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**Arthur M. Brazier Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization: all contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.**

The Arthur M. Brazier Foundation (AMBF) is committed to its mission to create self-sustaining communities of vitality, choice and opportunity in our African-American neighborhoods. We assist communities in creating a common vision and comprehensive plan for community sustainability. We work closely with our clients to revitalize a community with significant physical, educational and locational assets. AMBF believes in self-determination and aims to create communities of choice that existing and future residents, businesses, investors, and other stakeholders can choose and embrace and build together.

AMBF believes that the success of revitalizing any disadvantaged community is to organize itself around a set of fundamental questions:

- How do we want to educate our kids;
- What needs to be in place so residents feel safe in this community;
- What infrastructure is needed to promote growth in mixed housing and bring in new businesses and ensure a tax base to support the community; and lastly
- What coordinated services, based on the demographics of the community, need to be available to support our residents.

AMBF believes answering these questions requires a full time team of individuals from the community that are uniquely qualified to focus on organizing businesses, providers, funders, social service organizations, schools and residents around each question to develop an actionable plan. AMBF recognizes that the numerous challenges in its communities do not happen in a vacuum and that individual plans need to be integrated into a comprehensive community plan to achieve sustainable community impact.

AMBF utilizes a Self-Determination Model, consisting of a convening organization to organize community input, and four Pillars to develop answers and solutions to each of its four “belief” questions. In its short history AMBF:

- ✓ Completed a Phase One Feasibility Study of the Woodlawn community to determine the best use of neighborhood corridors and transit nodes.
- ✓ Funded 12-community-development sessions, in partnership with the Metropolitan Planning Council, providing opportunities for the community to engage in shaping and driving the future direction of the community.
- ✓ Provided the technical assistance for the organization of the Network of Woodlawn and Woodlawn Public Safety Alliance to secure their nonprofit status.
- ✓ Assisted key Washington Park community stakeholders in visioning for a community-revitalization plan.
- ✓ Funded a Feasibility Study & Design Report for a new Woodlawn Health and Wellness Center in partnership with Friends Family Health Center (FFHC) and Woodlawn Children’s Promise Community (WCPC).

Today, AMBF continues to work in close partnership with its clients, the Network of Woodlawn (NOW) and the Washington Park Consortium, to improve the livability and sustainability of some of Chicago’s most underserved African-American neighborhoods.