



IT'S HAPPENING

2022-2023 IMPACT REPORT









Love Your School 22-23 Initiative:

- 76 Schools Adopted
- 100+ Parents Trained
- 3,000+ Students Impacted
- **30+** Churches Adopted Schools
- 11 Chicago School Managers Trained (who serve 600+ schools)
- \$102,500 Donated From Foundations and Families

We strategically partnered with **over 20 organizations** to enhance the culture of Chicago schools - especially on the Southside and Westside.

"Participating in the Together Chicago panel energized me. The collaboration I saw between school leaders, faith-based organizations, and other community partners made me feel confident that our students will be able to reach their full potential through support both from CPS and their broader communities. I am excited to see the Together Chicago pilot sites expand to ensure that more students, especially on the South and West Sides, receive the mentorship and guidance they need to excel academically and develop into the future leaders of our city."

Pedro MartinezCEO of Chicago Public Schools





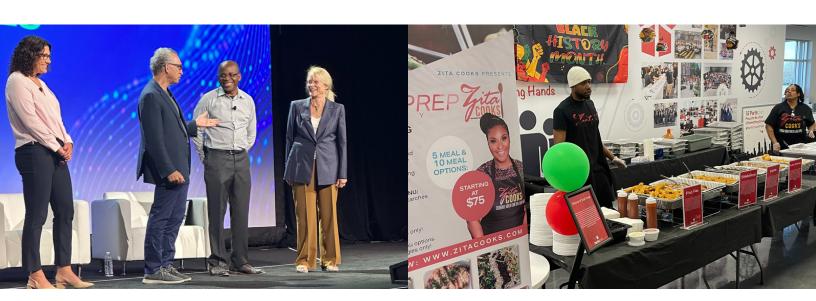
Economic Development Initiatives:

- TC is partnering with several family offices and P/E firms to locate businesses to start or acquire that are profitable and can provide employment for at risk individuals
- 30 West Side Catering Businesses into the Rush ecosystem
- \$150,000+ revenue to West Side businesses
- Dr Ansel (Rush University Medical Center) and Shelby Parchman participated in Global Supply Chain Summit.
- TC advises several financial, academic, and manufacturing organizations in the areas of:
 - Homeownership initiatives
 - Rental housing investments
 - Workforce development opportunities
 - Financial literacy

"A genuine love of food and quality customer service runs in our family and it continues to be a special treat to feed the wonderful people at Rush and we look forward to many more years of service to our neighborhood healthcare provider! We've seen about a 5% increase in our sales. I cannot adequately express how grateful I am for all your consideration and effort for our benefit."

– Baba Pita

a family owned and operated nearby restaurant





Gospel Justice Centers 2022-2023 Impact

- 231 Clients Served
 - 154 Virtual clients leveraging technology
 - 77 In-Person clients at 17 Gospel Justice Center
- 41 Attorneys serving at TC Gospel Justice Host sites
- 510 hours served by TC Gospel Justice Center Attorneys
- 164 Volunteers Serving at TC Gospel Justice Host Sites

There are **4** Gospel Justice Centers preparing to launch over the next year.

"Every staff person showed passion and concern regarding my situation."

- Gospel Justice Center Client

"Everyone was very welcoming and friendly—I felt very comfortable"

Gospel Justice Center Client





Violence Reduction Efforts 2022-2023 Impact

- We now have Violence Reduction teams operating in the communities of Austin, East Garfield Park, Greater Grand Crossing, West Haven Park and the Near West Side.
- The teams are growing in their capabilities to impact the violence in these communities
- As of Oct. 27 there has been an 80% reduction in homicides and a 60% reduction in shootings in the part of East Garfield Park we cover. This has been our most successful area so far.
- There is a 31% reduction in shootings on the Near West Side as well.
- In other areas we have some reductions and some increases.

I would like to thank together Chicago for helping me find a job. I've been at my job for a year I like it it changed my life gave me another opportunity to do better. Thank you Together Chicago for believing in me when I didn't believe in myself God bless

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- Through our many Light in the Night events over the summer we have reached over 250 youth and 400 community residents with wholesome activities such as high school and youth football games and a reading circle
- We now have a partnership w/ Fellowship of Christian Athletes





Chicagoland United in Prayer Winter Gathering

- 140+ Churches Participated
- 85 Communities (Chicago & Suburbs)
- 25 Nationalities

Building Blocks of Peace Spring Training Series

- 255 Individuals Participated
- 90+ Churches Represented
- 22 Police Districts Represented

Hands Across Chicago (Memorial Day Weekend faith-in-action mobilization)

- **55+** Locations of Prayer & Action
- 17 Love Your School Prayer Sites

"God is using Together Chicago and
Chicagoland United in Prayer to unite an
otherwise divided city and overcome Race,
Gender, Class, and Neighborhood.
My prayer is that relationships formed become
transformative by the love we develop for
each other—'Oh, how they loved one another'!"

— Felecia Thompson





It's hard to imagine all God has done in and thru our Together Chicago (TC) team in just 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. TC was birthed at the Brixen Ivy Ranch just a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour drive outside of Chicago. Key Christian leaders convened for a day and a half to seek God in worship and prayer about the gun violence plaguing our city.

We are amazed and grateful for the goodness of God as He continues to guide, teach and bless our organization. We have grown from just the three of us in 2017 to a team of 60 friends and colleagues working across the 5-focus areas you've read about in this report. We are most grateful to God as we continue to see the Body of Christ coming together across Chicagoland in unprecedented ways. What Jesus earnestly prays in John 17 (our oneness and unity) has been our constant prayer since TC's founding. We now have about 170 churches across many racial, demographic and denominational boundaries praying and serving together in many different ways for the peace and thriving of our great city.

We are also grateful for the mutually beneficial partnerships we have with many other non-profits, city government, our police department, business leaders, attorneys and educators. We thank God for those who financially invest in our work with the hope of lasting change.

Thank you for joining with us in prayer and participating with us in redemptive actions as God leads you and your church to do for the peace and prosperity of Chicago and for the glory of God.



David Dillon & Michael Allen

