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### TRANSFORMING PEOPLE & PLACES

Greencorps Chicago is the City of Chicago's green industry job training program for individuals with barriers to employment. It is a program of the Chicago Department of Transportation in partnership with WRD Environmental. The mission of the program is to **EMPOWER RESIDENTS FROM CHICAGOLAND'S UNDERSERVED NEIGHBORHOODS TO CREATE CHANGE IN THEIR LIVES AND COMMUNITIES** through training, service, and career opportunities in environmental fields. In partnership with several stakeholders, we aim to build healthier, safer, and more engaged communities while preparing individuals for employment through practical field experience and technical training in environmentally related jobs.

Greencorps participants are provided diverse learning opportunities and hands-on training experiences in careers, such as landscaping, tree care, ecological restoration, and green infrastructure. Technical training includes horticulture, tree planting, carpentry, plant identification, hand and gas-powered tools, pesticide use, chainsaw operation, and a variety of other project-specific topics. Trainees also have the opportunity to earn several professional certifications, including First Aid/CPR, HAZWOPER, OSHA 10-Hour Safety, Defensive Driving, Chicago Wilderness Prescription Burn Class, and the Illinois Pesticide license. Additionally, Greencorps offers professional development and soft skills training throughout the year to increase the work readiness of its participants.

On top of the classroom training, our crew-based project work model provides an opportunity for participants to work on their professional interpersonal skills and hone the new technical skills they have acquired in training, while implementing meaningful projects that support regional sustainability and resiliency initiatives. Trainees work on a range of projects including invasive species removal, vacant lot improvement, landscape maintenance, and planting projects for a variety of partners, including the Chicago Park District, the Forest Preserves of Cook County, the Chicago Department of Planning and Development, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Chicago Region Tree Initiative, and other public and community partners. Working on real projects allows participants to learn industry expectations with time to learn and grow, not otherwise offered in an industry position.

Throughout the program, all participants are supported with wrap-around social services, comprehensive job readiness training, and a stable income; increasing their ability to secure full-time employment upon completion. Following graduation, Greencorps' provides placement assistance by identifying appropriate employment matches for graduates and follows up with post placement check-ins to address any workplace issues that may arise. These services contribute the ongoing success of our graduates and aids businesses in finding and retaining a reliable workforce.

### CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF IMPACT

Greencorps Chicago was first created in 1994 as a community greening program to work with local community members. It quickly became apparent that for the program to be effective, those community members, soon to be known as trainees, would need some horticulture training for the projects. This realization set Greencorps on a course to become the robust job training program that it is today. Since the beginning, Greencorps has been made possible by a network of relationships and partnerships with organizations that provide multiple layers of support to Greencorps Chicago; and just like many organizations, Greencorps has had to adapt to thrive and that adaptation has led to two predominant eras.

#### **30 YEARS**

#### 700 + GRADUATES

From 1994-2011, we were heavily focused on horticulture and landscaping through community garden projects, Chicago Department of Environment projects, and establishing our core training components.

During this time we installed over 850 new gardens & supported another 1500 gardens with maintenance, we made sure that over 1900 homes in low income communities had insulation and storm windows that could protect them from the cold and rain, we created a satellite program, Greencorps Calumet, that ran for 2.5 years that helped pave the path for strengthening our ecological restoration training.

Greencorps began its second era in 2012. At that time, we began to shift our training focus and have since built critical relationships with our project partners that have kept us running strong. During this time, our crews received experience working on projects with the Forest Preserves of Cook County, the Chicago Park District, the IL Department of Natural Resources, the City Colleges of Chicago, and the Department of Planning & Development.

We have also partnered on several high school programs, most recently with DFSS and CPS to run the Greencorps Chicago Youth Program to provide Chicago high school students a summer employment opportunity focused on bicycling, gardening, and educational experiences in the environmental field.







