

# 2016

## Englewood Quality of Life Plan Community Convening



# 2017

- Impact Englewood begins fundraising with Englewood Fund Advisors in partnership with the McCormick Foundation to support more early action projects.

# 2018

- The Health and Wellness Task Force and Imagine Englewood If (IEI) partnered with Oak Street Health Clinic, Heartland Alliance, Growing Home, and the University of Illinois- Chicago (UIC) to continue the build out of the Health Navigators program.

# 2019

## Healthy Navigator Pilot

- Health Navigator Program pilot connected with over 400 residents, training and employing over a dozen residents to become health ambassadors and street team members
- The Task Force launched Health Hours, monthly conversations where residents and clinicians worked collaboratively to improve community health outcomes.
- Food as Medicine pilot launched, offering discounted healthy food and healthy eating education for 30 Englewood clients

# 2020

- Health and Wellness partners provided community feedback for the Southside Healthy Community Organization (SSCHO).
- Health and Wellness partners supported COVID-19 emergency assistance, including vaccine access and awareness efforts across the community.

# 2021

- With continued COVID-19 assistance, Teamwork Englewood fed over 7,500 households and distributed 10,000 personal protective equipment (PPE) items
- Teamwork Englewood was selected as the Healthy Chicago Equity Zone (HCEZ) Community Lead, co-developing health strategies for Greater Englewood as part of the Healthy Chicago 2.0 plan
- The Englewood Food Sovereignty Network (EFSN) was founded with Grow Greater Englewood, Teamwork Englewood, Growing Home, and IMAN

# 2022

## Health Navigator Campaign

- EFSN created a community calendar to share food access resources and information across Greater Englewood.
- Launched the Healthy Holidays Campaign, granting funds to Seniors on the Move, Urban Male Network, and Englewood Branded, and partnering with Chicago Public Schools to host vaccination events and advocacy campaigns vaccinating 300+ residents
- Continued support for the growth of the Southside Healthy Community Organization and implementation of its strategic plan
- Collaborated with Heartland Alliance to deliver four behavioral wellness workshops for community residents
- Participated as an engagement partner with the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) to recruit residents for a year-long study on the impact of COVID-19 in the Black community
- Trained 25 residents through the Community Health Worker cohort
- Hosted two workshops educating residents on food allergies, nutrition education, and medical resources, including on-site cooking demonstrations engaging 34 residents
- Organized partners and residents to provide feedback on the Whole Foods Market replacement, engaging nearly 300 residents and stakeholders

# 2023

- Continued health education efforts focused on chronic illness, including networking and information-sharing initiatives
- Hosted mental health and trauma-informed practice webinars for partners and community members
- Increased healthy food access through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in partnership with the Chicago Food Depository
- In partnership with the University of Chicago, disseminated information on COVID long-haul studies
- The Englewood Food Sovereignty Network (EFSN) piloted the BLK Box at Hyde Park Summer Fest, engaging approximately 20,000 attendees.
- Created the Healthy Chicago Equity Zones (HCEZ) Community Health Assessment for the Near South Region, including Englewood and West Englewood.
- The Englewood Food Sovereignty Network (EFSN) sent food access direct mailers to 7,950 family addresses in Englewood and surrounding areas.
- Hosted the 2nd Annual Health and Wellness Bootcamp in partnership with Englewood Branded
- Hosted 40 residents in a Chronic Illness mini-series focused on diabetes prevention, support, and management

