



## PRESS RELEASE REGARDING COMMUNITY GROUP NONPROFITS BEING SELECTED FOR WESTSIDE MOMENTUM

The Field of Dreams Academy, Inc. has been selected to take part in *Westside Momentum Initiative*.

ATLANTA (March 19, 2015) – The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, in partnership with the Georgia Center for Nonprofits (GCN), has announced that the Field of Dreams Academy has been selected to take part in *Westside Momentum*, a three-year capacity building initiative of the Westside Neighborhood Prosperity Fund designed to increase the impact and sustainability of organizations based in Atlanta’s historic Castleberry Hill, English Avenue and Vine City neighborhoods.

The Field of Dreams Academy was selected to take part in what is known as the *Community Group*, alongside 38 other Westside nonprofits. *The Community Group* will have access to hands-on training, networking, and year-long programs focused on nonprofit management, leadership and governance training.

“We publically committed to being a catalyst to help transform the Westside neighborhoods. Through our work, we know that nonprofits serving the Westside of Atlanta are a critical piece of the equation,” stated Frank Fernandez, Vice President of Community Development, The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation. “Through Westside Momentum, those organizations selected have the opportunity to access resources that have long been needed to increase collective community impact.”

*Momentum*, piloted in 2011, is the first and largest project of its kind in Georgia and was developed by GCN to support the work of nonprofits addressing complex issues in communities across the state.

“When nonprofits are strong, strategic and sustainable, their impact on the issues and causes important to communities is greater. The Field of Dreams Academy is an integral part of the community, and we’re excited to partner with them as they continue working to make the Westside a great place to live, work, and play,” said GCN President and CEO Karen Beavor.

“We are excited and honored by this selection, it validates that organization’s mission and the various academic and athletic enrichment programs are making a difference! We are fully committed to improving the quality of life for all of the citizens of the Westside community.” said Field of Dreams, CEO/Executive Director Terry Johnson.

Learn more about the [Westside Prosperity Fund](#) and [Westside Momentum](#) online.

***The Field of Dreams Academy is a registered 501c3 non-profit organization, incorporated in the State of Georgia. Our primary mission is to EDUCATE, EXPOSE and ENDOW opportunities to minority youth who have the talent, passion and skill to excel in non-traditional sports. These non-traditional sports are baseball, lacrosse, soccer, hockey and auto racing. Additionally, our focus is to EXPAND their knowledge in the field of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), so these student-athletes can excel academically." Our goal is for each student-athlete who participates in the Field of Dreams Academy to have a positive impact on his community. They participate in various outreach programs that allow them to become a positive contributor to our society. The Field of Dreams Academy knows that we can make better communities, which lead to a better society, ultimately leading to a better world!***