

March 2023 Newsletter



UnidosUS Change Makers Conference

Northwest Center's organizing team recently attended the annual <u>UnidosUS</u> Change Makers Conference, which presents young people with opportunities to attend educational workshops, speak with legislators, and network with like-minded organizations.

"It's great to see that even though we live in different states, we are still working towards the same goals," NWC Youth Organizer Juvilee Hernandez said.

Juvilee, who once attended the conference as a youth leader, was able to experience this year on the other side of the activities.

"It came full circle from being a youth who attended previously to being in position to bring young people. I know what they were feeling when speaking to legislators for the first time because it changed my own view on the work we were doing after my first conference," Juvilee said.

"I was able to see the young people eye's lighting up, it was cool."



Employee Spotlight

"As I move into my new role, I will hold on to all of the experience, memories, relationships that have come within the last decade."

Sean Washington
Former Director of Operations

Wishing Sean Washington a warm farewell

Northwest Center wishes former Director of Operations Sean Washington best of luck with his future endeavors as he moves on after a decade of dedication and progressive work within the organization and community.

"As the NWC team honored Sean's service to NWC with lunch and affirmations, the team shared that Sean's most important contributions to NWC were not necessarily related to his formal job description but rather were how we worked. The team described Sean as patient, a teacher, and responsive. As I reflect on Sean's ten years at NWC, I am beyond grateful for everything he shared and gave the organization from his knowledge of housing processes and systems, to his compliance knowledge, to his office music choices, Sean is one of the most genuine and real people I have ever had the pleasure to work alongside," said James Rudyk, Executive Director.

Celebrate Home 2023!

Northwest Center is excited to announce our annual fundriasing gala! This year, we will be celebrating our 20th anniversary and our journey from from one staff in a church basement office to a team of 50, all committed to improving the community and reflecting the diversity of the community.

Keep an eye out for more information coming soon to our website!







Chicago Connected celebrates over 200 graduates

For the past year and a half, Chicago Connected has offered Individual Digital Learning classes to community residents through an 8-part course focused on teaching computer literacy, how to navigate websites, and how to find online resources. With 215 individuals successfully graduating the cohort, Chicago Connected is excited to announce upcoming group-learning classes. Classes will be held at Parent University, Monday through Thursday, 9am-2pm. If you are interested in being placed on a waitlist, please email Chicago Connected Program Manager Reyna at rrodriguez@northwestcenterchicago.org or text 708.541.2879.

Upcoming Events

For more information on events, visit our website at www.northwestcenterchicago.org/events



Pinterest Tutorial Parent University* Spanish In Person:

March 21 at 12:30pm **English Virtual:** March 22 at 5pm Spanish Virtual: March 22 at 6pm



Buying Airplane Tickets Parent University*

Spanish In Person: March 28 at 2:30pm

English Virtual: March 29 at 5pm

Spanish Virtual:

March 29 at 6pm



Parent University* 15 de Marzo 12:00pm



Como hablar con mi hijo Comprando Rico y Sano

Parent University* 30 de Marzo 2:30pm