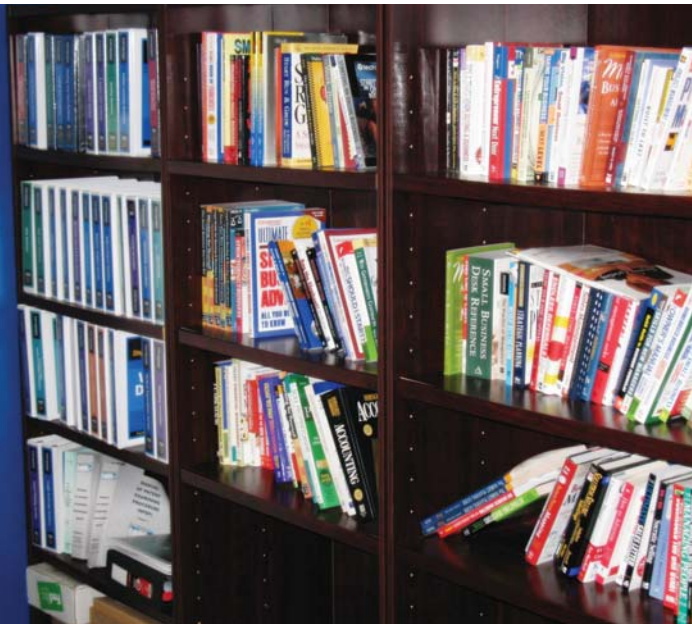


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Business Resource Center

1153 W. 79th Street
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The Beloved Community

The Beloved Community is a leading non-profit organization on the south side of Chicago located in the predominantly African-American neighborhood of Auburn-Gresham. Our mission is to empower youth and adults to be self-sufficient through economic and academic advancement opportunities that promote the long-term growth and stability of our community. As the community development partner of St. Sabina Church, The Beloved Community is founded on Dr. King's global vision of a model place where all people can share in the wealth of the earth. Founded in 2004 by Rev. Dr. Michael L. Pfl eger, Pastor of the Faith Community of St. Sabina, The Beloved Community was born from a long and proven tradition of activism and community development.

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Business Development

Are you ready to get down to business?



TRANSFORMING YOUTH, ADULTS & SENIORS

ABOUT US

The Beloved Community Business Development Program is an outreach developed in partnership with State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins, SCORE, local universities and financial institutions to provide free counseling, resources, direction and affordable training to business owners, managers and prospective entrepreneurs.

ELIGIBILITY

The Beloved Community Business Development Program is available to anyone interested in starting or expanding a small business.

OUR SERVICES

The Beloved Community Business Development Program provides counseling, information, education, and networking opportunities to small business owners, managers and potential entrepreneurs.

Training and support are provided in the following areas:

- Business Start-Up
- Business Planning
- Marketing/Sales
- Financing
- General Management
- Accounting and Recordkeeping
- Legal Issues
- Franchising
- Customer Service and Retention
- Business Growth

COUNSELING

Counseling is provided on a pre-scheduled appointment basis. Our trained and skilled business counselors provide one-on-one assistance in a variety of areas, at no extra cost to the client.

Counseling includes but is not limited to:

- Business start-up information
- Business plan assessments
- Strategic planning
- Market research
- Cash flow analysis
- Financial planning

RESOURCES

The Business Resource Center, located at 1153 W. 79th St. in the Auburn Gresham Resource Center, is filled with an impressive collection of books, journals, periodicals, magazines, newspapers and guides available to assist small business owners, managers, and prospective entrepreneurs in starting and building their business.

Some of the resources in our library include:

- The Complete Entrepreneurship Magazine Business Start-up Library
- Over 200 Business Resource Books
- Business Trade Magazines (Black Enterprise, Fortune, Forbes, Smart Money, Inc., Crain's, Entrepreneur and more).

EDUCATION

The Beloved Community Business Development Program conducts free training courses designed for small business owners, managers, prospective entrepreneurs and all those who are interested in starting a micro enterprise to supplement their income.

The following is a sample of the topics covered in our course:

Why Entrepreneurship... Why Now?

Overview of global trends that impact current and future business opportunities in our community. Is Entrepreneurship right for you?

Think it Through - Start it Up!

Overview of the fundamental components needed to think about and plan for business ownership; participants will develop sufficient knowledge to make informed decisions about business ownership as a personal choice.

From Head to Paper - Plan it Out!

Participants who have defined a business concept will be coached through the research, networking and contact processes necessary to complete a preliminary business plan.

Roll it Out - Open the Doors!

For entrepreneurs in the process of implementing a business plan, this program will help them craft their execution strategies and take the necessary actions to open for business!