

**Field of Dreams Visionary Center Launch 1st Trauma Center in Garfield Park
for Survivors and Families impacted by Trauma and Violence**

May 29, 2020 Chicago, IL – Field of Dreams Visionary Center, a not-for-profit agency that provides violence prevention, re-entry services, career development, employment opportunities, addiction counseling and more is expanding to launch the 1st Trauma Center for survivors of traumatic experiences and families who have lost a love one to violence. “Our team began working on developing a Trauma Center on the Westside of Chicago in Garfield Park in early 2019, initially approaching Rush Hospital for assistance and later after receiving no response, we moved forward and begin working with a group of doctors to bring the service to our westside communities”, said Siri Hibbler, Founder of Field of Dreams.

“In addition, to providing immediate trauma care, the **Dream Trauma Center**, slated to open on July 1st in Garfield Park, will provide counseling for survivors and families who have lost loved ones to violence as well as mental health counseling and yoga. Through our violence prevention program, the center will be a safe-haven for individuals who want to escape violence, and secure employment as well”, said Siri Hibbler. “Garfield Park currently has 1 medical facility and the lowest life expectancy in the city of Chicago. There is only 1 westside hospital in the immediate community, Loretta Hospital. When we learned of this, we knew that we needed to do all that we could to increase the resident’s access to healthcare. Which is why we are thankful to God and honored to bring this service to our westside communities to help save lives and heal families”, said Siri.

Recently, Siri Hibbler, launched the **COVID-19 African American Relief fund** in April 2020, the fund has is providing small businesses grants, food to seniors and families with Children as well as protective gear to first responders. Siri is also the creator and visionary behind the **Rebirth of Garfield Park Development** that has been featured in Crain’s Communication news articles is slated to bring 2,000 jobs, affordable housing, a technology and design center, and performing arts center to the westside of Chicago, **has raised \$100MM for her project**. Not only is Siri the founder of the Cook County Black Chamber of Commerce, she is also the founder of the nascent Garfield Park Chamber, Field of Dreams Visionary Center and the official newly formed Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce and several other companies. Siri is a native of the Garfield Park community. She moved to the west coast in 1986 and since returning to her community in 2016, she has been a staunch agent of change and advocate for bringing more jobs and opportunities to this community, providing housing to the homeless and low-income families, and jobs for ex-offenders. **Siri has received three community awards for her work and service including a certificate of excellence from the Cook County Treasurer, Maria Pappas.**

Field of Dreams Visionary Center will be holding an online Press Conference at 9:30 am today, Friday, May 29, 2020 to officially announce the 1st Westside Trauma Center.

“When you strip communities of all hope and opportunities, ill health, crime, poverty and unemployment will always escalate. Its a sad state that we, the residents of forgotten African American communities are living with daily. It’s not fair that areas like Fulton Market, Lincoln Park and other prominent areas are constantly being

beautified, while the residents in predominantly African American communities are left without access to health care facilities and hospitals this should not be so in 2020”, said Siri Hibbler.

Join the Online Press Conference on Zoom at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlscOqoqz0qH9eBDzYLafNlX1t0brkqsvnU>

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