

## Now is the Time: Advancing North Lawndale Together

### Our Chicago Prize Inspired Plan



#### **Together we will create a bright future.**

The North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council has developed a portfolio of projects that will invest \$61 million into critical physical assets aligned with North Lawndale's Quality-of-Life Plan, designed by and for residents. North Lawndale is on the brink of major revitalization with new employers like Cinespace and Lagunitas, national festivals in historic Douglas Park, and for-profit developers eyeing swaths of vacant property. It is up to us to ensure that longtime residents reap the benefits of new jobs, housing, services, and infrastructure.

**This portfolio of synergistic capital projects will catalyze the economic mobility of thousands of longtime North Lawndale residents:** working families ready to own a home, low-income families in need of affordable rentals, young adults at the highest risk of violence and lifetime incarceration, and residents ready to build skills and knowledge to secure quality, available jobs. All will benefit from access to healthcare. Blighted buildings and vacant lots will be restored to use and, bringing it all together, residents will design

greenspace and public art through creative place-making. Project partners – experienced organizations with a tremendous history of working together to better North Lawndale – will ensure each project's success.

# ADVANCING NORTH LAWDALE TOGETHER

## With A Gift of \$1 Million

### **We Will Transform Health Care and Housing.**

*Projects by Sinai Health System, Lawndale Christian Development Corporation, and Lawndale Christian Legal Center*

Physical health and wellness is nearly impossible to achieve without safe and stable housing. Increase access to critical health services in a mixed-use commercial development, scheduled to include mixed-income housing in future phases while ensuring that the community has access to affordable housing *now* with the renovation of 48 affordable apartments (30-60% AMI) and 20 new construction homes on problematic vacant lots. Justice-involved emerging adults and adults will have access to housing and supports, including housing for 18-24 year-olds in a refurbished school house.

**OR**

### **We Will Fight for Economic Justice.**

*Projects by Lawndale Christian Legal Center and North Lawndale Employment Network*

Mass incarceration and economic disinvestment work in lock-step to disenfranchise our communities. We will provide housing and support for justice-involved emerging adults, and workforce development and financial literacy programming for re-entry adults and the community-at-large in a new, state-of-the-art campus. We will bridge the digital divide by providing training and resources, ensuring that residents are equipped to participate in today's workforce.

## With A Gift of \$5 Million

### **We Will Ensure Stable Housing and Fight for Economic Justice.**

*Projects by Lawndale Christian Legal Center, North Lawndale Employment Network, and Lawndale Christian Development Corporation*

Without work, maintaining stable housing seems an insurmountable challenge, and without basic needs like shelter, securing a job may seem hopeless. We will provide housing to justice-involved emerging adults and adults, as well as more than 68 units and/or homes at 30-60% AMI to ensure that our community has affordable housing options. We will provide a suite of workforce development programs - including job readiness training, occupational skills training, entrepreneurship training, and transitional job opportunities - to help adults transition back into the community and secure jobs with family-sustaining wages. We will pair this with financial education, digital skills training, and access to technological resources to improve their quality of life and set them on a path to economic self-sufficiency.

**OR**

### **We Will Provide Access to Health Care and Drive Community-Focused, Community-Informed Development**

*Projects by Sinai Health System, Lawndale Christian Development Corporation, Lawndale Christian Legal Center, and North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council*

Once a bustling community, blight has struck our community for more than 5 decades, and systematic disinvestment have left our lots barren. Minutes from downtown and ripe for gentrification, it's critical we have a seat at the table to voice our community's needs. The Ogden Commons Health Village includes ambulatory surgical services, dialysis, restaurants and a bank branch along Ogden Avenue across from Mount Sinai Hospital. New construction and renovation of vacant buildings will provide affordable housing options (30-60% AMI) as well as homes for justice-involved adults and emerging adults who will receive ongoing support, including workforce development and financial literacy programming

## With A Gift of \$10 Million

### **We Will Transform North Lawndale's Landscape of Health Care, Workforce, and Community Development.**

*Projects by Sinai Health System, Lawndale Christian Development Corporation, Lawndale Christian Legal Center, North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council, and North Lawndale Employment Network*

On the brink of revitalization, and at-risk of being pushed out, now is the time for our community to connect and ensure that longtime residents reap the benefits of new jobs, housing, services, and infrastructure. **This portfolio of synergistic capital projects will catalyze the economic mobility of thousands of longtime North Lawndale residents:** working families ready to own a home, low-income families in need of affordable rentals, emerging adults at the highest risk of violence and lifetime incarceration, and residents ready to build skills and knowledge to secure quality, available jobs. All will benefit from access to healthcare. Blighted buildings and vacant lots will be restored to use and, bringing it all together, residents will design green space and public art through creative place-making.