

**BRIGHTPOINT AND ONE SUMMER CHICAGO YOUTH UNVEIL NEW MURAL AT THE BRIGHTPOINT
BACK TO SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY WHICH PROVIDES COMMUNITY RESOURCES
AND IS A CELEBRATION OF BRIGHTPOINT'S NEW BRAND IDENTITY**

What: Brightpoint and One Summer Chicago Mural and Back to School Block Party

Where: Marshfield Office

5958 South Marshfield Avenue, Chicago, IL 60636

When: August 12th, 2023, 1 pm - 4 pm

Join Brightpoint, formerly Children's Home & Aid, at our Marshfield office for the unveiling of our One Summer Chicago mural at 2 pm and the 5th Annual Back to School Block Party from 1 pm-4 pm. **We will be joined by First Deputy Chief of Staff for Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson, Dr. Cristina Pacione-Zayas.**

For 3 weeks, One Summer Chicago youth worked with artist Barrett Keithley to learn about art and design, sketch concepts, and assisted with the mural's installation. The program will culminate with the unveiling of a 12ft H x 80ft W mural at the Brightpoint Marshfield location. **"Being able to create this mural in the Englewood community shows a creative outlook and brings light to an area in the community. Also, knowing that I was able to partake in this mural I will always remember this moment,"** commented a One Summer Chicago youth.

We are grateful to One Summer Chicago, the Chicago Mayor's Office, and the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) for supporting this incredible outlet and experience that allowed the youths to create something new and beautiful for the community. **"This mural has given the youth a new point of pride in the Englewood community, and they were able to help in its creation. This participation is providing the youth with a direct example of what advocacy can look like in their community and how they wish to participate and see their communities represented more positively,"** said Michel Quezada, Manager of Family & Community Engagement.

In addition to painting the mural, Brightpoint's policy team engaged with One Summer Chicago youth throughout 6 weeks to understand their perspectives on advocacy and educate them on how they can advocate for themselves and their communities.

Brightpoint will have programming information and has partnered with community and corporate partners to offer free school supplies and resources for youth and their families.

Partners include Teamwork Englewood, Angela's Illustrations, True Believers/Stay LIT, The Blessed Child, Alternatives, Growing Hands Essentials, and Think Outside da Block.

About Brightpoint (formerly Children's Home & Aid)

Brightpoint is a distinguished child and family services organization. We started our journey as Children's Home & Aid and have served Illinois children since 1883. Brightpoint is recognized for establishing best practices and achieving results through our programs and services that focus on child abuse prevention, healthy child and youth development, and strengthening families. Brightpoint promises to be brave with our families and support their brave choices, because we know that those choices can create strong families, and strong families create thriving children.

Brightpoint engages with over 30,000 children, youth and families each year in 67 counties across Illinois. Our organization's mission is to advance the well-being of children by investing in families to disrupt the systemic and multi-generational cycle of racial, social and economic inequality. Our vision is an equitable world where all children and families thrive in strong communities. Learn more at www.brightpoint.org.

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