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NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK INITIATIVE

SUMMIT NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK



OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Summit Community Network (SCN)—a coalition of local service providers, public officials, and residents—works collaboratively to enhance the quality of life for Summit residents, workers, and visitors. The network was formed in July 2020 by SGA Youth & Family Services and several other non-profits to coordinate resources for families. SCN became a Transforming Places Network in 2023. Today, SCN has more than 70 partners and is led by resident voice and concentrates on its collaborative action in three priority areas: Youth Programs, Community Engagement and Crime and Safety.

Summit is located between the Des Plaines River and the Southwest Side of Chicago. It was incorporated as a Village in 1890 and over the years served as a hub for agriculture, food processing, manufacturing, and industry. Throughout this evolution, Summit has remained at its core, a family-oriented community that generations continue to call home.

LEAD AGENCY

SGA Youth & Family Services

SUMMIT COMMUNITY NETWORK
UPLIFTING SUMMIT SINCE 2020

COMMUNITY VISION

Empower Summit residents as active members of a thriving community.

BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES: A DUAL APPROACH IN SUMMIT

- Food
- Housing Assistance
- Individual Health and Wellness



RESPONDING TO IMMEDIATE BASIC NEEDS OF Summit Residents

BUILDING NEIGHBORHOOD SYSTEMS STRONGER IN Summit



- Increase Economic Opportunity
- Education and Youth Development
- Community Health and Wellness

NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK IN ACTION

We're listening! The Summit Community Network has collected valuable resident and provider feedback about needs and priorities. This information will guide the creation of new services and programs for youth, families, and seniors.

In 2026, SCN was able to provide multi-generational programming to Summit village residents and enhance services around the Community Engagement, Youth Programs and Crime & Safety focus areas. This included 79 paid workforce opportunities for teens, health and wellness activities such as sports and wellness activities, digital literacy and technology STEM programming, senior enrichment activities and civic engagement initiatives. The network's robust leadership structure, consisting of a Steering Committee and Working Groups, ensures equity in decision-making and inclusion of all members of this diverse and historic community. Residents are finding pride in place and increased belonging through SCN's many engagement initiatives.





> *SGA Youth & Family Services is honored to be United Way of Metro Chicago's community quarterback in Summit. Being a Neighborhood Network will help the residents of Summit identify and address needs. This aligns with SGA's proprietary service model, the Cycle of Opportunity®, which empowers children and families to build upon their strengths to realize their greatest potential.*



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JOIN US! Together, we can build neighborhoods like Summit stronger. Direct your United Way gift to **"Neighborhood Networks"** to be a part of this critical strategy. Learn more at **LIVEUNITEDchicago.org/neighborhood-networks**

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