Schools
- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
- JPMorgan Chase Foundation
- Kids First Chicago for Education
- Michael Reese Health Trust
- Molson Coors Beverage Company
- Momentum Fund of United Philanthropy Forum
- Oprah Winfrey Charitable Foundation
- Polk Bros. Foundation
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Start Small Foundation
- The Ballmer Group
- Tito’s Handmade Vodka
- Verizon
01 COVID-19 Response

- AARP Illinois
- Abundant Venture Partners
- ACCESS Community Health
- Advocate Health
- Alivio Medical Center
- American Medical Association
- AMITA Health
- Ann & Robert Lurie Children’s
- Arturo Velázquez Institute-City Colleges of Chicago
- Austin Coming Together
- Chicago Department of Public Health
- Chicago Family Health Center
- Chicago Hispanic Health Coalition
- Chicago Office of the Mayor
- Christian Community health Center
- Civic Consulting Alliance
- County Care
- DePaul University
- Dialysis Patient Citizens
- Enlace
- Erie Family Health
- Forty Acres Fresh Market
- Friend Health
- Gamaliel of Illinois
- Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Illinois Kidney Alliance/Kivvit Chicago
- Latinos Progresando
- Loretto Hospital
- Loyola University
- MAAFA Redemption Project
- Medical Home Network
- Mercy Hospital
- My Block My hood My City
- National Kidney Foundation of Illinois
- North Lawndale Christian Health Center
- Northwestern Medicine
- Northwest Side Housing Center
- Norwegian American Hospital
- NowPow
- PCC Wellness
- Rush University Medical Center
- Sinai Chicago
- Sinai Urban Health Institute
- South Shore Works
- South West Organizing Project
- St. Anthony Hospital
- St. Bernard Hospital
- University of Chicago
- University of Chicago Biological Sciences
- University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)

02 Technical Partners

- Bain & Company
- Boston Consulting Group
- Catholic Charities
- Canon - Canon Solutions America, Inc
- Chicago Access Network Television (CAN TV)
- Civic Consulting Alliance
- Democracy Collaborative
- Erie Family Health Center
- Foxglove Alliance
- Hansra Consulting
- HEAL Initiative
- Homan Square Foundation
- Illinois Medical District
- Loretto Hospital
- Northshore Hospital
- Sinai Urban Health Institute
- Thresholds
- UIC School of Public Health
- University of Chicago Hospital

03 Economic Vitality Partners

- Allies for Community Business
- American Medical Association
- Austin African American Business Networking Association
- Austin Coming Together
- Chicago Anchors for a Strong Economy (CASE)
- Chicago Community Learning Center
- Chicago Community Loan Fund
- Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership
- Chicagoland Healthcare Workforce Collaborative
- City Colleges of Chicago Foundation
- Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection
- Economic Strategies Development Corporation
- IFF
- JP Morgan Chase
- Little Village Chamber of Commerce
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)
- Malcolm X College
- National Able Network
- North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council
- Northern Trust Corporation
- Northwest Side Housing Center
- One Million Degrees
- Skills for Chicagoland’s Future
- Tukiendorf Training Institute
- West Side Forward
- Women’s Business Development Center
- World Business Chicago
Our Partners

04 Education Partners

- A Better Chicago
- Academy of Scholastic Achievement
- Austin College and Career Academy
- Benito Juarez High School
- Catalyst Circle Rock Academy for the Arts
- Chicago Bulls College Prep (Noble)
- Chicago High School for the Arts
- Chicago Hope Academy
- Chicago Public Schools
- Chicago Technology Academy High School
- Christ the King College Prep
- Collins Academy High School
- Communities In Schools
- Community Christian Academy
- Cristo Rey Jesuit High School
- David G. Farragut Career Academy
- Frederick A. Douglass Academy High School
- George Westinghouse College Prep
- Hanra Consulting
- Herzl School of Excellence
- Illinois Center for Rehabilitation & Education
- Illinois Medical District
- Illinois Student Assistance Commission
- Infinity Math Science and Technology High School
- Innovare
- Instituto Health Science Career Academy High School
- ITW David Speer Academy
- John Marshall Metropolitan High School
- Josephinum Academy
- Kelvyn Park High School
- Kids First Chicago
- Legal Prep Charter Academy
- Little Village Lawndale/Infinity
- Malcolm X College
- Manley Career Academy High School
- Michele Clark Academic Prep Magnet High School
- Nicholas Senn High School
- Noble DRW College Prep
- Noble Street College Prep
- North Grand High School
- North Lawndale College Prep - Christiana
- North Lawndale College Prep - Collins
- Ocean-HP Office of Community Engagement and Neighborhood Partnerships
- Ombudsman Chicago West
- Orr Academy
- Our Lady of Tepeyac High School
- Phoenix Military Academy High School
- Pritzker College Prep High School
- Prosser Career Academy
- Providence St. Mel
- Raby High School
- Rauner College Prep
- Richard T. Crane High School
- Roberto Clemente Community Academy High School
- Rowe Clark
- Simpson Academy
- Social Justice High School
- St. Ignatius College Prep High School
- Thrive Chicago
- UCAN
- UIC College Prep
- Whitney M Young High School
- Windy City Dolphins
- World Language High School
- YCCS-Austin Career Education Center HS
- YCCS-CCA Academy HS

