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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.

We accomplish our mission by providing programs that:

- 1. Prepare young people to compete in the global economy through college readiness.**
- 2. Train teenage and adult entrepreneurs for leadership through direct counseling.**
- 3. Support the health and well-being of our senior population.**
- 4. Help families own and keep homes through the creation of affordable housing.**

The Beloved Community was established to provide effective solutions to many of the ills that have plagued Auburn Gresham and surrounding communities in the City of Chicago. By providing economic and academic advancement opportunities for youth and adults, The Beloved Community is able to transform lives and empower people to be self-sufficient.

Our Vision

A key component of our services for young people is the **Excellence in Education & Bethune Carver Scholars Program**. This program provides evening and weekend tutoring, academic enrichment coursework, college exploration, college and high-school admission support and test preparation, along with scholarship and financial aid counseling to mostly African-American Chicago Public School youth, grades 6-12. An exciting component to this program is a unique **Ivy League College Exposure** experience for 9th grade participants.

Another core service is The Beloved Community's **Business Development Program**. This program provides free business education, counseling, and networking opportunities to small business owners and prospective entrepreneurs from throughout the community and The City of Chicago. The most remarkable success story from this program is a restaurant located in the heart of our community called *Perfect Peace Cafe & Bakery*.

In addition to these programs, The Beloved Community manages and operates **The Auburn Gresham Senior Satellite Center**. This Center provides a host of services to seniors, including: meals, fitness and nutrition classes, computer training and other life enrichments activities.

The Beloved Community also manages rental property in our community and is involved in developments that promote the intelligent use of existing assets and the creation of affordable housing. A notable component to our affordable housing effort is a unique program called **The Samaritan House**. This program provides free housing for one year to homeless individuals while providing them with the wrap-around services needed for long-term success.

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. Pflieger, Pastor of the Faith Community of St. Sabina, The Beloved Community was born from a long and proven tradition of activism and community development.