

THE COMMONS

Chicago Commons - Helping families **GO** further.

Your Monthly News & Updates | April 2019

Greetings!

Spring is finally here! At Chicago Commons, we are taking advantage of the better weather. Our seniors are enjoying the outdoors and our children celebrated Earth Day by exploring nature in their playgrounds.



We are equally warmed by thoughts recently shared with us by Robin, whose husband is a client at our Adult Day Center in Bronzeville. She wrote that being at Chicago Commons' Adult Day Center has enabled her husband to participate in activities that he has not been able to do in recent years. He really enjoys the outings to movies and ballgames provided by Commons. These activities keep his quality of life high, despite the fact that he lives with Alzheimer's. Stories like this are why we exist.

We know this work isn't done in isolation. Many partners help us along the way. This month we were thrilled to host **PNC Bank** and their Illinois President Scott Swanson along with their Diversity and Inclusion Council at our early education centers in Back of the Yards and Humboldt Park. They came as part of their **Grow Up Great** initiative, which provides resources to support high-quality early education programs across the country. In addition, this month, I was recruited to serve on mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot's transition team for Health and Human Services. I am excited that Chicago Commons will be part of this important moment for civic leadership in Chicago.

As we look to the coming months, I hope you will join us in celebrating our **125th anniversary year** by participating in one of our upcoming events: our **2019 Bud Blossom Golf Outing, Comcast Cares Day**, or by making a contribution today. Your generosity has enabled us to sustain impact throughout the years.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edgar Ramirez".

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PNC's Grow Up Great Day at Chicago Commons Early Education Centers



This month, we were thrilled to host **PNC Bank** at our early education centers in Back of the Yards and Humboldt Park, as we celebrated the 15th anniversary of the **Grow Up Great** initiative - a multi-million dollar effort to support high-quality early education programs across the country. Scott Swanson, PNC's Illinois President, and members of their Diversity and Inclusion Council visited classrooms, read to the kids, and created arts and crafts with the children. Chicago Commons' CEO **Edgar Ramirez**, Board Chair **Will Evans**, and Board Member **Dorothy Abreu** joined alongside PNC and the kids to celebrate the **Grow Up Great** initiative!

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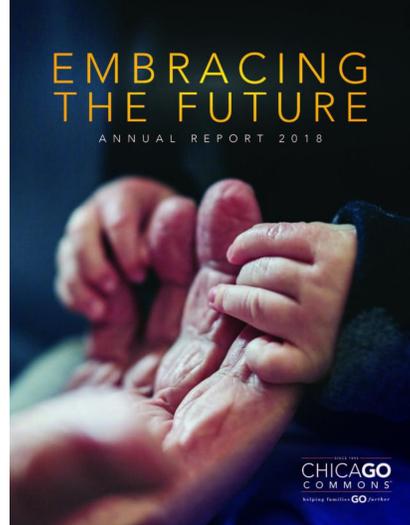
**Edgar Ramirez
Selected To
Mayor-Elect's
Transition Team**

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Chicago Commons President & CEO **Edgar Ramirez** is honored to join **Lori Lightfoot's transition team for Health and Human Services**. This is an important moment for civic leadership in Chicago, and we are excited that Chicago Commons continue to be at the table.

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Chicago Commons' **2018 Annual Report** is now available.

In 2018, Chicago Commons was recognized as a **Community Progress Maker** by the **Citi Foundation** for being a visionary and impactful organization.

Download our report today!

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EVENTS

Comcast Cares Day Comes to Chicago Commons! Sign Up Now!



Volunteer at Chicago Commons for **Comcast NBCUniversal Comcast Cares Day!**

When: May 4, 2019, from 8 am - 2 pm

Where: Paulo Freire Family Center in Back of The Yards
1653 W 43rd St, Chicago, IL 60609

Join over 100 volunteers, and help beautify our early education center in Back of the Yards. This project will increase community pride, improve safety, and showcase Commons' role in the community for more than 100 years.

RSVP for this event today

Bud Blossom Golf Outing



Join us at Chicago Commons' annual [Bud Blossom Golf Outing!](#)

When: June 24, 2019

Where: Shoreacres

Lunch: 11:00 AM

Shotgun Start: 1:00 PM

[View our sponsorship and support information packet.](#)

Thank you to our 2019 golf committee members **Amit Mehta, Phil Kenny, and Dan Chavez**. Thank you to our host sponsors: **David and Annette Dezelan**.

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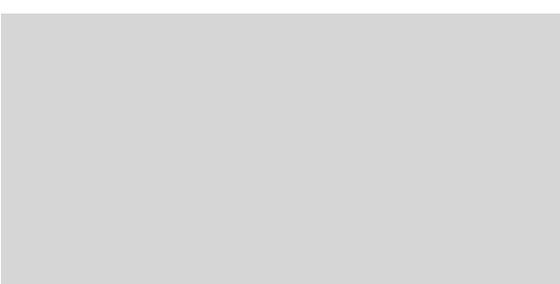
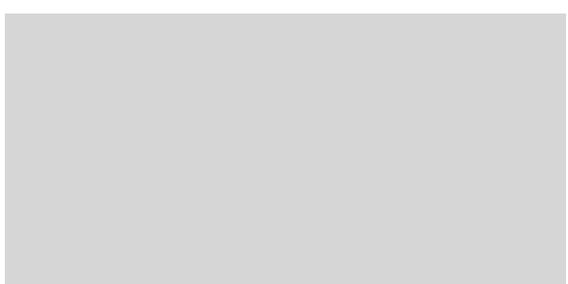
Interested in a rewarding career helping children, families, and seniors succeed? Please visit us online to explore career openings with Chicago Commons. This month we are featuring the following opportunities:



- Teacher Aide
- Finance/Accounting Clerk
- Family Worker
- Food Aide

Explore More Job Opportunities

SOCIAL MEDIA CORNER





Chicago Commons' Family Hub hosted Sabado en Familia (Family Saturday). Nearly 50 families participated in a number of workshops - yoga, mindfulness- meditation, growing your own medicine, infant nutrition, and more! Thank you **John Burns Construction** and **@PeoplesGasCHI** for joining us and helping our families and kids **#GOFurther #Commons125**



Chicago Commons is wrapping up our celebration of Money Smart Week! Presentations and discussions on childrens' savings accounts, credit reports and scores, financial literacy and planning were all well received by our Chicago Commons parents and families! **#FamiliesGOFurther**



@MariaPasicPNC: Inspiring **#EarlyEd** partner **#PNCGrowUpGreat** cheer squad Lots of orange & blue

We're excited to announce increased PNC funding for quality **#earlyeducation** for young learners in **#Chicagoland** including our new adopted center **@ChicagoCommons**



In commemoration of our 125th anniversary, Chicago Commons is sharing where we started, and where we are today! Check out our weekly posts about our **#impact**, from our early days as a settlement house for immigrants – to now serving 3,000 people in the City of Chicago! **#Commons125**

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