



# WOODLAWN COMMUNITY SUMMIT

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1Woodlawn, Northeast Quadrant	Laboring with our neighbors to make Woodlawn a Community of Choice	Debra Adams Northeast Quadrant Leader 708-305-6536 <a href="mailto:debrabuffington_adams@yahoo.com">debrabuffington_adams@yahoo.com</a>	Information dissemination, education on housing, property taxes, neighborhood projects
AKArama Foundation, Inc.	AKArama Foundation Inc., is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) foundation established in 1981 as a separate entity by Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority® Inc.  AKArama Foundation Inc. provides academic, financial, health and other resources to strengthen African American families in and around the Woodlawn community.	Elaine Singh/Veletta Bell Dir of Corp & Community Relations/President 708-306-5215 or 773-315-0302 <a href="mailto:esingh3701@aol.com">esingh3701@aol.com</a> <a href="mailto:veletta.l.bell@gmail.com">veletta.l.bell@gmail.com</a>	Since February 2007, the AKArama Foundation Inc., has operated a state-of-the-art community service center located at 6220 S. Ingleside Ave in Chicago's Woodlawn community. The Center provides educational, cultural, and socioeconomic development services for residents of Woodlawn and surrounding communities with scholarships, health and wellness workshops, financial literacy, cultural literacy, global assistance, partnerships and collaborations.
AKARAMA FOUNDATION, INC.	501c3 not for profit arm of Theta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc that provides programs that assist and educate the Woodlawn and surrounding communities of Chicago	Kimberly Jackson DIVERSITY & INCLUSION Programs Manager 708-310-5468 <a href="mailto:kbjacks@comcast.net">kbjacks@comcast.net</a>	Voter Registration, HBCU support and scholarship programs, Women's health and Wellness, economic development, and support of the Arts.
Alderman Leslie A. Hairston	Alderman Leslie A. Hairston is the City Councilwoman for the Fifth Ward in the City of Chicago.	Kimberly A. Webb Chief of Staff 773-325-5555 x102 <a href="mailto:kimberly.webb@cityofchicago.org">kimberly.webb@cityofchicago.org</a>	Alderman Hairston's Fifth Ward Service Office provides the ultimate resource for city services: Promoting City Legislation Benefiting our Community, Streets and Sanitation, Water and Sewer Work, Infrastructure Improvements, Working with CAPS and the Police Commanders, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Park District, etc.
Chicago Center for Youth Violence Prevention at the Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy and Practice	The Center is partnering with Bright Star Community Outreach to convene over 40 community-based organizations and 30 schools to support the implementation, evaluation, coalition functioning, and capacity building of partners convened to execute the Bronzeville Community Action Plan. The Community Action has four pillars: 1) Mental Health/Trauma-informed care, 2) Education equity, 3) Workforce Development, 4) High Quality Programs for families and youth.	Franklin N Cosey-Gay Executive Director 773-834-1803 <a href="mailto:fgay@uchicago.edu">fgay@uchicago.edu</a>	Supporting capacity building of community-based organizations and coalitions (i.e., implementation and evaluation, securing grant funding, data collection, understanding public data, supporting social justice and equity programming).  Their Community Action Plan outlines a community profile from research, evidence, and identifies evidence-based programs to be implemented in order to fill gaps, address risk and protective factors, and ultimately decrease rates of violence in the Greater Bronzeville Community.



