

Message Of Condolence And Appreciation



On behalf of the entire TEECH organization, we extend our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to our Medical Director, Dr. Massie Green, on the passing of her beloved husband, Dr. Andrew Green

Dr. Green's life and work touched many, and his loss is felt profoundly by all who knew him. As a dedicated and accomplished physician, he stood as part of the enduring legacy of Black medical professionals whose commitment to healing, advocacy, and excellence has helped advance equity and trust in healthcare for generations. His work reflected not only medical skill, but a deep sense of responsibility to serve with compassion, dignity, and purpose.

During this time of sorrow, we also pause to recognize the extraordinary leadership of Dr. Massie Green. Throughout her service to TEECH, she has exemplified the very values that define our mission—excellence in care, unwavering advocacy for participants, and leadership grounded in integrity and empathy. Her contributions have strengthened our organization and continue to inspire colleagues and communities alike.

As we honor Dr. Andrew Green's life, we acknowledge the shared legacy of service that he and Dr. Green represent—one rooted in perseverance, dedication, and the ongoing history of Black excellence in medicine.

We hold Dr. Green and her family in our thoughts and prayers, and we stand with her in solidarity, gratitude, and support. May she find comfort in the love of family, friends, and colleagues, and in the lasting legacy of care, leadership, and compassion that Dr. Andrew Green leaves behind.

With deepest sympathy,
The TEECH Foundation



Black History Month: Rising To Unforeseen Heights

Each February, Black History Month invites us to honor the strength, brilliance, and resilience of African Americans whose contributions have shaped—and continue to shape—our nation. It is a time not only to reflect on the past, but to celebrate progress, recognize present-day leadership, and recommit to building a more just and inclusive future.

African American history is rooted in perseverance. From the earliest days of enslavement, Black communities preserved culture, faith, and family while resisting oppression. These foundations fueled abolition, Reconstruction, and the long struggle for civil rights—proving that even under the harshest conditions, hope and determination can lead to transformation.

Throughout history, African Americans have risen to unforeseen heights, breaking barriers across every sector of society. In science and technology, Black innovators have advanced medicine, engineering, and space exploration, reshaping what is possible through discovery and intellect. In government and public service, trailblazers have expanded democracy, challenged unjust laws, and redefined leadership at the highest levels. In business and entrepreneurship, Black visionaries have built enterprises that create jobs, generate wealth, and reinvest in communities that were long denied opportunity.

The arts and culture remain powerful expressions of Black excellence. Through music, literature, film, and visual art, African Americans have influenced global culture—telling authentic stories, challenging narratives, and affirming the dignity of lived experience. In sports and entertainment, Black leaders have not only achieved excellence but have used their platforms to advocate for justice, equity, and social change.

Faith and community institutions have played a central role in this journey. Black churches and grassroots organizations have long served as anchors of hope—supporting education, healing, civic engagement, and recovery. Today, these institutions continue to lead by addressing mental health, substance use, violence prevention, and community wellness through collaboration, training, and compassionate service.

Black History Month also reminds us that progress is collective. The legacy of those who came before us lives on through mentoring, service, and investment in future generations. True celebration goes beyond recognition—it calls us to action. When we support education, promote health equity, strengthen families, and uplift one another, we honor history by shaping a better tomorrow.

As we reflect this February, let us celebrate Black achievement not as isolated milestones, but as part of an ongoing story of courage, innovation, and leadership. Black history is American history—and its future continues to rise, driven by resilience, purpose, and the unwavering belief that greater heights are always within reach.