# 2024

- Completed a successful pilot year of the Food as Medicine (FAM) Program, delivering two cohorts that supported 24 residents through healthy cooking classes and physical activity
- Partnered with Englewood Branded to host a six-week fitness series engaging 100 residents.
- Distributed a community calendar to 7,991 households highlighting food-based organizations, grocery stores, and free or low-cost healthy food options
- Health and Wellness Coordinator Brianna Hobbs joined the Chicago Chronic Condition Equity Network Advisory Council and the Chicagoland CEAL Program, contributing to regional health equity efforts. These partnerships secured an additional \$10,000 in funding supporting health and wellness programming.
- Strengthened collaborations with local partners such as Growing Home to enhance food access and address food equity and chronic disease prevention, distributing 60 boxes of organic produce to Englewood residents
- Developed four community canvassing days, distributing over 800 public education resources and engaging 10 community partners.
- The Englewood Food Sovereignty Network (EFSN) released its second direct mailer reaching 7,991 Englewood households.
- Hosted the first I Heart Englewood Health and Wellness Bootcamp Series in partnership with Englewood Branded, conducting six fitness sessions with 96 total participants

# 2025

- Hosted the annual Health and Wellness Field Day, attracting 21 health-based partners and 61 attendees
- I Heart Englewood Health and Wellness Bootcamp Series with Englewood Branded hosted 15 fitness sessions with 92 total participants.
- Distributed direct mailers to 6,515 Englewood residents to increase food access and health navigation
- Across two cohorts, the Food as Medicine program engaged 23 participants through 18 total workshops, delivering 30 hours of nutrition education and 26 hours of physical activity. Participants received \$4,950 in food assistance through gift cards and direct support, and a combined 925.78 pounds of fresh produce were distributed. Additionally, 21% of participants received direct intervention through a registered dietitian, strengthening individualized nutrition and chronic disease prevention support.
- The Community Health Worker Program assisted 32 residents
- Chainless Movement and EQLI fitness programming ran from September–November, engaging 27 total participant



# HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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# 2017

- Impact Englewood began fundraising with Englewood Fund Advisors in partnership with the McCormick Foundation to support early action public safety projects.

# 2018

- Roll N Peace, in partnership with Think Outside Da Block, brought 800 residents together for a community bike ride promoting safe activities and positive engagement.
- Rock The Beat brought community arts to blocks impacted by crime; data from one block showed a sharp decline in criminal activity following the events.
- Jobs on the Block brought employers directly to community hot spots, connecting residents to economic opportunities

# 2019

## Established This Is My Englewood 60621 / 60636

- Teamwork Englewood, in partnership with Northeastern Illinois University and the Resident Association of Greater Englewood, was awarded the U.S. Department of Justice Community-Based Crime Reduction grant.
- Leveraged and secured over \$1 million in crime prevention funding to be invested over four years
- Established This Is My Englewood 60621 / 60636 as the campaign mantra for the initiative
- Completed research and community engagement to inform public safety strategies

# 2020

- Raised \$50,000 for Moran Park beautification, including field house upgrades, public art installations, and new equipment and supplies to activate public space
- Onboarded and trained Public Safety Ambassadors to support activations, beautification initiatives, and relationship-building with the Chicago Police Department
- Deployed COVID-19 emergency assistance in key hot spot locations
- Opened the Englewood Restorative Justice Community Court (RJCC) with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in September 2020. Teamwork Englewood became a leading RJCC community partner, providing support and services
- Conducted one-on-one life coaching with RJCC participants and served as lead community partner for peace circles. Referred RJCC participants to Teamwork Englewood's job developer for resume development and job placement

# 2021

- Held five strategy development sessions transitioning the Englewood Quality of Life Plan to the Englewood Quality of Life Initiative, aligned with TIME 21:36 and the Public Safety Taskforce
- Continued Moran Park investments, beautification, and regular outdoor activations, including a large job fair that attracted over 200 job seekers
- Hosted Paint in Peace community day
- TIME 21:36 partnered with the Community Safety Command Center to support the city's holistic, evidence-based violence prevention initiative addressing root causes
- Activated the viaduct at 58th & Racine
- Launched Walk It Out, Talk It Out exercise build with weekly sessions at Ogden Park

