



“Ant societies function through individual ants acting collectively in accord with simple, local information to carry on all of their survival activities. Every ant relies on the work of others in producing their own work. Cooperative work. Collective Sustainability.” ~ Adrienne Maree Brown, Emergent Strategy

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Welcome to BT's newsletter!

www.bt-chicago.org

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Blocks Together (BT) is a non-profit, grassroots, community-based organization made up of residents of the West Humboldt Park and Garfield Park communities on Chicago's West Side. The Blocks Together mission is to build a grassroots community infrastructure governed from the bottom up by providing the resources, leadership development, and sustained efforts to achieve widespread improvements for their community and advance economic and social justice.

Social justice principles and practices guide the development and implementation of campaigns focusing on education, housing, and protecting the rights of people who have been underserved and marginalized by “the system” including: women, youth and the formerly incarcerated.

Check out our new website!

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Since the hit of the pandemic in March 2020 Blocks Together has been focusing their work on the ground bringing valuable vital resources to the underserved community on the West Side of Chicago. Our Community Health Promoters have the understanding that some of the biggest threats that would have a detrimental impact on our community were going to be the lack of healthcare and access to healthy foods. BT worked with community friends and partners to bring immune boosting produce, prepared meals, and our specially formulated Mojo Juice; which is a prime component of our Village Keepers Peace Diet, to the residents.



Upcoming Events

Fresh Food Market

BT has collaborated with friends to bring a Fresh Farmers Market to the West Side community. Community members can take advantage of the large selection of produce at discounted prices. The Fresh Farmers Market will take place **October 28th from 11 am- 1 pm at 3711 W Chicago Ave.**

Torrance Shorter Legal Clinic

The Torrance Shorter Legal Clinic is now taking appointments to provide FREE legal services to the community. The legal clinic takes place every other **Tuesday from 4pm-7pm**. To set up your appointment please contact blockstogether@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates: October 27th, November 10th; November 24th; December 8th

Coat Drive

We are currently seeking donations to provide the community with warm winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves to brace the harsh bitter winters of Chicago. To arrange donation drop off please contact [Blocks Together](#)

Boxing and Boot Camp Conditioning

Come work out with BT! Join us every **Wednesday @ 3:30 pm 3711 W Chicago Ave** for FREE Boxing Boot Camp Conditioning with a professional boxer. Please wear comfortable workout gear and a mask.

Community Parents Breakfast

Join Blocks Together for breakfast! Come learn about our upcoming projects and campaigns and how you can participate and benefit from them. Come prepared to discuss any community issues you all have experienced. **November 5, 2020 @ 9:30 am 3711 W Chicago Ave.**

Fundraiser

Lawrence Fish & Shrimp on 2120 S Canal St will be donating 15% of food sales on **December 3, 2020** to Blocks Together to support BT Youth and Volunteer programming. To support the cause please register [here!](#)

Village Keepers Project

Blocks Together Village Keepers project (VKP) combines leadership development and conflict resolution to reduce violence by addressing the root causes of violence. Through training and leadership development, young people, and adults from the community gain an understanding of trauma and its impact, ways to address trauma, and mental health support through training, organizing events and initiatives with those trained leaders at local schools, and other community spaces. To join the Village Keepers please contact blockstogether@gmail.com

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