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Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council	<p>ChicagoMSDC is one of 23 affiliates of the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC), a nonprofit corporate membership organization that advances business opportunities for its certified Asian, Black, Hispanic and Native American business enterprises and connects them to its corporate members.</p> <p>For the minority entrepreneur, ChicagoMSDC's programs and resources are avenues for increasing sales to private- and public-sector buying organizations. For the buyer, ChicagoMSDC serves as a credible resource for locating qualified minority suppliers. To both the entrepreneur and the buyer, ChicagoMSDC is the central network where supplier diversity lives and business alliances flourish.</p>	<p>J. Vincent Williams President and CEO 312-755-8880 <a href="mailto:vwilliams@chicagomsgdc.org">vwilliams@chicagomsgdc.org</a> <a href="mailto:info@chicagomsgdc.org">info@chicagomsgdc.org</a></p>	<p>The Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council (ChicagoMSDC) is an exciting organization focused on building strategic alliances between our buying members and our certified minority business enterprises (MBEs). Your annual certification includes several benefits:</p> <p>National Database Inclusion Minority-owned suppliers are listed in the national MSDC database of suppliers accessible by all corporate members. +Networking Events +Chicago Business Opportunity Fair - CBOF Reduced fees to attend CBOF +ChicagoMSDC Magazine The Council's private magazine for supplier diversity news featuring minority businesses and major purchasers. +MBE-to-MBE Exchange Certified MBEs receive FREE access to a full day of insights, discussion and opportunities to collaborate, buy, and/or sell with fellow MBEs in greater Chicagoland area. &gt;&gt; +Match Making Qualified, certified MBEs are invited to various corporate 1-on-1 matching events and exclusive corporate matching programs each year. +Reciprocal Certification Agreements</p>
Exquisite 501	Your newest Woodlawn Dining Destination Serving Locally Roasted Coffee, Fabulous Breakfast, Hearty & Healthy Lunch and Reservation Only Pop Up Dinners	<p>Tiffany Williams Owner 773-234-2889 <a href="mailto:exquisitecateringevents@gmail.com">exquisitecateringevents@gmail.com</a></p>	Event Space Rental, Private Brunches & Dinners, Full-Service Catering, Bar Service
Family Rescue	Domestic violence victim services agency	<p>Tessa Kuipers Site Coordinator- Legal Advocacy Program 312-747-5493 <a href="mailto:t.kuipers@familyrescueinc.org">t.kuipers@familyrescueinc.org</a></p>	For survivors of domestic violence and their children. We provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, individual and group counseling, and legal advocacy. All services are free and confidential.
Friend Health	Federally Qualified Health Center	<p>Conrad Gilbert Outreach Program Manager 312-863-0660 <a href="mailto:cgilbert@peds.bsd.uchicago.edu">cgilbert@peds.bsd.uchicago.edu</a></p>	Full-Service Health Clinic: Serving Adult, Adolescent and Pediatrics patients. Over 16 primary and other health related services such as but not limited to: Adult Medicine, Behavioral Health (Psychiatry-Substance Use Disorders), Dentistry, Social Services, Health Insurance Enrollment, Nutrition Services and WIC.



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Gentleman's Closet	Gentleman's Closet provides free suits and dress clothing for men who are unemployed or underemployed.	Terrance Miller Pastor 312-513-9660 <a href="mailto:terrance_miller@sbcglobal.net">terrance_miller@sbcglobal.net</a>	We help men Dress For Success. Free suits and mentoring support services.
HelloBaby	Free of charge drop in play space for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers	Debbie Frisch Founder and Executive Director 773-280-5613 <a href="mailto:Debbie@hellobabychgo.org">Debbie@hellobabychgo.org</a>	Play program plus diapers, wipes, books, clothing giveaways
Love Global Media	Social Media Marketing	Senabella Gill President 773-829-7630 <a href="mailto:Loveglobalmedia@gmail.com">Loveglobalmedia@gmail.com</a>	Social media expansion on platforms that elevate brand awareness, advertising, digital profiles, and communication to and from brand to strengthen real-time conversions needed for projects, social sharing, brand objectives and presence. LGM also provides digital advertising buys where clients are more broadly recognized on internet platforms in a more rapid time frame.
MetroSquash NFP	Our mission is "For Chicago youth who desire and deserve more, MetroSquash combines academic support, competitive squash, and enrichment to empower students to realize their potential and make their mark."	Mary Sillah Facility and Community Affairs Director 773-544-6326 <a href="mailto:mary@metrosquash.org">mary@metrosquash.org</a>	MetroSquash is an out-of-school time academic and athletic program, for students in 5th grade through to college. We teach students how to play the racquet sport of squash.  Academic support and enrichment, fitness and athletic sessions, squash tournament travel opportunities, community service activities, and college and career readiness support
Network of Woodlawn (NOW)	N.O.W. is a nonprofit organization focused on revitalization and generation of self-sustaining community-based opportunities for Woodlawn residents.	Duwain Bailey Director 872-222-9335 <a href="mailto:duwainb@ncpwoodlawn.org">duwainb@ncpwoodlawn.org</a>	Focus on developing community economic development strategies that is fair to all residents and businesses of Woodlawn. Work with strategic partners on fair housing initiatives for all income levels, and the efficient delivery of social services.
One On One	One On One is a workforce development organization located in South West Woodlawn. We directly support jobseekers by working one-on-one with them through the process of finding and securing employment. As passionate advocates for individuals and families, we believe that meaningful employment can be a life-altering experience.	Jordan Anderson Senior Director of Operations 773-357-6544 <a href="mailto:janderson@oneononechicago.com">janderson@oneononechicago.com</a>	Employment-Coaching, Resume Writing, Cover Letter Drafting, Interview Prep, Vocational Training, Resource-Referrals  Our unique approach prioritizes an individual's dynamic needs, with Advocates regularly collaborating to create resumes, find and apply to open jobs, and prepare for upcoming interviews. One On One's highly-personalized and adaptable approach allows individualized support, encouragement, and affirmation of each person with whom we work, catalyzing individual, workplace, and community transformation.