## GREENCORPS ALUMNI

FOR 30 YEARS, GREENCORPS CHICAGO HAS BEEN EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

1995



Alexander Freddie Maria Bartosz Michael Basile George Cardine Otis Christian Helen Coates Robert Davenport Jim DeHorn Estevan Gonzalez German Gonzalez Teresa Grant
Paul Humphries
Darryl Lawson
Ruby Lofton
Michael Morson
Demetrius Myers
Nate Pendleton
J. Everett Smith
Robert Strong
Michael Wilson

9661





Luther Andrews
Willie Beale
Jay Body
Robert Brown
Antoinette Buchanon
Frank Butler
George Cardine
Claude Eubanks
Earl Garrett
German Gonzalez
Harry Madix
David Matthews

Gilbert Morson
Demetrius Myers
Louise Owens
Simon Paris
Jeff Perkins
Jeffrey Perkins
Nelson Rios
Jose Salgado
Craile Smith
Douglas Sutton
Marvin Wilborn
Henry Williams

1661



William Armstrong Willie Beale Joseph Cardy Bernest Clark Reginald Hall Joseph Ikafia Tasha Jackson John Jeffries

Harry Madix
Reed McKinley
Jeffrey Perkins
Anthony Sutton
Bernard Tobias
Dennis Walker
Mikel Wallace
Edde Whitehead



Stan Anderson Antoinette Coutee Jason Edwards Dexter Esters Eric Hampton John Jeffries John Jones McKinley Reed Howard Singleton

## 666L



Elijah Baptist
Emmett Bennett
Lorenzo Davis
Marco Gutierrez
Jose Hernandez
Ronald Knox
Selonie Moore
Albert Morris
Drake Palmer
Nate Pendleton

Derrick Sampson
Patricia Shell
Kato Smith
Felicia Solebo
Thomas Steen
John Sylvester
Anthony Timberlake
Darren Triplett
Marvin Windon

# 2000



Percy Abron
Kimberly Baker
Nathaniel Childress
Brandon Ford
Lureatha Glover
John Jones
Keith McNease

William Mormon
Vincent Smith
Latwanda Turner
Dennis Williams
D'Juan Winchester
Melvin Windon

## 2001



Marvin Chandler
Dewey Cotton
Monique Crawford
Milton Daugherty
Dexter Esters
Carlon Goins
James Holmes
Ronald Massey

Eric Mayfield
Tawanda Rogers
Dionne Sims
Anthony Stanford
Tzadekiel Sutton
Katrina Thurman
Antoinne Williams
D'Juan Winchester



2001

### **MILESTONE MOMENT:**

WRD ENVIRONMENTAL BECOMES THE MANAGING PARTER FOR GREENCORPS CHICAGO.





**Barbara Adams Marvin Chandle** 

**Dewey Cotton Anthony** Harris **Lanier Joseph** Brian King Sr. **Berry Louie** Eric Mayfield **Undre McClure Rosa Montes Ernest Mullins** 

Sylvia Raggs **Tawanda Rogers** Tina Sevilla **Maurice Smith Anthony Stanford** Michael Terry Katrina Thurman **Stanley Wiertel Antoinne Williams Robert Williams** 



Kimberly Baker Mark Bell

**Corey Buchanan Desmond Butler Alphonse Davis Derrick Griffin Timothy Hayes Dennis Hughes Shawn Johnson Londell Lancaster Dwayne Landfair** Eric Mayfield **Undre McClure** 

**Rebecca Owens** Kirika Robinson **Maurice Smith Leon Teague** Darren Triplett **Marcus Turner** Floyd Walker **Charles Wallace Patty White Robert Williams** D'Juan Winchester

2004





**Percy Abron Ronald Carter** Wendell Coburn Frederick English **Ronnie Evans** Ellis Guy LaQueasha Hayes Jareem Jackson **Dracy Landfair** Kenneth Malone

**Darren Mangrum** Darrell Martin **Ernest Metts** William Mormon **Thomas Perkins** Michael Pittman Marcus Raggs **Beverly Ross** Octavious Wilson **Atteshia Woods** 

2005



Terius Biles Calvin Brown Medras Calhoun Wendell Coburn Sean Engelman **Ronald Johnson** Willie Jones Terrell McCord

Alfonso Oquendo **Erica Peterson Robert Sherman** John Spicka Corey Washington **Roy Watkins Brenda Williams Robert Willingham** 