# 2022

- TIME 21:36 began partnership with the Neighborhood Policing Initiative to strengthen relationships between the Chicago Police Department and residents.
- Partnered with the Chicago Safety Coordination Center (CSCC) to host community convenings focused on city service improvement and mental health awareness
- TIME 21:36, in partnership with Englewood Branded, won the POP Plaza grant to transform the corner of 63rd & Justine in 2024.
- Continued public space activation at Moran Park, organizing over 20 activations across two years and reaching 500+ residents
- Awarded \$125,000 through the Summer Safety Mini Grant Series to six Englewood organizations
- Partnered with the 7th District to engage seven District Coordinating Officers to co-create safe spaces for residents
- Facilitated two comprehensive trainings focused on restorative trauma healing and officer understanding of resident needs
- Installed additional lighting under the Green Line station at 63rd & Ashland
- Cleaned over 30 vacant lots on the most violent blocks and fenced several lots for safety

# 2023

- Increased community engagement through the TIME 21:36 coalition (This Is My Englewood 60621 / 60636)
- Collaborated with numerous local organizations to support event activations and safety initiatives.
- Increased resources and volunteers for high-risk engagement
- Coordinated with Target Area, Restorative Justice Project, Englewood First Responders, and Englewood Heroes to cover hot spots
- Created a hot spot map in partnership with the Community Safety Command Center epidemiologist
- Coordinated with 311 to list Teamwork Englewood as a resource provider via CSCC and the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)
- Co-coordinated the City of Chicago Asset Map for Englewood via CSCC and CDPH
- Planned and developed six Moran Park activations
- Increased infrastructure investment at Moran Park by providing materials and sponsoring field trips
- Co-created the Englewood Resource Guide with CSCC and CDPH
- RJCC participants received life coaching and referrals to the Reentry Legal Department for expungement and legal services.
- Opened the Englewood Breakroom Pop Court in partnership with DPD and Banding Englewood

# 2024

- Hosted six public safety activations strengthening community connection and safety awareness
- Supported local community-based organizations with their own safety activations
- Recruited residents to serve as Public Safety Ambassadors, empowering them to organize and lead public space events
- Engaged residents to strengthen relationships and encourage active participation in safety programming
- Delivered infrastructure support for high-need areas in collaboration with city leadership
- Collaborated with Englewood artists through the Englewood Art Collective's (EAC) Love Letter to Englewood mural at 57th & Racine
- Participated in the Community Action Network collaborative with CSCC to address hot spot needs alongside CVI boundary groups
- Co-created an Incident Response Protocol for Chicago Parks and Mayors Office of Community Safety (MOCS) to sustain park safety plans
- Our Reentry program placed 148 participants into job and training programs

# 2025

- Continued infrastructure investment at Moran Park by providing materials and sponsoring field trips
- Delivered community-based public safety and healing trainings, reaching 146 total participants
- Launched the Restore, Refresh, Retreat program under the TIME initiative
- Served 63 residents through the Restorative Justice Community Court
- Trained 21 participants in Mental Health First Aid in partnership with CHJS
- Trained 30 residents and community partners in restorative practice circle work
- Trained 23 participants in Stop the Bleed and gun safety.
- Awarded \$60,000 to six organizations for Summer 2025 public space activations
- Engaged 50 participants in the Public Safety CDOT CMC Collaborative Traffic Safety Event
- Supported 22 participants through the Women in Public Safety Circle RJ R3 Cohort
- TIME 21:36 hosted six public space activations engaging over 215 residents through youth programming, meal distribution, and resource connection
- Addressed 2,164 cases through the legal clinic



# PUBLIC SAFETY

# 2016

- Hosted the Englewood Quality of Life Plan community convening.
- Began partnership with AARP Experience Corps, employing seniors to support reading programming in local schools.