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Preservation of Affordable Housing Communities	Affordable housing owners/developers and property management companies.	Scarlette Jones 773-717-8695 <a href="mailto:sjones@poahcommunities.com">sjones@poahcommunities.com</a>	Affordable rental/community resource center/Financial opportunity center (employment/financial and income support services).
Red Clay Dance Company	<p>Red Clay Dance Company awakens “glocal” change through creating, performing, and teaching dances of the African Diaspora. We transform cultural and socio-economic inequities in our local and global community and share stories we know to be true about who we are as a people.</p> <p>Through this work, we amplify voices of the African Diaspora, seek remuneration equity for artists, support Black women and create accessible excellence.</p> <p>We are Artivism in Motion.</p>	Vershawn Sanders-Ward Artistic Director & CEO 773- 624-8411 <a href="mailto:info@redclaydance.com">info@redclaydance.com</a>	<p>Red Clay Dance professional touring company performances.</p> <p>Red Clay Dance Academy professional dance instruction for youth and adults.</p> <p>Our Community, Engagement, Education, Partnerships (CEEP) program provides accessible excellence in dance education to schools/community groups.</p> <p>Our Community, Engagement, Education, Partnerships (CEEP) program provides accessible excellence in dance education to schools/community groups, and serves more than five hundred students throughout Chicago.</p> <p>We are a welcoming home for professional and pre-professional dancers, dance-lovers, and other artists to convene, create, and collaborate together.</p>
Salaam Community Wellness Center	Health and wellness center providing an unique innovative, integrative model of healthcare.	Constance Shabazz CEO/Founder 773-330-4115 <a href="mailto:cshabazz2@yahoo.com">cshabazz2@yahoo.com</a>	Primary care, addiction treatment, mental health, nutrition, community garden, social services
South East Chicago Commission (SECC)	SECC is a regional community and economic developing organization working to improve the quality of life amongst the southeast lakefront communities, local businesses, partners and beyond! Contact us to get involved!	Diane Burnham 773-324-6926 <a href="mailto:info@secc-chicago.org">info@secc-chicago.org</a>	<p>*SECC's Neighborhood Business Development Center provides free consultations, referrals to city services, grants and Shop Local/Small Business Saturday campaigns to promoting spending local</p> <p>*The SECC Regional and Economic Development Symposium convenes entrepreneurs, business executives, property owners, investors, financial institutions, policy leaders and practitioners as a diverse, cross-sector community committed to economic vitality.</p> <p>*Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program provides micro grants to neighborhood groups for beautification projects.</p> <p>*Equitable Investment in the Arts Seed Grant provides education and support to Creative Entrepreneurs and Artists.</p> <p>*Program support for the Woodlawn Community Summit</p> <p>* Young Professional Advisory Council (YPAC) Networking for Young Professionals</p>



