



Communities First Association

June 1, 2015

CFA Semi-Annual Gathering

CHICAGO October 13th-16th

This year our Fall Gathering will be held in Chicago, IL. at the Springhill Suites near O'hare airport **TUESDAY**

OCTOBER 13th through FRIDAY OCTOBER 16th. If you are interested in attending this years Fall Gathering email us at info@cfapartners.org



The CFA Fall Cohort

If you are a community development practitioner and are interested in joining a community of like minded individuals, then the CFA Cohort is the perfect place for you. CFA will be launching its first cohort for community development practitioners this fall. Whether you are a seasoned practitioner or someone new to the work we have a track developed that will be perfect for you. For more information about this opportunity email us at info@cfapartners.org



ABCD in Newport News, VA

The Roving Listeners



CFA's very own James Moynihan is playing an integral role in the improvement of his neighborhood through the use of ABCD. Click the link below to learn more about what he is doing in Virginia.

Great job Jim!

[ABCD in Newport News, VA](#)

Mission: Community Renewal

Working in true Community

Mission Year, CFA, and World Renew have come together to develop a cohort of six young adults ages 18-29 to participate in a cohort for two years in Chicago's Lawndale Community. Participants will be serving, learning, and implementing the principles of asset-based community development.



For more information please email Brandon Allen at:

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Professional Development:

Systems Thinking

"What the community wanted was clear, so the question became: How do you operate a grocery in a less-affluent community? It needs to be large enough to meet demand but small enough to avoid the costs of a large operation. While trying to answer this, I learned the role that grocery stores play in community development beyond access to food. Groceries also serve as meeting places, sources of informal credit, and places where kids get their first jobs and learn the responsibilities of work. "



Continue reading here:

[Food: Between Listening and DOing](#)

The Oasis

An Inspirational Word

"Never give up on something that you really want, it is difficult to wait, but more difficult to regret." ~Unknown



The Sankofa Journey

"Reach Back and Get it"



THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN THE BUS!

The Sankofa Journey is an intentional, cross-racial prayer journey that seeks to assist disciples of Christ on their move toward a righteous response to the social ills related to racism. This

interactive experience explores historic sites of importance in the Civil Rights movement and sites of oppression and inequality for people of color, while seeking to move participants toward healing the wounds and racial divide caused by hundreds of years of racial injustice in the United States. The next Sankofa journey will be ***July 30 through August 2, 2015***. We hope that you are able to attend this life changing journey!

For more information click on The Sankofa Journey link below:

[The Sankofa Journey](#)

To download the registration form, [click here](#).

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