# 2017

- Launched the Parent Mentor Program with 16 parent mentors working in two schools to support reading and math
- Expanded to a third school in January 2018, growing to 24 parent mentors supporting reading and math

# 2018

- Partnered with City Year to expand after-school programming
- AmeriCorps members at Stagg School of Excellence provided full-time student support focused on attendance, behavior, and course performance in English Language Arts and math
- Partnered with Boy Scouts of America
- Expanded the Parent Mentor Program to five schools, engaging 40 mentors supporting reading and math

# 2019

- Education and Youth Development Task Force conducted parent focus groups with technical assistance from the University of Chicago Educational Consortium to identify concerns and opportunities
- Launched planning for the Promise School Program, a collaborative effort among teachers, school staff, and community partners to support reading attainment and social-emotional growth
- Expanded the Parent Mentor Program to seven schools with 56 mentors supporting reading and math
- City Year received McCormick Foundation funding to provide after-school programming and tutoring at Stagg Elementary School

# 2020

- Expanded virtual and in-person after-school programming through partnerships with Chicago Connected and Comcast
- Partnered with Kids First and Englewood parents to connect over 2,500 families to free internet access.
- Engaged over 200 youth through virtual and in-person programming and services
- Launched the Our Youth Matter Wellness Series, featuring movement therapy, therapeutic coping skills, and four park activations
- Launched the Our Youth Matter virtual dance program
- Piloted virtual Saturday tutoring and a virtual After School Matters coding program
- Hosted an in-person Youth Justice & Policing focus group
- Secured a lease agreement for youth space usage at Harper High School, creating a year-round programming hub for partners including Imagine Englewood and Good Kids Mad City
- Engaged more than 300 youth through programming and services



# 2021

- Held three strategy development sessions transitioning the Englewood Quality of Life Plan to the Englewood Quality of Life Initiative, prioritizing post-COVID strategies
- Launched a Digital Literacy Campaign in partnership with Chicago Connected to identify digital access gaps in Englewood and West Englewood
- Conducted outreach to over 2,200 families regarding affordable internet services
- Partnered with the City of Chicago to launch the Youth Kickback Series, employing and educating youth in public safety and community development
- Hosted Summer Kickbacks featuring youth-led public space activations across Greater Englewood
- Expanded the Kickback Series into a year-long Civic Leadership Program
- Parent Mentors supported weekly food drives in partnership with the Greater Chicago Food Depository, serving over 200 families each week
- Partnered on Hoops in the Hood programming

# 2022

- Expanded youth mentoring to include workforce development, civic engagement, youth inclusion and empowerment, and restorative practices.
- Engaged more than 400 youth through all programs and services
- Hosted a Youth Summit engaging 50+ youth in community planning to inform Education and Youth Task Force strategies
- Partnered with the University of Chicago on focus groups to contextualize and narrativize educational data for Greater Englewood
- Awarded \$125,000 through the Summer Mini Grant Series to eight organizations, engaging 300+ youth across 16 activations
- Partnered with PepsiCo to co-design mentoring and reverse-mentoring internship programming for teens and young adults
- Continued the Youth Kickback Series
- Supported the acquisition of the former Hayes Elementary School by Grow Greater Englewood and partners for family support service expansion
- Launched the New Englewood STEM Parent Ambassador pilot with eight parents contributing to positive school climate and culture
- Added one additional school to the Parent Mentor Program, totaling eight schools and 48 mentors supporting reading and math

# 2023

- Utilized Harper High School as a year-round youth programming hub, serving hundreds of young people in partnership with local organizations
- Led youth planning sessions for the \$4 million repurposing of Hayes Elementary School into a youth programming facility
- Onboarded 80+ new Parent Mentors across 10 Englewood schools
- Supported parent engagement initiatives connected to Chicago Connected and early childhood education through the Englewood Community Action Council
- Awarded \$50,000 to five Englewood youth groups to expand summer programming capacity
- Parent Mentors provided 60 hours of reading and math support per mentor, totaling 25,920 hours of academic assistance. Mid-year-of-year (MOY) data showed 40% growth, bringing students closer to grade-level standards.
- Conducted outreach to over 2,200 families regarding the Affordable Connectivity Program
- Continued the Parent Ambassador Program at Englewood STEM High School in its second year, supporting school climate and culture
- Launched a podcast highlighting youth and community voices

