In The Historic Wabash Y: 1913 - 2013

Celebrating 100 Years of Service to Chicago’s Bronzeville Community

The Renaissance Collaborative, Inc.
Celebrate A Space
Where Past, Present & Future Reside Together

Saturday, December 14, 2013
4:00 - 9:00pm

In The Historic Wabash Y
3763 S. Wabash Avenue
Chicago, IL 60653

This community event is free to the public!

Interactive Events
Craft Vendors
Story-Telling and Tours
Raffle and Auction
Refreshments
Music, and so much more...
The year 2013 marks the exciting 100th anniversary of founding the historic Wabash YMCA on 37th and S. Wabash. The Chicago landmark-designated Wabash YMCA was closed in the late 1970's and early 1980's, but reopened and rededicated to the community in 2001 when The Renaissance Collaborative - whose mission is "to promote self-sufficiency through an innovative and comprehensive network of supportive housing, employment, and educational services" completed a successful $10.47 million campaign to restore this storied institution to its former glory.

Founded over 20 years ago by four ecumenical churches in the Bronzeville community, The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) was initially established to save the historic Wabash YMCA. Converted 13 years ago to a 101 room residence, this facility now provides supportive housing, life skills training, general education, employment opportunities, and health & wellness services to individuals recovering from homelessness.

Today the Wabash YMCA is 1 of 9 anchoring structures in the black Metropolis - Bronzeville Historic District. It was designated as a Historical Landmark on September 9, 1998 and has once again become a vital center of community life on Chicago's Mid-South Side. Year-round, The Renaissance Collaborative offers affordable housing and on-the-job training for people with limited resources, functioning just as it did 100 years ago for new arrivals coming from the South during the "Great Migration" of African Americans.

Over the years TRC and the Historic Wabash Y’s mission statement has expanded but our value statement has remained the same and has been the foundation of all that we do. The value statement of TRC is that all individuals have value and can better contribute to themselves, their families and their community when provided the necessary forms of supports.
About The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC)

Mission Statement

The Renaissance Collaborative, Inc. (TRC) is a 501(c)3 community development corporation (CDC) located in the City of Chicago - County of Cook. Its mission is to promote self-sufficiency through an innovative comprehensive network of supportive housing, employment, and educational services. Using an asset based approach, the agency works in three distinct business areas:

Residential Development

Renaissance Apartments & Fitness for Life Center provides comprehensive supportive housing for 101 formerly homeless adults and partners with the Metro YMCA to manage and operate a full fitness center. TRC Senior Village first opened September 2010 with 71 independent senior units. It features a Community Health & Wellness Center, and a model for collaborative effort by service providers. TRC will develop the other two phases of the village over the next 3-5 years.

Work Force Development

TRC continues to take innovative initiatives that employ residents with multi-barriers on the traditional route to employment while building their skill levels. Training programs include customer service/desk clerks, organic gardening, landscaping and janitorial. Bronzeville Green, janitorial, and desk clerks positions provide paid opportunities. Each job initiative serves as transitional job with placement opportunities.

Commercial Development

Initially, the agency will develop Bronzeville Works as its commercial work force educational and training facility and will become home to Bronzeville Green. This area of development positions the agency to develop and capitalize on its work in redeveloping the commercial corridors of the community while capturing the jobs derived from this effort in the work it is committed to do with Bronzeville Retail Initiative.

The Four Founding Ecumenical Churches

Apostolic Faith Church
Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church
St. Elizabeth’s Roman Catholic Church
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
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Interested in being a Vendor?

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Interested in Volunteering?

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_____ $500 - THE MARGARET BURROUGHS - This sponsorship assists towards revamping the resident community room.

