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ENGLEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK



OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Launched in 2022, the Englewood Neighborhood Network is led by Teamwork Englewood, which is activating a network of residents and local organizations to advance the community's Quality-of-Life initiative, stemming from Englewood's first Quality-of-Life Plan in 2005.

In 1852, several railroad lines crossed in what was then called Junction Grove, and would later become the community we know as Englewood. Driven by German and Irish workers, the construction of apartment buildings and the city's then second-largest shopping district at Halsted and 63rd, the population in Englewood soared in the early 1900s. Real estate values in Englewood began to decline in the 1940s, with redlining and disinvestment resulting in decreased housing and opportunities for community growth. As housing decreased and retailers left the community, Englewood has faced significant population loss. While challenges remain, the leadership of community stakeholders is focused on building a stronger, more vibrant Englewood.

LEAD AGENCY

Teamwork Englewood

COMMUNITY VISION

Committed to finding long-term prevention approaches to reducing disparities and improving the quality and longevity of residents' lives

BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES: A DUAL APPROACH IN ENGLEWOOD



NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK IN ACTION

Teamwork Englewood serves as a capacity builder and catalyst for positive community transformation. Its initiatives aim to improve safety, support underserved populations, and promote healthy lifestyles.

Re-Entry:
- Provides services and advocacy for formerly incarcerated residents.

Education & Youth Development:
- Operates the Parent Mentor Program in 11 schools.

Health & Wellness:
- Promotes holistic health through intergenerational programs focused on mental, physical, and emotional well-being.

Housing & Public Spaces:
- Sets standards for new construction and rehabbed homes.
- Launched Home Repair Pilot Program to provide homeowner education, resources, and support.

Public Safety:
- Addresses infrastructure and safety issues through data-informed strategies and partnerships.

Jobs & Economic Development:
- Supports commercial corridor development to increase business investment and expand access to living-wage employment.





COALITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Formed a strategic partnership with Chicago Foundation for Women to implement the Englewood Women's Initiative, designed to convene employment partners and groups that provided barrier reduction services to increase employment and raise the wages for women-headed homes to $40,000 a year.
- TWE has served over 700 residents through our community programs, added 17 new partners to our EQLI network, and secured $15,750,000 in quality-of-life investments for Englewood.
- Strengthened public health outreach through hands-on community engagement through canvassing days and distributing 800+ public education materials
- Partnered with Imagine Englewood If to host the inaugural Englewood Behavioral Health Summit centered on healing, wellness, and community connection.

> *Across every corner of Greater Englewood, Teamwork Englewood deepens its impact — strengthening partnerships, expanding resident engagement, and advancing the bold vision of the Englewood Quality of Life Plan (EQLI) that our community has championed for years. We are committed to laying the groundwork for the next decade of community-driven development, guided by resident voices and grounded in data.*



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