# 2024

- Awarded \$40,000 to five youth-based providers to support summer programming and youth-focused events
- Launched the Englewood Childcare Network, including meet-ups and portfolio development support
- Hosted the Englewood Early Learning Open House for community partners and parents/guardians
- Conducted outreach to over 195 families on the importance of early childhood learning and enrollment

# 2025

- Employed 107 parents through Safe Passage and the Parent Mentor Program
- Delivered 120 hours of education and digital literacy classes
- Served 100+ youth through Spring Youth Empowerment programming with over 23 community partners
- Hosted 93 one-on-one conversations with parents and caregivers about early childhood learning
- Supported over 85 families with early childhood enrollment
- Formed partnerships with seven new community-based providers, increasing access to services
- Launched the Englewood Little's Birthday Club, supporting over 30 Englewood families
- Implemented intensive neighborhood promotion strategies across targeted blocks near 11 elementary schools
- Initiated Everyday Door Direct Mail campaigns in the 60621 and 60636 zip codes.
- Continued the Parent Ambassador Program at Englewood STEM High School in its fourth year, supporting school climate and culture
- Partnered with VOCEL to engage parents in Learning Through Play for families with children ages 0-5
- Hosted Parent Cafés to engage parents and community members around organizing and leadership
- Advanced early childhood learning and community engagement, reaching 640+ families; supporting 325+ direct early learning sign-ups; hosting 31 events; forming 19 new partnerships; and maintaining a consistent presence through tabling and outreach engagements

# EDUCATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

# 2017

Impact Englewood began fundraising with Englewood Fund Advisors in partnership with the McCormick Foundation to support capacity-building and implementation for housing and public space work.



# 2018

- Conducted Large Lot Round 2 outreach and education, assisting Englewood residents with 300 applications to purchase vacant City-owned lots
- Partnered with Chicago Cares through the Housing and Public Spaces Task Force to mobilize resources and volunteers for vacant property maintenance, resulting in 15 residential lots beautified and three commercial large lots cleaned and improved
- Participated in the Chicago Neighborhood Rebuild pilot

# 2019

- Conducted the Micro Market Recovery Program and West Englewood Analysis, collecting 57 total survey responses, including 37 from West Englewood residents
- Implemented beautification projects in partnership with the Resident Association of Greater Englewood (RAGE) through the Buy the Block initiative. Supporting 37 participants through initial educational classes

# 2020

- Partnered with Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) and The Resurrection Project to deploy \$100,000 in emergency housing support for homeowners and renters to stabilize households during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Provided housing education and navigation support alongside emergency rental and mortgage assistance efforts, helping residents understand eligibility, application processes, and legal protections



# 2021

- Supported rental assistance efforts and opened a legal clinic to provide aid navigation and eviction prevention support
- Hosted a public forum with the Chicago Advisory Redistricting Commission to engage Greater Englewood residents in ward remapping discussions

# 2022

- Advanced city planning and data collection efforts by hosting two lead service line focus groups in partnership with the City of Chicago Department of Water Management

# 2023

- Partnered with the Community Safety Command Center (CSCC) and the Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation to support block maintenance through coordinated 311 service requests.
- Facilitated information sharing with partners to expand access to homeownership and housing support resources
- Created a Housing Resource Guide for Renters
- Hosted a Renters' Rights Resource Workshop in partnership with Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) and the Englewood Women's Initiative (EWI)
- Led community planning sessions to develop community standards for Greater Englewood
- Participated with the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) on infrastructure and streetscape planning

# 2024

- Successfully launched the Home Repair Pilot Program, providing housing education, resources, and direct support for Englewood homeowners
- Surveyed 140 owners of single-family and multifamily properties as part of the pilot
- Hosted two community workshops focused on estate planning, property tax education, home repair supports, and foreclosure prevention
- EQLP Project Manager Sonseriya Williams joined the Fix Our Home Illinois Coalition and co-authored House Bill 5506 – the Senior Home Preservation Program Act, introduced by State Representative Kevin Olickal to expand state and federal home repair funding.

