South Side Resource Mapping Information

What is South Side Resource Mapping? The Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation (GADC) in partnership with faculty and staff of the University of Chicago's South Side Health and Vitality Studies are conducting a census of assets in the Auburn Gresham and Englewood communities. The purpose of this study is to better understand how resources and services (community assets) affect the health of a community.

Where can you get the Information? We are creating an on-line information center at <u>www.Southsidehealth.org</u>. When it is completed, community residents and community-based organizations can use the website to:

- View a comprehensive list of the resources and services available in their neighborhoods that impact the overall health of a community.
- Find information on the different local services that are available.
- Find information about many types of places: private businesses, non-profit health and social service organizations, and public agencies.
- Create information maps of resources and services in their area.
- Be listed on the Southwest Smart Communities' Portals <u>www.auburngreshamportal.org</u>, and <u>www.englewoodportal.org</u>

How will the community benefit from this website? With the help of community members, the website will provide periodic and scheduled updates of community assets. It will...

- Give people one place to go for all kinds of information about, and locations of, resources and services in communities. This is the first time anyone has tried to do this.
- Show residents what services are in their neighborhoods. Very helpful resources and services might be available that many residents don't even know exist.
- Get everyone working together on one list so that it stays up-to-date.
- Give businesses that are identified as part of Auburn Gresham and Englewood's Smart Communities Initiative an opportunity to be eligible to receive services and products from the new Business Resource Network

Why is building this website important? Professors at the Social Work school, doctors at the hospitals, and other people around the University are working with the community to tackle issues people care about. Because better knowledge leads to better service and better care, we need information to:

- Understand <u>all</u> the things that make a community healthy. People need more than just a clinic to stay healthy. They also need jobs, healthy food, places to be outdoors and so on.
- Share information with each other.
- Share information with community members. Information about the community comes from the community. Our information will be most useful if community members can also add to and use what we are finding.

How long will the resource mappers be in the community? This mapping project will start June 27, 2011 and end August 4, 2011.

What are the people in GADC, After School Matters, and University of Chicago's Urban Health Initiative tee-shirts walking up and down streets doing? They are members of our "Project Teams." They are:

- Walking or driving up and down city blocks collecting information about neighborhood resources.
- Checking addresses for places that provide all kinds of services in your community. To map service sites we need addresses. Teams include people from the neighborhoods.
- Looking for all the different kinds of places that provide services. Healthy communities depend on services of all kinds: food, transportation, housing, social services, medical and other things.

Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation (GADC) In partnership with The South Side Health and Vitality Studies of the University of Chicago's Urban Health Initiative Present:

Auburn Gresham & Englewood Resource Mapping Project

June 27, 2011 to August 4, 2011 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- List your business as a resource on <u>www.southsidehealth.org</u> and the Southwest Smart Communities Portal (under development by GADC)
- Heighten the awareness of available community resources
- Organize businesses and other resources to create economic development opportunities
- Strengthen support systems for health and social services, safety and workforce development



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