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_____ JAZZ - TRANSPORTATION: This sponsorship assists residents with transportation costs such as 30 day bus passes, getting to first interviews and traveling to work each day before the first paycheck.
_____ RAGTIME - MOVE IN: This sponsorship assists residents with costs associated with move in such as starter kits which contain household items like a broom, cleaning supplies, and toiletries.
_____ BRASS BAND - RENT: This sponsorship assists residents by funding an internal emergency fund for difficulty with paying rent, help with first month's rent, or pay for 2 resident's 1 month rent.
_____ HYMNS - LIFE SKILLS: This sponsorship assists residents deemed unbankable become banked as well as provides opportunities for exposure to cultural opportunities like plays and museums.
_____ SPIRITUALS - WELLNESS: This sponsorship assists residents with medical needs like prescriptions, dental work, eye exams and other needs not covered by insurance as well as nutrition classes.
_____ MINSTREL - EDUCATION: This sponsorship assists residents with registration for GED tests, provides assistance with book purchases, registration fees for school and also first uniform purchases.

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_____ Check Enclosed - Make Payable to The Renaissance Collaborative
_____ Credit Card
Type of Card: _______________ Card Number: ___________________________________________________________________
Expiration Date: _______________ Security Code: _____________________________
Name on Card: _______________________________________________________________________________________________
Billing Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________________
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Completed Forms

Return this completed form by December 2, 2013:
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Centennial Celebration Craft Vendor Application

The Renaissance Collaborative is celebrating 100 Years of Service to Chicago’s Bronzeville Community and the Historic Wabash Y building. TRC is putting on a 2013 Centennial Celebration, a free event for the community which will provide interactive events, vendors, food and drink as well as an open house at the Historic Wabash Y. Be a part of the 100 year celebration, apply as a vendor! Vendors will be located inside the Grand Ballroom in the middle of the action!

Saturday, December 14, 2013 - 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Set-up: 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm - Breakdown: No earlier than 9:00 pm

Application Due by December 9, 2013 – Space Limited so Apply Early
Application Cost: $25.00 – Check or Money Order Accepted Only; Make checks out to: The Renaissance Collaborative

Give a brief description of your items to be sold: (Absolutely NO pre-packaged, commercial items or food vendors allowed.)

________________________________________________________________________________________________________
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Vendor Name: __________________________
Primary Contact Name: __________________________
Address: __________________________
City: __________________________ State: __________________________ Zip Code: __________________________
Contact Phone #: __________________________
Contact Email: __________________________

The above signed vendor has agreed to rent a display area as part of 2013 TRC Centennial Celebration for the sum of $_________ and in consideration thereof, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless TRC and the Centennial Committee; all TRC partners; and any other unnamed sponsor, their officers, directors, employees and agents, from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities or judgments arising from the undersigned’s activities engaged during Centennial Celebration. These are to include, but are not limited to, the attorney’s fees incurred in the defense of an action and any other costs, fees or penalties associated with such defense against the above mentioned entities and unnamed sponsors.

All displayed crafts must be the created work product of the exhibitor. Commercially manufactured items, kits, and/or items not handcrafted or designed by the applicant may not be offered for sale. The 2013 Centennial Celebration managers reserve the right to audit all items on display to ensure vendors’ adherence to this rule, and may request and cause the removal of work and/or items which, in the sole judgment of the 2013 Centennial Celebration managers, violate any 2013 Centennial Celebration rule. Failure to comply with any request to remove items or work from the display will result in the removal of an exhibitor from the 2013 Centennial Celebration. All vendors are responsible for their own IL Sales Tax number.

Exhibitors may not rent and/or sublet their booth space, nor may they act as agents or dealers for other craft persons or manufacturers. They also may not share booth space with another exhibitor unless such a request is made in advance, and the appropriate application procedures are followed. All booths must be manned by persons 18 years or older. Children must be supervised at all times. Pets are not allowed. All vendors must stay completely set up for the entire show.

I have read the 2013 TRC Centennial Celebration and will comply with them.

Date: __________________________ Vendor Name Printed: __________________________
Vendor Signature: __________________________
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