Jeremy Barnes Freddie Bateman Jumaani Bates **Zachary Brown** Michael Hall Willie Hanner

John Jeffries Nathaniel McCoy Raymond Phillips Nickole Sanford **Balerie Stokes** Johnny Williamson



**Antoine Bryant** Robert Canada Jr. **Jerome Clay** Samantha Creightney Valerie Davis

**Rene Diaz Christopher Douglas** Sirkarl Freeman John Galloway John Grigsby **Gregory Hall** Willie Hanner Lescester Hardin Aaisha Holliday Shannon Jefferson Jamil Johnson Michael Johnson **Shaun Johnson Brian King** 

**Keithan Lawrence** Jacob Lozano Johnell McDonald **Lathan Means Fabian Meridy** Glen Nash **Roderick Poston** Virgil Roddy **Anthony Thomas Davey Williams Randy Wilson Cynthia Woodard** 



Viviana Alberran Marvel Allen **Mario Brownlow Fernando Brunt Antoine Bryant Thomas Clark** 

Rene Diaz **Christopher Douglas Matthew Furdge Harith Goodwin Bruce Harden** Vincent Hardin **Marshon Harris** Jimmy Haynes **Derrick Jackson** Karona Johnson **Marcus Johnson** Mark Johnson Mike Lewis Michelle Mackey **Alphonso Mallit** 

**Lathan Means** Trina Mobley Liu Montsho **Jackie Morgan** Levi Pearson Olin Powell Virgil Roddy **Michael Stamps** Jacqueline Suarez **Curtis Thomas Kenneth Tyberg** Maleeka Welch **Ronald Wilkerson** Jake Williams Randy Wilson



Marvel Allen Brandon Bedenfield Michael Carrasquillo Fred Cooper Erin Day

Rodney Elliott
Donald Gatewood
John Hale
Nicole Hampton
Terrence Hampton
Jimmy Haynes
Bryan Kraus
Marzette Leverston
Juarez Levy
Deric McGee
Ignacio Medina
Corey Miller
Corey Miller

**Jason Moore** 

Jackie Morgan
Edward Peake
Jermaine Plummer
John Ramirez
Antiwone Rudd
Middleton Staley
Charles Stokes
Fred Streeter
Bart Taylor
Randy Valle
Evie Vaughn Jr.
Gregory Vaughn
James White



Shawn Barnes
Steven Beeler
Devadious Blackman
Reba Chaney
Clifton Dale Jr.
Will Davis
George Dutro
Louis Eison
Darrell Flowers
David Garcia

**Allis Ghant Leonard Gilbert Robert Hammond Tremayne Harris** Reggi Hooks **Darnell Humes Anthony Jackson** Artis Jackson Carlos Jackson **Edward Kelly** Erica Lane Herbert MacFaun **Darrick Martin Ronald McBeath Anthony McLaren** Joshua Messina Darnell Mitchell Gary MoorIsmael Perez Jr. **David Pirie** 

**Darlene Pope** James Presswood **Ever Reccord** Crisanto Rivera **Dion Robinson** Stephan Schmidt **Tavaras Short** Steven Short **Demetrice Taylor Kenneth Taylor Courtney Thurman** Josue Valle Luis Velazquez **Gary Ward Leon Watson Kevin Williams Rogers Wilson Jessie Wright** 





#### **MILESTONE MOMENT:**

GREENCORPS HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND WEATHERIZATION PROJECTS SERVE 1,948 HOMES.





Adrian Andrade
Kevin Avant
Patrick Baggett
Mary Booker
Javan Boyd
Cordell Bradley
Vernetta Buchanan
Ralph Chatman
Shawn Clark
Kermit Collins
Walter Cooper
Kareem Crews
Steven Culbreath
William Danta

**Eugene Davenport Charles Davis Christopher Duncan David Ewers Leonard Fletcher Lorenczo Funches Deonta Giles Aaron Glasper Karon Godbold** Wilson Gonzalez **Anthony Goodwin** Jerry Gunn Jr. **Marshun Hammond** Catrice Henderson Timothy Hill Starr Houston **Tesha Howard Latour Ivory Anthony Johnson Lorenzo Jones Donald Jones** Eric Jordan