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Sunshine Gospel Ministries	Sunshine Gospel Ministries' mission is to seek renewal of the city, through ministries of discipleship, mercy, and justice. We seek to engage and empower youth, families and guests of our community, to thrive and lead fruitful, healthy lives through faith, connectedness and opportunity.	Kimberly Salley Executive Director 773-904-9800 Ext 102 <a href="mailto:Kimberly@sunshinegospel.org">Kimberly@sunshinegospel.org</a>	Youth Outreach: Seeks to serve elementary, middle, and high school ages. Familyhood: Works to equip parents, teachers, youth workers, and other adults to aid children in becoming healthy, caring, and responsible citizens. . Flourishing Community Initiative core services: Gun violence immediate trauma intervention in the ER setting Case management of victims and their families after release from hospital or criminal system Coalition building among community, violence intervention partners, hospital-based institutions and the Chicago Police Department (CPD) of the Third District
tD2R, LLC	Promoting financial awareness	Nancy Smith CEO 312-731-2757 <a href="mailto:Turndreams2realities@gmail.com">Turndreams2realities@gmail.com</a>	Financial services
The First Presbyterian Church of Chicago	Religious Organization, Community Center, Mutual Aid	Rev. David Black Senior Pastor 773-363-0505 <a href="mailto:rev.davidblack@gmail.com">rev.davidblack@gmail.com</a>	Free groceries, religious services, weddings, funerals, gardening, classes and workshops (offerings vary), advocacy, community organizing, arts
University of Chicago Police Department	CALEA-accredited police department serving the University of Chicago and surrounding areas from 37th -64th Street, Cottage Grove-Lake Shore Drive	Janelle Marcellis Commander 773-834-6864 <a href="mailto:jmarcellis@uchicago.edu">jmarcellis@uchicago.edu</a>	In addition to providing full policing duties, the UCPD provides safety escorts, self-defense classes, motorist assistance, fingerprinting, bike and laptop registrations, security for special events and safety presentations. UCPD works with community youth through the UCPD Police Athletics/Activities League (PAL) and Explorer Programs.
WeAreWoodlawn	We Are Woodlawn was formed in 2019 for the purpose of encouraging collaboration and partnerships among the businesses and organizations in the Woodlawn Community, with the goal of sharing resources as an effort to strengthen the community and provide greater support to the residents and businesses and a wider reach of services. Members include representatives from businesses and organizations that serve the Woodlawn Community.	Elaine Singh & Terrance Miller Organizers 708-306-5215 or 312-513-9660 <a href="mailto:wearewoodlawn2@gmail.com">wearewoodlawn2@gmail.com</a>	Networking, Mentoring, Community Engagement



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Woodlawn Restorative Justice Hub, Inc.	Woodlawn Restorative Justice Hub, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation ("WRJH"), to engage young people most impacted by violence through restorative justice, economic empowerment, and civic engagement that supports ongoing successful advocacy lead by young people. WRJH leverages relationships with gang-affiliated, high-risk youth from conflicting gang territories to interrupt their violent behavior and engage them in long-term leadership development, prevention, and peacebuilding.	Catherine Jackson Executive Director 773-766-3314 <a href="mailto:catherine@woodlawnrj.org">catherine@woodlawnrj.org</a>	Young Leaders for Peace Program (YLP) The program curriculum includes: Restorative Justice – a one week RJ peace circle training followed by one weekly circle Civic Engagement – a one-week organizing training followed by regular activities. Job Training – two weeks of resume building, soft skills and on the job training experience. Cultural learning (Ubuntu) – a one -week cultural learning program, youth field trips and other cultural experiences. Mentorship – All youth will be assigned a mentor (ratio of 2:1).

If you would like to share a resource for Woodlawn and surrounding areas in future publications, please contact Jawanda Hairston via email, [jawandahairston@gmail.com](mailto:jawandahairston@gmail.com), to request a form.