# 2025

- Supported 62 residents with grant resources for home repair, securing over \$30,000 in city grant funding for home repairs
- Provided \$3,150 in direct cash assistance to residents
- Placed 18 returning citizens into permanent housing
- Organized a Housing Stability, Estate Planning, and Foreclosure Prevention Workshop in partnership with legal aid providers and housing organizations, continuing expansion of homeowner and renter education and legal support
- In partnership with the City of Chicago Department of Housing (DOH), hosted community-based workshops focused on property tax relief options, exemptions, and homeowner stabilization strategies to help long-term Englewood residents remain in their homes
- Hosted community workshops focused on estate planning, title issues, and generational wealth preservation, connecting residents to legal information and pathways to protect homeownership and prevent displacement

# HOUSING & PUBLIC SPACES

# 2016

- Launched the first Englewood Small Business Competition as part of the Jobs and Economic Development pillar of the Englewood Quality of Life Initiative, supporting businesses to start or scale, with 10 winners and more than 20 applications.
- Established the competition as an annual pipeline for emerging and established Englewood entrepreneurs.
- Partnered with Englewood Square corporate partners to expand employment and small business opportunities for Englewood residents and businesses.

# 2017

- Piloted the Short-Term Licensing and Certification Program “Englewood Scholarship”, using Impact Englewood dollars to support 43 residents, with 12 participants earning certifications and licenses to improve career pathways.

# 2018

- In partnership with Bright Star Community Services, hosted community Job Fairs attracting 500+ residents and helping 150 residents gain employment
- Launched the Englewood Women’s Initiative (EWI) in partnership with the Chicago Foundation for Women, supporting women-headed households in accessing higher-income career pathways

# 2019

- Partnered with Inner City Muslim Action Network (IMAN), EGWoode, and the Resident Association of Greater Englewood (RAGE) to apply for the Chicago Prize for the Go Green on Racine initiative, becoming a finalist and advancing economic development along the Racine Corridor
- Supported partner advocacy related to the City of Chicago Invest South West launch
- Continued awarding direct grant funding through the Small Business Competition to support business startup, expansion, and relocation in Englewood

# 2020

- The Go Green on Racine initiative secured technical support and startup funding, helping finalize the opening of the Englewood Fresh Market and winning a City of Chicago acquisition commitment for the former Woods Elementary School for transitional housing.
- Organized partners to support Englewood businesses with funding and cleanup efforts following the George Floyd uprisings
- Conducted Census outreach throughout the community to increase participation and representation
- Hosted a Small Business Leadership Conference
- Provided COVID-19 employment support, placing dozens of unemployed residents into new employment opportunities



# 2021

- Adjusted the Englewood Small Business Competition award structure and increased business support through partnerships with Price Workforce Solutions, the Greater Englewood Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Englewood Community Development Corporation (GECD).
- The Go Green on Racine initiative secured Chicago Department of Housing New Markets Tax Credits for the Regenerator Housing Project.