Henri Jordan Tristan Klein **Kerry Laster Antoine Love** Michael Mayberry Glennis Mixon Reginaldo Nazario **Myron Nicholas** Jaleesa Pierce **Victor Power** China Pulliam **Aaron Scott Antonio Shaw Terjuan Short** Kimberly Skipwith **Alonzo Smith Maurice Smith** Nicholas Turner **Anthony Turner Jack Williams Albert Willingham** Flora Young





George Anderson
Zuriel Anderson
Fredrick Blount
Terrell Bullock
Evette Clark
D'Won Collins
Eric Daniels
Vincent Early
Gerard Frierson
Terrence Garmon
Abraham Harris

Anthony Hayes
Daniel Mason
Rodney Mosley
Taurus Moore
Frank Rodriguez
Matthew Smith
Linnette Stewart
Donzie Tolbert
Edward Walker
Janet Williams
Treasa Wilson



#### **MILESTONE MOMENT:**

GREENCORPS CALUMET SATELLITE PROGRAM IS RECOGNIZED AS A MODEL PROGRAM BY MILLENNIUM RESERVE.





Lezerrick Allen
Denzel Anderson
Glenndale Bates
Theodore Collins
Jonathen Davis
Ravoni Flowers
Leroy Franklin
Ervin Freeman
Deontis Jackson
Jirard Kincherlow
Chevis Moore

Wendell Sanford
Damone Savage
Andre Scheafers
Victor Short
Antonio Spell
Michael Thomas
Arnon Timms
Samuel Torres
Yolanda Wells
Brandon Wilson
Charles Wilson

2014



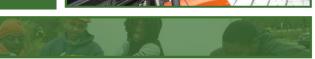
Bobby Bradley Deion Clark

Andrew Coates
Tyrone Ellis
Dorian Hamilton
Roberto Guzman
Demarcus Henderson
Sam Holman
Jasmine Jeter
Timothy July
Charles Lumpkin

Curtis Moore
Ron Owens
Jermaine Redmond
Earl Ross
Donovan Sanders
Charles Tate
Darryl Townsend
Willie Watkins
Christopher Yates
Nelson Yates

2015





William Bell
Lynn Bolton
Tarenica Brooks
Christian Cameron
Precious Cooley
Laurita Fulton
Jarmar Griffin
Darryl Grossett
Robert Johnson

Jeffrey Mischler

Lamar Lewis
Charlz Livingston
Stanley Nunnally
Lisa Oliphant
Veronica Owens
Julian Stillwell
Bettye Tillman
Kadeem Toler



2013

#### **MILESTONE MOMENT:**

PARTNERSHIP WITH DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES BEGINS AND EXPANDS THE IMPACT OF GREENCORPS SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.





Trashonda Allen William Ballard Torian Batemon

Charmetha Boyce
Kenneth Burvender
James Chalmers
Deshawn Dunn
Steven Ellington
Derrick Gould
Tamela Green
Lashonda Griffin
Michael Hendricks
Anthony Henry

Derrick Lyons
James Mackey
Millard Morrow
Antoine Patterson
Angela Rodgers
Carnell Trotter
Craig Ward
Jermaine Weeden
James Whitcomb
Romell Wilburn



Orlando Bennett Chris Canaday Ben Hill Jeffrey Johnson Keontrae Johnson Ulyss Smith Mashawn Thomas Javier Vinaja Jon-Phillip Williams



Jason Coleman
Jerry Etheridge
Terry Fitzgerald
Sharon Flowers
Fred Gould
Kevin Hamilton
Deserie Jeffers
Daniel Longfellow

Allison Reilley
Shavelle Sims
William Slaton
Shimika Sumlin
De'Andre Taylor
Prentiss Thomas
Kimberly Van Pelt



Randy Boss
Zuzanna Brown
Kentaya Brown
Calvin Filkin
Norman Gurley
Shanicke Henry
Deon Johnson
Taylor Johnson
Jessica Martinez

