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LAWNDALE CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND UIC'S GREAT CITIES INSTITUTE RELEASE LAWNDALE DATABOOK: A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF COMMUNITY TRENDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chicago, November 2023 – Lawndale Christian Development Corporation (LCDC), in collaboration with the University of Illinois at Chicago's Great Cities Institute, is proud to announce the release of the Lawndale Databook. This 60-page report delves into community trends, challenges, and actionable recommendations for investment in Chicago's Lawndale neighborhood.

Executive Director Richard Townsell emphasized the significance of this research, stating, "The Lawndale Databook is a crucial resource for understanding the complexities of our community. It sheds light on the aspirations of Lawndale residents and the challenges they face. It is not just a report; it is a call to action for community-driven change."

Deputy Director and Counsel Whitney Smith added, "The well-being of our residents is intricately linked to the economic health of our neighborhood. The Databook serves as a roadmap, outlining the conditions necessary for community wealth building. We are determined to turn these insights into tangible solutions."

Key Highlights from the Lawndale Databook:

- Identification of community aspirations: nice homes, safe streets, good schools, and dignified, living-wage jobs.
- Recognition of challenges faced by residents, including the loss of wealth-building opportunities.
- Proposals for solutions presented by LCDC and community partners.





Call to Action: LCDC urges stakeholders, policymakers, and community members to engage with the Lawndale Databook. By collaboratively implementing the proposed solutions, we can foster community wealth and create a North Lawndale that aligns with residents' visions.

About LCDC: Lawndale Christian Development Corporation is a faith-driven organization founded in 1987, dedicated to addressing social issues, eliminating disparities, and building community wealth in North Lawndale.