# 2022

- Continued the Englewood Small Business Competition, with alumni success including Chef Darryl Fuery opening his restaurant
- Advanced a referendum ballot question to reopen the 63rd & Racine Green Line station, approved for the 2023 municipal ballot and endorsed by the Chicago Transit Authority and the Chicago Sun-Times
- Partnered with The Chicago Community Desk to support capacity building for the Jobs and Economic Development Task Force
- Launched Ladders of Opportunity, creating pathways for Parent Mentors to obtain paraprofessional licenses and advance into early childhood education careers
- Celebrated the grand opening of Englewood Fresh Market
- Celebrated the EGWoode grand opening

# 2023

- Partnered with the Community Safety Command Center (CSCC) and the Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation to support block maintenance through coordinated 311 service requests
- Facilitated information sharing with partners to expand access to homeownership and housing support resources
- Led community planning sessions to develop community standards for Greater Englewood
- Participated with the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) on infrastructure and streetscape planning

# 2024

- EQLP Project Manager Sonseriya Williams presented the Green Line Campaign at the Chicago Unity for Equity Showcase, raising awareness around reopening the 63rd & Racine station.
- Created a partnership between the Englewood Women’s Initiative and Women Employed to support BIPOC women-led businesses in strengthening skills and organizational capacity
- Partnered with the Chicago Furniture Bank to provide furniture and home essentials to 10 families
- Supported 8 families with rental assistance through All Chicago
- Hosted a Ladders of Opportunity Mid-Year Check-In and Job Fair, supporting 65+ Parent Mentors and engaging 9 employment vendors

# 2025

- Referred 678 returning citizens to employment assistance and 559 returning citizens to workforce programs
- Expanded EWI partnerships with BA NIA, Touch Gift Foundation, Blessing Healthcare Career Academy, NAMI Chicago, Growing Home, Rescue 8, Inc., Inner Voice, Law Center for Better Housing, Family Focus, and Touch Gift Foundation
- Onboarded 23 new participants into the Englewood Women’s Initiative
- Achieved 75% completion of Ladders of Opportunity pathways among Parent Mentors, resulting in employment with Chicago Public Schools and enhanced digital literacy and academic readiness
- Established a partnership with Kennedy-King College to support GED attainment, continuing education, trade pathways, digital literacy, and WorkKeys testing
- Supported Englewood Women’s Initiative participants in completing healthcare training (CNA, phlebotomy, CPR), with 7 participants awaiting state board testing
- Supported 8 EWI participants in obtaining Permanent Employee Registration Cards (PERC) through Rescue 8, Inc



# JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# EQLI OVER THE YEARS

## The Englewood Quality of Life Initiative

- 2016: Held the first EQLP brainstorming and recruitment convening in January, attended by over 100 community members.
- In 2021 Englewood Quality of Life Plan (EQLP) changed to Englewood Quality of Life Initiative (EQLI)

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

#### Health Navigator & Community Health Worker Pipeline

Launched and expanded from 2019–2025, connecting over 400 residents to care, training dozens of residents as health ambassadors and Community Health Workers, and assisting at least 64 residents directly through structured CHW cohorts

#### Food as Medicine & Food Equity Initiatives

From the initial 2019 pilot to multiple cohorts by 2025, delivered nutrition education, fitness programming, and direct food assistance—distributing over 900 lbs of produce, providing nearly \$5,000 in food assistance, and reaching thousands of households through direct mailers and community calendars

### PUBLIC SAFETY

#### TIME 21:36 & Community-Based Violence Reduction

Launched through a \$1M+ Department of Justice Community-Based Crime Reduction grant, TIME 21:36 became a resident-informed public safety initiative rooted in the mantra This Is My Englewood 60621 / 60636, aligning partners, data, and city systems to address the root causes of violence

#### Public Space Activation & Infrastructure Investment

Ongoing investments in Moran Park and other hot spot locations transformed underutilized and high-need spaces through beautification, lighting, murals, cleanups, and over 20 public activations engaging thousands of residents while reducing crime and increasing positive community presence

### EDUCATION & YOUTH

#### Parent Mentor & Parent Ambassador Leadership Pipeline

From its launch in 2017 through 2025, the Parent Mentor and Parent Ambassador programs grew to employ over 100 parents annually, support up to 10 schools at a time, deliver more than 25,000 hours of reading and math support, and contribute to measurable academic gains—including 40% mid-year growth toward grade-level standards—while strengthening school climate and culture.

