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YWCA Metropolitan Chicago announces Small Business Development Center (SBDC) designation on 2nd Annual SBDC Day March 21st

Small Business Development Centers Around the Country Celebrate Their Impact on Small Businesses

Chicago, IL –For nearly 40 years the America’s Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network has helped aspiring and emerging small business owners achieve the American dream of entrepreneurship. This March SBDCs from around the country are coming together for one special day to celebrate their impact on the success of our nation’s dreamers, innovators and doers – America’s small businesses.

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is proud to announce our designation as Small Business Development Center in the Woodlawn community at the YWCA Laura Parks and Mildred Francis Center located at 6600 S. Cottage Grove Ave.

“YWCA Metropolitan Chicago has proudly been supporting entrepreneurs and small business owners on the south side of Chicago for decades. We’re excited to now be an official member of America’s Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network to continue our efforts to extend the vitality of Chicago’s central business district to all of Chicago’s neighborhoods,” says Dorri McWhorter, CEO of YWCA Metropolitan Chicago.

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago along with SBDCs across the nation are hosting the second annual SBDC Day on March 21. SBDC Day is a national movement to help share the small business success stories and notable impact SBDCs have fostered in communities nationwide.

“It’s great to see SBDCs, their clients and supporters come together to celebrate SBDCs and their amazing clients. With SBDC support small businesses around the country raised over \$5 billion in capital and created nearly 100,000 jobs,” said Charles “Tee” Rowe, President & CEO of America’s SBDC.

To learn more about SBDC Day, and to join the movement, visit <http://www.americassbdc.org/SBDCDay>. To learn more about YWCA Metropolitan Chicago’s new Small Business Development Center visit <https://ywcachicago.org/our-work/economic-empowerment/sbdc/> or contact Jacqueline Priego at Jacqueline.priego@ywcachicago.org.

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About America's SBDC Program: America's SBDC (Small Business Development Center) Network is a partnership uniting private enterprise, government, higher education and local nonprofit economic development organizations. It is the Small Business Administration's largest partnership program, providing management and technical assistance to help Americans start, run and grow their own businesses. Learn more at www.americassbdc.org.

About YWCA Metropolitan Chicago: YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is the oldest and largest women's organization in the region, with a mission to eliminate racism and empower women. For more than 140 years, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago has been committed to serving the evolving needs of women and families. Today, they help more than 200,000 individuals annually through programs focused around Safety & Wellness, Education & Training, and Economic Sustainability. The organization is the largest provider of sexual assault support services in Illinois, offering crisis intervention, counseling, education and medical and legal advocacy services. They administer the state's largest Child Care Resource and Referral program offering services to families seeking child care and a variety of support resources for child care providers. They also offer career, financial management, digital literacy and business services to help youth and adult members achieve financial stability and obtain training to enter high-growth fields. To learn more, please visit www.ywcachicago.org.