South Chicago Neighborhood Network

The South Chicago Neighborhood Network creates programs and provides resources that reduce health disparities by improving access to mental health and trauma-informed care. We are supported by 20 community groups, including local block club members, non-profit organizations, law enforcement and higher education institutions. United Way has partnered with Claretian Associates, a faith-based community development organization, to support the network.

Building a Stronger Neighborhood

Chicago has one of the highest income inequalities in the country. Nowhere is that more apparent than on the South Side where people living below the poverty level is nearly three times the state’s average. In addition, some South Side neighborhoods experience violent crimes rates more than 100 times higher than the national average.

Multiple studies have shown that high rates of poverty and violence increase the risk of mental and physical health issues. Poverty limits access to proper nutrition, shelter, safe neighborhoods and healthcare.

The South Chicago Neighborhood Network is working to reduce the factors damaging our communities. We are investing in healthcare and economic programs to improve our residents’ safety and wellness.

The South Chicago Neighborhood Network supports services important for:

- Good physical, social and mental health
- Disease prevention
- Detection, diagnosis, and treatment of illness
- Quality of life
- Life expectancy
South Chicago Neighborhood Network Services

We have a unique perspective on our community’s health and safety challenges. Since 2016, we have been committed to improving the South Side by offering resources and support, including:

- Annual trauma-informed symposium
- Monthly Neighborhood Network community meetings
- Grief support groups
- Mental health first aid training
- Café talks and community workshops
- Capacity building workshops
- Health and wellness screenings
- COVID health and financial assistance

“This is what our community needs. We need organizations that actually care for our students and are willing to provide options that we don’t have and to give us a financial lift. This helps a lot.”

—Brian Sayles, father of two

For more information on the South Chicago Neighborhood Network, call (773) 734-9181 ex 2030, email SouthChicagonn@gmail.com or visit claretianassociates.org/south-chicago-neighborhood-network-scnn.html.

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United Way of Metro Chicago’s Neighborhood Network model provides the best structure to support a place-based approach in neighborhoods. Together, we can build back neighborhoods stronger and more equitably. Direct your United Way gift to “NeighborhoodNetworks” to be a part of this critical strategy.

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