FSSRI Community Black History Celebration

Harriet Tubman By Ms. Cynthia Maddox



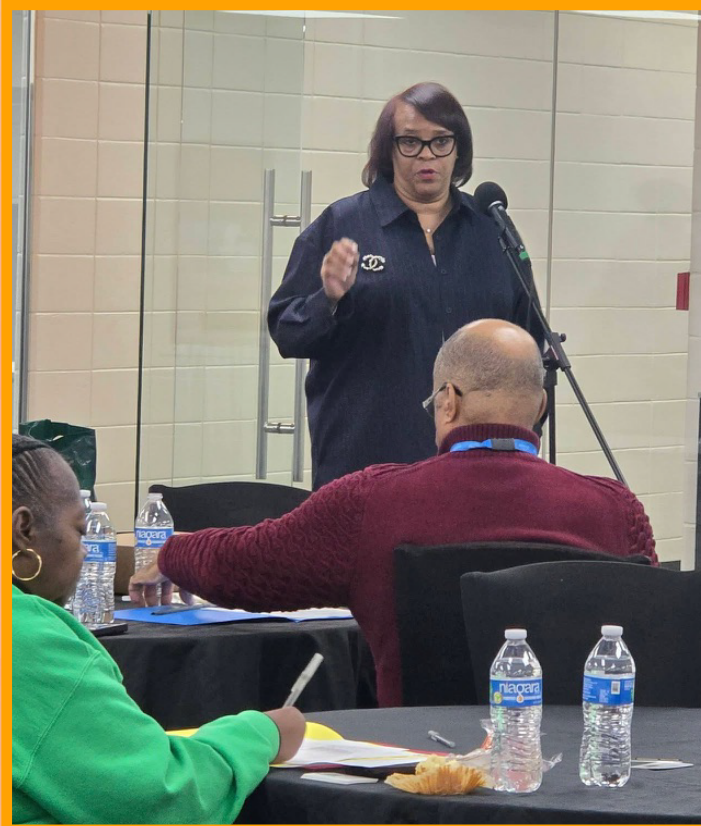
Graduates On The Path Forward

We proudly celebrate our TEECH Graduates, who continue to lead with purpose and resilience.



Community Collaborations

Faith Leaders OUD Symposium



Health And Wellness Fair At Sure Way M.B. Church



Mitigating Overdose Risk Van Continues To Service The Far Southside Of Chiago



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- A supportive network of peers, mentors, and community leaders who are committed to your success.
- The chance to be part of a supportive community and play an active role in shaping our neighborhood's future.

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We can't wait to see you there, working side by side to create a brighter future for all.

Become A Certified Recovery Congregation: Illinois Faith @ Recovery Collaborative Celebrating Recovery Champions:

This month marks an extraordinary milestone! We are proud to celebrate Calvary International Baptist Church on achieving Certified Recovery Congregation status. This is a powerful accomplishment that highlights the growing momentum of the recovery movement within faith communities.

We proudly recognize:

- **Calvary International Baptist Church**

This congregations have taken an important step forward, demonstrating outstanding leadership in promoting community wellness and supporting recovery.

By reaching this milestone, this congregations have made a bold and meaningful commitment to advancing mental health and recovery support. Their efforts affirm the value of multiple pathways to recovery and ensure that individuals and families are met with compassion, dignity, and choice as they navigate their personal journeys toward healing. These churches are doing more than opening their doors—they are creating safe, informed, and stigma-free spaces where recovery can take root, grow, and be sustained.

Faith institutions play a critical role in community health, and in recognition of that role, we continue to offer comprehensive training and technical support to help congregations become Recovery Certified. Through this process, churches are equipped with practical tools, educational resources, and ongoing guidance to connect individuals to recovery services and to build long-term, community-centered support systems. The momentum is undeniable. With many churches across Illinois already certified and even more eager to join, this five-in-one-month achievement reflects a deepening statewide commitment to hope, healing, and recovery.

Congregations that become Certified Recovery Congregations are eligible for additional training opportunities, printed materials and recovery resources, participation in advisory and collaborative groups, local support program development toolkits, and ongoing technical assistance from the Center for Community Engagement. All training and supplies are provided at no cost.

If your congregation is ready to make a lasting difference, we invite you to join this transformative movement. To learn more about free training and resources, please contact Rev. Dr. Karen White at (224) 406-3798 or drkwhite@teechfoundation.net.

Together, we can continue building a strong, compassionate network of faith communities that empower recovery, foster inclusion, and create a brighter, healthier future for all.

What You Should Know

Chicago's Far South Side holds a powerful and often underrecognized place in American history. Home to Pullman—the nation's first planned industrial community—it became a cornerstone of Black labor leadership and economic advancement, particularly through the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the first Black-led union to gain national recognition. Neighborhoods such as Pullman, Roseland, and West Pullman emerged as centers where Black families built stable middle-class lives, producing generations of educators, healthcare professionals, union leaders, and faith leaders who sustained community institutions through decades of change. Today, the Far South Side stands as a symbol of resilience, civic pride, and lasting contribution, representing a vital chapter in Chicago's—and the nation's—Black history.

Empower The Mission: Stand With TEECH And FSSRI

The need in our community continues to grow—and so does our unwavering commitment to serve. To keep our vital programs running and expand our reach, we are calling on you—our community—for urgent support. Your donation is more than a gift; it is an investment in hope, healing, and opportunity for those who rely on our services.

We gratefully accept all forms of support—not just financial gifts, but also donations of goods, services, and time. Whether you contribute funds, essential supplies, professional expertise, or volunteer hours, every act of generosity strengthens our mission and directly benefits those we serve.

Your Gift Makes a Tangible Difference

Because of supporters like you, we're able to:

- Host drives for unhoused individuals, providing essential supplies and support.
- Organize back-to-school drives, ensuring children start the year with confidence.
- Distribute winter coats and warm clothing to families in need.
- Facilitate family reunification events, strengthening community bonds.
- Hold job and health fairs, connecting people with opportunities and resources.
- Offer trainings and technical assistance to empower individuals and organizations.
- Provide ongoing community support, ensuring help is available when needed.
- Launch new initiatives to address emerging needs in our neighborhoods.