#### Youth-Centered Programming & Civic Leadership Development

Engaged thousands of young people through after-school, summer, wellness, restorative practice, civic leadership, and workforce development programming—centering youth voice in public space activation, safety initiatives, and large-scale planning efforts such as the \$4M Hayes Elementary School repurposing project

### HOUSING & PUBLIC SPACES

#### Resident Stability, Home Repair & Housing Retention

Delivered emergency housing assistance, rental and legal support, and long-term home repair investments—supporting homeowners, renters, and returning citizens through direct financial assistance, legal clinics, foreclosure prevention, estate planning education, and permanent housing placement

#### Vacant Land Reuse, Beautification & Public Space Stewardship

Advanced resident-led ownership and care of neighborhood land through the Large Lot program, Buy the Block participation, vacant lot maintenance, and coordinated beautification efforts—resulting in dozens of lots cleaned, activated, and transitioned toward community use

### JOBS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

\$400,000+ invested in 58 Englewood-based businesses, supporting job creation, storefront development, and long-term business sustainability.

Major corridor wins, including the Englewood Fresh Market opening, Regenerator Housing Project, and progress toward reopening the 63rd & Racine Green Line station.

Workforce pathways for residents, with Parent Mentors, women, and returning citizens advancing into stable employment, certifications, and education pipelines.

### HEALTH & WELLNESS Highlights

### PUBLIC SAFETY Highlights

### EDUCATION & YOUTH Highlights

### HOUSING & PUBLIC SPACES Highlights

### JOBS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Highlights

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

#### COVID-19 Response & Health Equity Leadership

Played a critical role during and after the pandemic by supporting vaccine access, emergency food distribution to over 7,500 households, PPE distribution, and leading regional strategy development through the Healthy Chicago Equity Zones (HCEZ) framework

#### Resident-Centered Engagement & Systems Change

Sustained community-driven engagement through Health Hours, bootcamps, canvassing, surveys, and advocacy—mobilizing hundreds of residents to shape food access, chronic disease prevention, and neighborhood health infrastructure decisions

### PUBLIC SAFETY

#### Restorative Justice & Reentry Support

As a leading partner of the Englewood Restorative Justice Community Court, Teamwork Englewood provided life coaching, peace circles, legal expungement referrals, and employment pathways supporting 63 court participants in 2025 alone and addressing over 2,164 legal clinic cases

#### Resident-Led Safety & Capacity Building

From Public Safety Ambassadors and Mobilizers to restorative practice, Mental Health First Aid, traffic safety, and gun safety training, hundreds of residents were equipped with skills, leadership, and resources to co-create safer neighborhoods

### EDUCATION & YOUTH

#### Digital Equity & Early Learning Access

Connected thousands of families to affordable internet, digital literacy education, and early childhood enrollment supports through Chicago Connected, Comcast, and citywide initiatives—resulting in over 325 direct early learning sign-ups and sustained outreach to more than 2,200 families.

#### Cross-Sector Partnerships & Resource Investment

Leveraged deep partnerships with schools, universities, city agencies, and community-based organizations to award over \$340,000 in youth-focused mini-grants, expand mentoring and internship pathways, launch signature convenings and expos, and build a coordinated ecosystem of education and youth development supports across Greater Englewood

### HOUSING & PUBLIC SPACES

#### Community-Led Planning & Infrastructure Advocacy

Centered resident voice in planning decisions through redistricting forums, lead line focus groups, streetscape and infrastructure planning, and community standards development—connecting neighborhood priorities to city systems and data

#### Policy, Coalition & Systems-Level Impact

Leveraged on-the-ground housing work to inform city and state advocacy, including participation in statewide coalitions and co-authoring legislation to expand home repair funding for seniors and long-term homeowners

### JOBS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Women- and community-led economic growth, through the Englewood Women's Initiative, Ladders of Opportunity, and small business capacity-building partnerships.

