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Trauma Response and Intervention Movement

Responding to, Recovering from, Reducing and Removing Trauma and Violence 8-Blocks at a time

HOPE AMID THE CORONAVIRUS

During the Stay-at-Home Order, TR⁴IM Case Managers, 8-block leaders and residents were busy exemplifying two of our seven Core Principles:

- Recreating a Sense of Community
- Providing a Sense of Connectedness

The TR4IM Team and partnering organizations ensured that everyone

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had personal protective equipment (PPE) and delivered food to Senior Citizens so that they didn't have to go into the stores and expose themselves to the virus.

The TR⁴IM team in collaboration with UCAN, Maggiano's, The Firehouse Community Arts Center and Men Making a Difference (MMAD) delivered over 2400 pounds of food to families!

Residents were blessed by individually cooked meals that included: chili dinners with cornbread, chicken wings with green beans and beef with mashed potatoes.



Hundreds of non- perishable food boxes were delivered to Seniors and Families in need from Harmony Church's Food Pantry that contained canned vegetables, peanut butter, fruits, bread, cereal, pasta and a variation of sauces.

NLCCC donated over 1000 face masks that were donated by Dr. Willie Wilson.









TR4IM by the Numbers:

- 250 homes within TR⁴IM's 8-Block Sector received a gift of hand sanitizer and face masks.
- 63 of these Families requested and received additional hand sanitizer and face masks.
- Outreach efforts, by our partner, Men Making a Difference, distributed over 300 masks to the homeless in our community and those who reside outside of the 8block sector.
- 39 seniors citizens have received food boxes through Harmony Food Pantry every two weeks for the past three months.
- 1025: Total Number of Face Masks distributed
- 2400 pounds of food distributed to families in TR4IM's 8-block sector and







BLOCK CLUB CHICAGO interviewed **TR⁴IM Case Manager, Javonna Askew**, for her efforts mobilizing a team to assist with clean up efforts on June 2nd. Excerpts from the article:

After a weekend of looting and fires, West Side neighbors mobilized to clean up storefronts and parks Monday, June 1st. Volunteers cleaning up said they understand the pain of protesters and people looting and damaging property was understandable because North Lawndale has always struggled with police brutality and senseless killing of Black residents. In Douglas Park, Rekia Boyd was fatally shot in 2012 by an off-duty Chicago Police detective who was later acquitted of all charges.

But Javonna Askew, one of the volunteers, said she and her family are channeling their frustrations with police violence toward restoring the community. As much as people on the West Side feel frustrated by the state of the world, she said residents still depend on all of the businesses that have been vandalized.

"We are still a community, and we want these businesses here," Askew said. "We want the income, we need the jobs."

Volunteers focused on patching up Roosevelt Road, one of North Lawndale's main commercial corridors that was hit by people looting Sunday. Dozens of residents wearing masks stood shoulder-to-shoulder as they swept up shattered glass and picked up debris from shops starting at the corner of Roosevelt and Pulaski Roads. Crews of volunteers also boarded up broken windows at stores. The group of volunteers then moved toward Homan Square to help clean up the restaurants, the shuttered movie theater and clothing stores that had also been vandalized.

"Sometimes you can do everything the right way and you still aren't heard," Askew said. "I don't necessarily agree with damaging property, yet I understand needing an outlet for your anger."

"Just like families vented their frustration, we also have to vent with our peace, and show them that there are two ways to do this," she said.

For the Full Article visit: www.blockclubchicago.org

PROTECTING AND SERVING THE NORTH LAWNDALE COMMUNITY



TR⁴IM aims to strengthen the relationships between community residents and law enforcement. Sgt. Lara, of the 10th District has been a long time supporter of the TR⁴IM movement, and working with residents to resolve conflicts through communication instead of force. Sgt. Lara's presence was observed at "The Spirit of King" march, June 11th which started on Independence Ave and led to the former site of Dr. Marlin Luther King's 1966 home at 16th and Hamlin. Sgt. Lara ensured healthy interactions between marchers and police.

As the TR⁴IM team was delivering boxes of food to Ms. Villanova's home during the Covid-19 stay at home order, local Firefighters, from the 16th Street and Pulaski station, made a special visit to Ms. Villanova's home because they were informed by Pastor Phil Jackson of The Firehouse Community Arts Center that one of the young boys living there wants to be a fireman. The smiles on these young people's faces (behind their masks) was priceless.

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COUNT ME IN

2020 CENSUS: ILLINOIS COUNT ME IN 2020



Every year, \$800 billion is up for grabs. Who needs what and who gets what? The Census determines it - and that's why it's so important we pledge to both take the Census AND protect it from political manipulation.

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR CENSUS TODAY!

An inaccurate 2020 Census denies money for schools, roads, and transit to millions of low-income households, people of color and young children. That's why I AM ABLE is proud to be part of the IL COUNT ME IN 2020 coalition.

It's about quality health care. Census data is used to determine what communities get resources to build quality hospitals and have access to healthcare.

The 2010 Census undercounted the African American population by more than 800,000, 7% of young African Americans were overlooked in the 2010 census.

Workers earning poverty-level wages are disproportionately female, African American, Hispanic, or between the ages of 18 and 25. Being counted in Census 2020 is also about higher wage jobs being created in our communities.

45.8% of young black children (under age 6) live in poverty, compared to 14.5% of white children. Being in Census 2020 is about getting funding in our communities in order to provide a safety net for children and families.

Renters are undercounted at higher rates than homeowners. 58% of Black people rent and due to rising rental costs and low wages often "double up", move in with friends and/or family due to the lack of affordable housing options. The Census is about economic empowerment.

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR CENSUS TODAY!



The Census Bureau began mailing paper questionnaires in Mid-April to homes that had not yet responded. If you have not already responded, please complete and mail back your form as soon as you can. And if you prefer, you still have the option of responding ONLINE: www.my2020census.gov OR by PHONE: 844-330-2020

NORTH LAWNDALE HISTORY CORNER

DID YOU KNOW?

According to some stories told by people who have been in North Lawndale for a long time, jazz legend Herbie Hancock has a special place in our neighborhood. Legend has it that he used to practice in a basement apartment right on Millard!! While Herbie was attending high school at Hyde Park Career academy, he would come to North Lawndale to practice with several musicians. Afterwards, they would head over to a club – also in someone's basement on the block of **1800 S. Millard** – and play the tunes they've practiced.





FAMILY ACTIVITY CORNER

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Palm Tree
Sand Castle
Sunblock
Pool
Towel
Ice Cream
Strawberry
Lifeguard
Fireflies
Swimming

TR4IM Summer Festival A Season for Change!

Triple "C"

- Community 8 blocks at a time
- Cohesion Working Together
- Covid-19 Surviving

August 22, 2020 Harmony Community Church 1908 S. Millard

For more info, call: 773-840-8082



TR⁴IM is a social cohesion model of Trauma Informed Care, sponsored by *I AM ABLE Center for Family Development, INC.*, and its collaborative network of partner agencies and North Lawndale residents. Residents from 16th-Ogden and Central Park to Ridgeway (TR⁴IM's first 8-block sector) can enroll in TR⁴IM's partner agency services by calling **773-840-8082** and through the website: **www.tr4im.org**.