Each gift—no matter the size or form—helps us build a stronger, more compassionate community where everyone can flourish.

As we move forward, let's celebrate the impact your support is making and discover new ways to uplift our neighbors and create lasting change. Every contribution—monetary, material, or through service—empowers us to build a community where everyone has the chance to succeed.

How To Give

Online: <http://www.teechfoundation1.org>

Zelle: drkwhite@teechfoundation.net

Mail: TEECH, 1750 W. 103rd St, Chicago, Illinois 60643

If you would like to donate goods, offer services, or volunteer your time, please contact us directly at (224) 406-3798 or visit our website www.teechfoundation1.org for more information on how you can make a difference.



Essential Community Resources: Supporting Our Neighbors Together

Access to reliable information and supportive services is vital for the well-being of our community, especially during times of change and uncertainty. Whether you're seeking health care, legal guidance, emergency assistance, or support, there are trusted resources available to help. Below, you'll find a curated list of organizations and hotlines dedicated to meeting the diverse needs of our community—ensuring everyone has a place to turn for help, hope, and connection.



GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

SNAP Rules Are Changing

Advocacy Toolkit

Requirements for SNAP, our nation's most effective food assistance program, will change significantly on February 1, 2026. Thank you for sharing information and resources with your community. Your voice matters. Together, we can keep our neighbors informed and connected to critical nutrition and grocery benefits.

SHARE THIS INFORMATION BY FEBRUARY 1

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Use the designs and sample captions to share important information regarding the upcoming SNAP changes across your social platforms.



[DOWNLOAD SAMPLE CAPTIONS & GRAPHICS](#)

NEWSLETTERS BULLETINS WEBSITES

Use the designs and sample copy to communicate the upcoming SNAP changes with your community.



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POSTERS | FLYERS | POWERPOINT SLIDES

Use these files to print and distribute materials in your community. Post information to screens or create your own presentations.

[DOWNLOAD FILES](#)

REQUEST A PRESENTATION OR EVENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The Greater Chicago Food Depository will come to your next event or gathering to speak about the new SNAP changes and provide one-on-one support for neighbors.

[COMPLETE THE REQUEST FORM](#)

Together, we are greater. Together, we can end hunger.
Questions? Need more materials? Contact us at publicpolicy@gcfd.org.

OUR MISSION IS TO END HUNGER chicagosfoodbank.org/snap

STATEMENT FROM CDPH

ON HHS' NEW RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CHILDHOOD VACCINATION SCHEDULE

This week, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced it will recommend fewer vaccinations for American children. HHS leadership made this sudden and unilateral decision, ignoring decades of scientific research and bypassing a long-established process for creating US immunizations schedules that protect the health and wellness of millions.

Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) remains committed to evidence-based practices and cannot support these changes by HHS leadership to the United States Childhood Immunization Schedule. CDPH will continue to collaborate and align with Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois Immunization Advisory Committee for data-driven immunization recommendations to keep our children healthy and safe.

Cook County Health Birthday Health Screening Program for Prostate and Breast Cancer

Call to Schedule: **312-864-4289**

For your birthday, give yourself the gift of health!

Cook County Health is proud to offer **free prostate cancer** and **free breast cancer screens to eligible Cook County residents** during the month of their birthday.

How it works:

Residents are encouraged to call ahead to schedule an appointment for the screening to ensure availability during their birthday month.

- Uninsured patients will receive the screening free of charge.
- Insured residents will have their screenings billed to their insurance plan.



Who is eligible:

All residents of Cook County are eligible for screening, regardless of immigration status

Breast Cancer Screening for Women	Prostate Cancer Screening for Men
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age: 40–74• Must not have had a mammogram in the past two years• Includes a healthcare provider consultation, assessment, and necessary follow-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age: 45–69• Must not have had a prostate screening test within the past two years• Includes a healthcare provider consultation, assessment, and necessary follow-up

Some private insurance plans may require a co-pay or co-insurance to be collected. Having trouble paying your bill? Cook County Health can help. Call 866-223-2817.

Why it is important to be screened:

Cancer screenings are important because they help find cancer early, before it causes serious problems. When cancer is found early, it is easier to treat and the chances of getting better are higher. Screenings can find cancer even if a person doesn't feel sick.

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Prioritize your health on your birthday and schedule your appointment today!



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PRESS RELEASE

Giannoulas Warns Illinoisans of Scammers Selling Used Vehicles

Recent Uptick in Wholesale Dealers Defrauding Consumers with Odometer “Rollbacks”

Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulas is warning Illinoisans shopping for a used vehicle to exercise caution and employ best-practices due to a recent rise in fraudulent vehicle purchases across the state.

