

## goodcitynews:

THE CHICAGO COMMUNITY TRUST FUNDS GOODCITY'S LATINO INITIATIVE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THIS GROWING POPULATION • CAROLYN WALKER, RN OPENS ALABASTER BOX FOR WOMEN RECOVERING FROM HOMELESSNESS AND ADDICTIONS • F.O.C.U.S. YOUTH'S TRIPS TO NAVY PIER ATTRACT OVER 225 PARENTS AND CHILDREN • THE ROGERS PARK IDA AND FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM GRADUATES 30 MORE PARTICIPANTS • SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT STARTS A FOOD PANTRY AND GED PROGRAM • ECOVIDA RECEIVES \$30,000 TO PURCHASE LAND IN PILSEN FOR URBAN GARDENS • GOODCITY CONVENES LOCAL CHURCHES NEAR ROCKWELL GARDENS TO PARTNER WITH RESIDENTS TRANSITIONING OUT OF PUBLIC HOUSING



# The mission of Goodcity is to support God's plan for justice in the holistic transformation of the Chicago Area's impoverished communities by engaging neighborhood, religious, business and civic leaders.

At an Interfaith Youth Core event, "Inspired to Act," Christian, Muslim, and Jewish young people pack cookies to be distributed to Chicago's homeless through The Night Ministry.



Alabaster Box opened its doors in North Lawndale this fall to help restore the lives of women overcoming domestic violence, drug and alcohol addiction, homelessness, and incarceration.



*stranger and you invited me in... It's from the New Testament, I mean, the Bible. Jesus is talking about how people should treat each other and how they should know that whatever they do to each other they are really doing to Him too."*

—Fifteen-year-old Christian

## Community Programs YOUTH INSPIRED TO ACT TOGETHER IN FAITH

*Muslim, Christian, Jewish, and Hindu teenagers share stories of hospitality.*

The Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC) brings together young people from diverse faith backgrounds to reflect on the teachings in their traditions that inspire social action, to share these teachings with one another, and to act on their shared values. A typical exchange heard among young people in the IFYC:

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a*

*"I am an Ismaili Muslim. The Aga Khan, who is the spiritual leader of all Ismailis has set up many organizations that aid refugees and immigrants. My religion has taught me that we are all equal in the eyes of God, that we are all brothers and sisters. Therefore, we should treat immigrants and refugees as our brothers and sisters and help them to the best of our ability."*

—Sixteen-year-old Muslim

*"In Exodus, it talks about how we should love strangers as ourselves. The thing is that we, the Jews, were 'strangers' when we were slaves in Egypt so we know that we should treat strangers the way that our ancestors wanted the Egyptians to treat them."* -Sixteen-year-old Jew

Initiated in 1998 by a group of young people that included Executive Director, Dr. Eboo Patel, the IFYC is a youth-led, international organization with a network of young people from diverse faith traditions extending around the world. They are building a model youth program in Chicago and have run programs on several continents, most notably The Next Generation at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Cape Town, South Africa and an interfaith Habitat for Humanity project in Hyderabad, India.

The Ford Foundation, the Woods Fund of Chicago, Lifebridge Foundation and the Chicago Community Trust affirm the timeliness of IFYC's mission by providing funding.

Bright Determined Children enriches the lives of inner-city youth throughout the East Garfield area by offering academic and sports programs to help kids lead successful lives.



Latino Initiatives Director Jacob Perez is teaching financial literacy classes and other Goodcity workshops in Spanish to reach out to Chicago's growing Latino community.



### *Community Economic Development*

#### **AUSTIN CHILDCARE PROVIDERS TO START IDA PROGRAM**

Household International recently provided \$50,000 in start-up funds to launch a financial literacy and Individual Development Account program for home-based child care providers involved in the Austin Childcare Providers Network (ACPN). The goal of this collaboration between Goodcity, ACPN, Household, and others is to open another path to economic independence for women who are already operating a licensed, home-based child care business.

"I want to get my own place. I think I can save \$200 a month," says one of the participants, a widow with grown children operating a home-based child care business, licensed to serve eight children, from her rented apartment in Austin. She is a high school graduate

who worked in shipping and receiving until the business closed. "I want to learn more about how to invest and get ahead."

The current 60 members of ACPN are pursuing other pathways as well. Some are working toward their GED and 52 have completed six college credit courses in child development that they need for certification.