05 Neighborhood & Physical Env. Partners

- Alliance for Health Equity
- Beyond Hunger
- Chicago Department of Public Health
- Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children
- European American Association
- Forty Acres Fresh Market
- Garfield Park Community Council
- Garfield Park Wellness Collaborative
- Greater Chicago Food Depository
- Harmony Community Church Pantry
- Hope Community Church
- Iglesia Evangelica Emmanuel
- La Casa Norte
- New Life Centers of Chicagoland
- New Mount Pilgrim Church
- Marillac House
- Marshall Square Resource Network
- Midwest Independent Retailers Association
- New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church
- North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council Wellness Committee
- Pilsen Food Pantry
- Santa Maria Addolorata Church
- The Salvation Army Chicago Temple
- Top Box Foods
- Windy City Harvest
- Vouchers 4 Veggies

06 Healthcare Partners

- ACCESS Community Health Network
- American Heart Association
- American Medical Association
- Best Babies Zone
- Cook County Health
- City of Chicago
- Esperanza
- Garfield Park Wellness Collaborative
- Garfield Park Community Council
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- Willie Wilson Foundation

07 Interns & Fellows

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ADLER INTERN
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Our Grantees

1 Live Healthy Chicago
- Garfield Park Community Council
- By The Hand Club For Kids
- Northwestern Settlement
- New Community Outreach
- YogaCare
- The Resurrection Project
- United For Better Living
- Inspiration Corporation
- Ladies of Virtue
- Arthur Lockhart Resource Institute
- Westside Health Authority
- House of Hugazz Loving Home Day Care
- Peer Plus Education and Training Advocates
- Project Vida Inc
- I Grow Chicago
- Hope Center Foundation
- Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly
- LIFT-Chicago
- Thresholds
- Peace Fellows Mutual Aid Collaborative
- New Moms, Inc.
- CommunityHealth
- Little Village Community Foundation Corp.
- Apna Ghar, Inc. (Our Home)
- Family Christian Health Center
- Catholic Charities - Domestic Violence Services
- Urban Growers Collective
- The Firehouse Community Arts Center
- Mercy Home for Boys & Girls
- Aunt Martha’s
- Healthy Hood
- Universidad Popular
- Un Nuevo Despertar
- New Life Centers of Chicagoland

2 Emergency Pantry Micro-grant
- Beyond Hunger
- Iglesia Evangelica Emmanuel
- Marillac St. Vincent Family Services
- European American Association
- La Casa Norte
- The Salvation Army Chicago Temple Corps
- Harmony Community Church Food Pantry
- Pilsen Food Pantry
- New Life Centers of Chicagoland
- New Mount Pilgrim Church / MAAPA
- Redemption Project
- Santa Maria Addolorata Church
- Hope Community Church

3 Non-profit Grant
- Children’s Home & Aid
- New Moms, Inc.
- Bethel New Life Foundation, dba West Side Forward
- Chicago Botanic Garden/ Farm on Ogden
- United For Better Living, Inc.
- North Lawndale Employment Network
- Project Exploration
- Erie Neighborhood House
- Garfield Park Community Council

4 Small Business Grant 2019
- The Lighthouse Cafe LLC
- Amazing Edibles
- Strickland Brothers Bbq & Jerk
- Saluedo Press Inc
- FiIT CITY
- The Corner Store Deli
- Metaphrasis Language and Cultural Solutions, LLC
- Coleman’s barbecue 2
- It Takes A Village
- DermaPhilia
- All The Details Cleaning
- Rose and Jaad Construction Inc
- Chefs on the GoGo LLC
- Madison Ethos, Inc.
- BLK Building Solutions LLC
- DLV Printing Service, Inc.
- Thomas Mechanical Corporation
- A Taste of Nostalgia
- Smooth and Social Roots
- LiveEquipped LLC
- Back of the Yards Coffee LLC, DBA Pilsen Coffeehouse
- 6978 Soul Food
- US Veterans Security, LLC
- Worthy One Designs
- La Chilangueda
- Terra Bites
- Ad Hoc Property Services, LLC
- McCanna Videography
- Twenty Eleven Construction Inc.

5 Small Business Grant 2020
- D’s Air & Heating, Inc.
- Sneaker geek
- L. May Creations
- Wyn Win Communications, Inc.
- Juan & Only, LLC
- Tommy’s Westside Foodmart
- Elevate Services, Inc.
- Bloom Floral Designs Inc
- La Flor De Jalisco Inc.
- TheJumperStore.com
- Two Sisters Catering
- CleverPil
- Taylor’s Tacos
- Art West LLC
- Shoreline Medical Equipment LLC
- Lainie’s Bake Shop LLC
- Lolita Productions LLC
- Dazzle N Style LLC
- Black Diamond Consulting Inc, DBA
- Chicago Signs and Screen Printing
- Chocolat Uzma LLC
- Granja & Sons Printing
- Leavitt Laundry, LLC
- The Print Lounge Inc.
- Classic Cobbler
- Westside Transformation Corp.
- PupStars Pet Care
- Elect Logistics LLC
- Boyce Enterprise, LLC
- The Goodie Shop
- Safe Passage Transit
- My 15 World
- Tidy Up Experts LLC
- Trini’s Tasty Pastries
- CTRL Kitchen
- Dee Jeff Media, LLC
- Pest Pro’s Unlimited, LLC
- Good Life Media Productions
- Amaranta Kitchen
- Ciclo Urbano (at West Town Bikes)
It is with great sadness that we share that Keith Freeman, one of our Community Advisory Council members and advocates, has passed away.

Keith was a strong champion for health equity across the West Side and was an active member of our local hiring work. He was a great advocate for Chicagans experiencing homelessness through his work as Senior Community Organizer at Chicago Coalition for the Homeless. We were lucky to have him as part of the WSU family.

Rest in power, you will always be remembered.