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Emergency Help & Crisis Support

When safety or stability is at risk, knowing where to turn can make all the difference. The following national and local hotlines offer immediate assistance, advocacy, and confidential support for individuals and families experiencing crisis, violence, or distress. These organizations are staffed by trained professionals who can provide guidance, resources, and a listening ear—24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Emergency Assistance

911 is for life-threatening emergencies (police, fire, medical).

311 is for non-emergency local government services (potholes, trash pickup, noise complaints).

211 is for community and social services (housing, food, mental health, financial aid).



Support & Advocacy

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline — 988 — 24/7 support for suicidal thoughts or emotional distress

National Domestic Violence Hotline — 1-800-799-7233 — Help for domestic violence survivors

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline — 1-800-422-4453 — Crisis intervention and child abuse prevention

The Trevor Project — 1-866-488-7386 — LGBTQ+ youth crisis and suicide prevention

RAINN Sexual Assault Hotline — 1-800-656-4673 — Support for sexual assault survivors

National Runaway Safeline — 1-800-786-2929 — Help for youth at risk of running away or homelessness

HUD Housing Counseling — 1-800-569-4287 — Guidance on housing stability and foreclosure prevention

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Illinois Faith @ Recovery Collaborative
Celebrating Recovery Champions:
Kingdom Connection Ministries International
Achieves Certification!***

We are thrilled to celebrate Kingdom Connection Ministries International for officially becoming a Certified Recovery Congregation! This milestone marks a powerful step forward for the mental health and recovery community, as we now support multiple pathways to recovery—empowering individuals, families, and the broader community to choose their own journey to healing.

Recognizing the vital role that faith communities play, we are excited to offer training for congregations to become Recovery Certified Congregations. This equips churches with the essential tools and resources to support those seeking recovery services. The momentum is growing—numerous churches across Illinois have already earned their certification, and even more are eager to join this transformative movement!

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***Special Eligibilities: Certified Recovery
Congregations Qualify For***

- Additional training opportunities
- Printed materials and resources
- Engagement in advisory and collaborative groups
- Local support program development toolkits
- Technical assistance and support from the Center for Community Engagement



Join us in making a positive impact and empowering our community! By becoming a Certified Recovery Congregation, you will play a crucial role in supporting individuals on their recovery journey, providing them with the resources and encouragement they need to succeed. Your involvement will help create a more inclusive and supportive environment for everyone, fostering a sense of unity and collective progress. Together, we can make a lasting difference and build a brighter future for all.

You Are Not Alone—help And Hope Are

Always Within Reach

Struggling with substance use can feel overwhelming, but no one must face it alone. The Illinois Helpline for Opioids and Other Substances is a lifeline for anyone seeking support, guidance, or resources. This service is available every hour of every day—call 833-FINDHELP (833-234-6343) or text "HELP" to 833234 for immediate, confidential assistance. Whether you're reaching out for yourself or someone you care about, compassionate experts are ready to listen, connect you to vital resources, and walk with you on your recovery journey. There is no cost, no judgment, and no wrong time to ask for help.

But support doesn't stop there. TEECH is on the front lines, working tirelessly to make our neighborhoods safer and stronger. By installing Narcan machines throughout our communities, TEECH is putting life-saving tools directly into the hands of everyday people—empowering all of us to act quickly in the face of an opioid overdose and save lives. Our commitment goes beyond distribution: we offer free Narcan and hands-on training sessions so that everyone, regardless of background or experience, can be prepared to make a difference.

If you need Narcan or want to become a trained responder, reach out to TEECH at (224) 406-3798. All training and supplies are provided at no cost. Together, we are building a network of hope, resilience, and action—one that ensures no one in our community is left behind.

Let's stand together, support one another, and create a future where recovery is always possible and help is always here. Ended the year with life-saving training – Narcan with CPR.



Call To Action: Act Now To Make

A Difference Together

Every day, overdoses, addiction, recidivism, and mental health challenges touch the lives of individuals and families across our community. These are not distant issues—they are urgent realities that demand our collective strength, compassion, and action. Now is the time for us to unite, to break the silence, and to stand shoulder to shoulder in support of those who are struggling. When we come together as a community, we create a powerful network of hope and resilience. By collaborating—whether through volunteering, attending training sessions, spreading awareness, or simply offering a listening ear—we ensure that no one must face these challenges alone. Every act of kindness, every moment of support, and every shared resource brings us closer to a future where everyone can thrive. Your involvement is not just valuable—it is essential. Each person who steps forward helps build a stronger, more resilient community. Whether you have lived experience, professional expertise, or simply a caring heart, your contribution matters. Reach out, get involved, and be part of the change. Together, we can save lives, uplift our neighbors, and empower our community to overcome even the toughest obstacles. Let's work hand in hand to build a legacy of hope, healing, and opportunity. The time to act is now—join us, and let's make a lasting impact, together.

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