"This project attracted our support because of its self-help ethic and support for child care providers," said Donna Funk, Household director of employee and philanthropic services. "Household has a long history of support for child care programs and women's issues and has been chosen as one of the "100 Best Companies for Working Mothers" by Working Mother magazine."

Ruth Kimble, a licensed childcare provider, founded the Austin Childcare

Provider's Network in 1998. It is in its third year of incubation with Goodcity. It is supported by its dues-paying members and a grant from the Self-Development of People Committee of the Chicago Presbytery. The Network hopes to expand fundraising to cover scholarships for continuing college classes in child development, a lending library of child care supplies and start-up kits for new members just starting their businesses.

Goodcity provides fiscal sponsorship and capacity building through workshops and one-on-one support to ACPN, IFYC and dozens of other community programs throughout Chicago. We also coordinate Individual Development Accounts and financial education classes in five Chicago communities. For more information on our history, mission, values, and all of our programs, visit [www.goodcitychicago.org](http://www.goodcitychicago.org).

Goodcity is dedicated to building better communities by empowering residents to effectively address local needs. Community residents know what needs are most important to them.

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# fiscal year 2002 report:

As you read this report, you will see the growth of Goodcity over the past year. Seeds of hope have produced more donors and more beneficiaries. As Jesus says in Luke 13:19, "The seed has grown and become like a small tree so that the birds of the air shelter in its branches." Through our various programs, we are giving plenty of shelter in our many branches.

We have moved back to 5049 W. Harrison. We are growing in the Latino Community through our Latino Initiative funded by the Chicago Community Trust. We are planting seeds of hope in Rockwell Gardens through pairing up residents with local churches. Our seeds of hope are multiplying and producing great fruit thanks to your support.

In Christ,



Michael T. Ivers

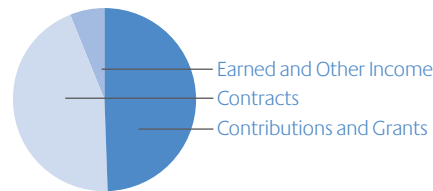
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Contributions and Grants	\$830,717.00	49%
Contracts	\$750,978.00	45%
Earned and Other Income	\$94,601.00	6%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,676,296.00</b>	<b>100%</b>



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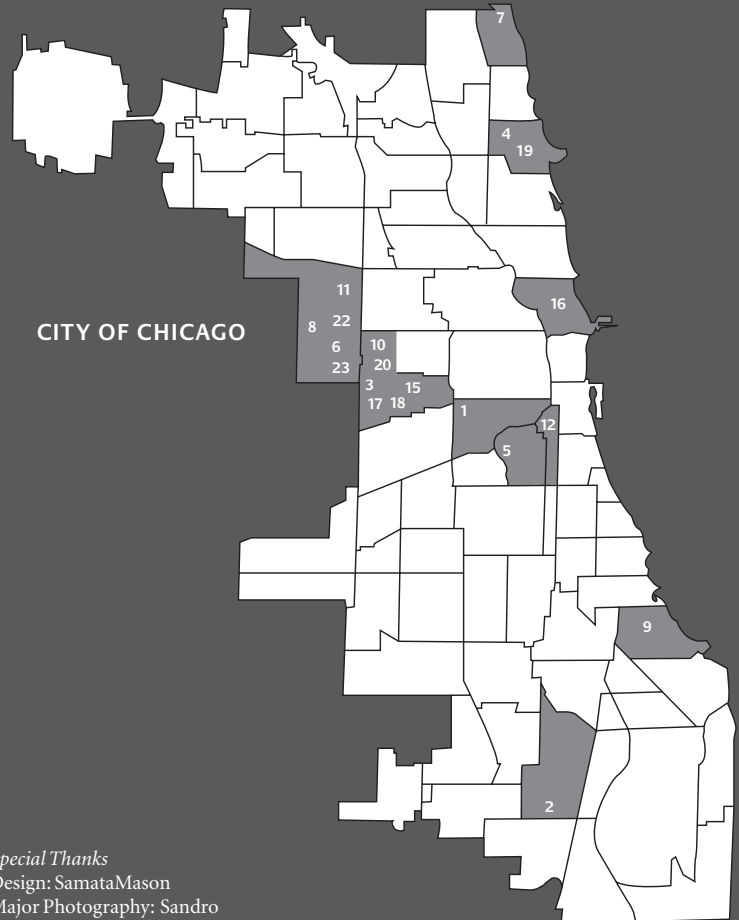
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