Richard Perry
Lawrence Porter
Ariel Riley
Maria Sanchez-Lopez
Archie Slate
Beatrice Steele
Eddie Washington
Lawrence Willis
Raymond Zibits



Nickolas Anderson Rosemary Bielamowicz Antonette Brotman Kimesha Collier Natalia Dominiguez Latriaya Irons Travell Jackson

**Amanda Martinez** 

Jerry Nichols
Xavier Reed
Nigeria Sewer
Danitra Short
James Stevenson
Shawron Sutton
Keith White

## 2021



Nicholas Adams Lanre Alabi Kelly Crump Deron Davis Pierre Dawson
Nathaniel Dyer
Apaulo Esparza
Anthony Griffin
Antonio Hallom
Martin Hallom
Jessie Hernandez
Nakia Hogan
James Horn
Angel Lopez
Martika Lopez

Jameel Malone
Erika Meneses
Igbinosa
Oronsaye
Ryan Reynolds
Chris Scales
Matthew Schlage
Tyrone Spencer
Ferrice Spiceson
Megan Theisen
Aarion White





Eric Arroyo
Jahari Bell
JoVaan Bennett
Michael Collins Jr.
Leila Garfinkel
Paulette Gresham
Michelangelo Herard
Antwan Howard
Gwendolyn James

Louis Jones
Michael Mulcahy
Kwa Ngay
Carlos Ortega
Charles Perkins
Kaspar Roman
Cassandra Rushing
Floyd Stewart
Jaylan Whitley



#### **MILESTONE MOMENT:**

GREENCORPS EQUITABLE AND TRANSFORMATIVE (G.E.T.) SOLUTIONS WAS CREATED AS A 501 C3 NON-PROFIT TO SUPPORT ALL OF GREENCORPS WORK.



**Simone Abrams** Daryl Allen Micheal Allen Salvador Alvarez Tyler Benjamin

**Alfred Davis Justin Delaney** Joshua Dyer **Edgar Florentino Quinn Friedl** Rafael Gonzalez VaSean Gray **Cortez Hale** Charla Henry Marshall Hodges **Shauna Jenkins Revay Jones Joniaya Ladd** 

**Lamont Lishman** Deon McCollum Jelani McCollum **Darrion McMullen** Levelle Plair **Lamont Stewart Otis Stroud Jaquavis Swift** Jermaine Taylor Reamaul Vann **Delshaun Whitmore Connor Williams Eric Williams** 

### INTERESTED IN JOINING THE **GREENCORPS LEGACY?**

#### **WE ARE RECRUITING FOR THE 2025 SEASON!**

#### JOB TRAINING PROGRAM

9 Month Green Industry **Employment Opportunity** 

- Work Outside
- On-The-Job Training
- Earn Licenses and Certifications
- \$18.50 per hour
- Background Friendly

#### **ELGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- At Least 18 Years of Age
- City of Chicago Resident
- Eligible to Work
- Pass Drug Screening

  current cannabis use is not a barrier













2024
GRADUATES
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Daija Cadichon



Alberto Clara



Xavier Conner



Mark Dabney



Jonathan Davis



Gregory Doss



Janessa Exkano



Tyler Futris



Irene Huang



Oria Isilme



Tyrone Johnson



Myron Mondy



Angie Quezada



ShiRita Robinson



Tony Saffold



Tara Samuels



Traville Smith



Zaccheus Torry



Antonia Turby



Devontae Williams



Elijah Williams













"IRENE IS GOOD-SPIRITED, SMART, A VERY GOOD WORKER, A TEAM PLAYER, TAKES INITIATIVE, AND FINISHES ANY TASK ASSIGNED TO HER."

#### **ORIA ISILME**



WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU OFFER TO SOMEONE WHO IS ABOUT TO START GREENCORPS?

"YOU HAVE TO WANT BETTER FOR YOURSELF.
YOU HAVE TO WANT GROWTH. YOU HAVE TO
BE COMMITTED TO INVESTING IN YOURSELF.
YOU WILL FAIL THE PROGRAM OTHERWISE,
AS WELL AS EVERY OTHER ASPIRATION YOU
HAVE."

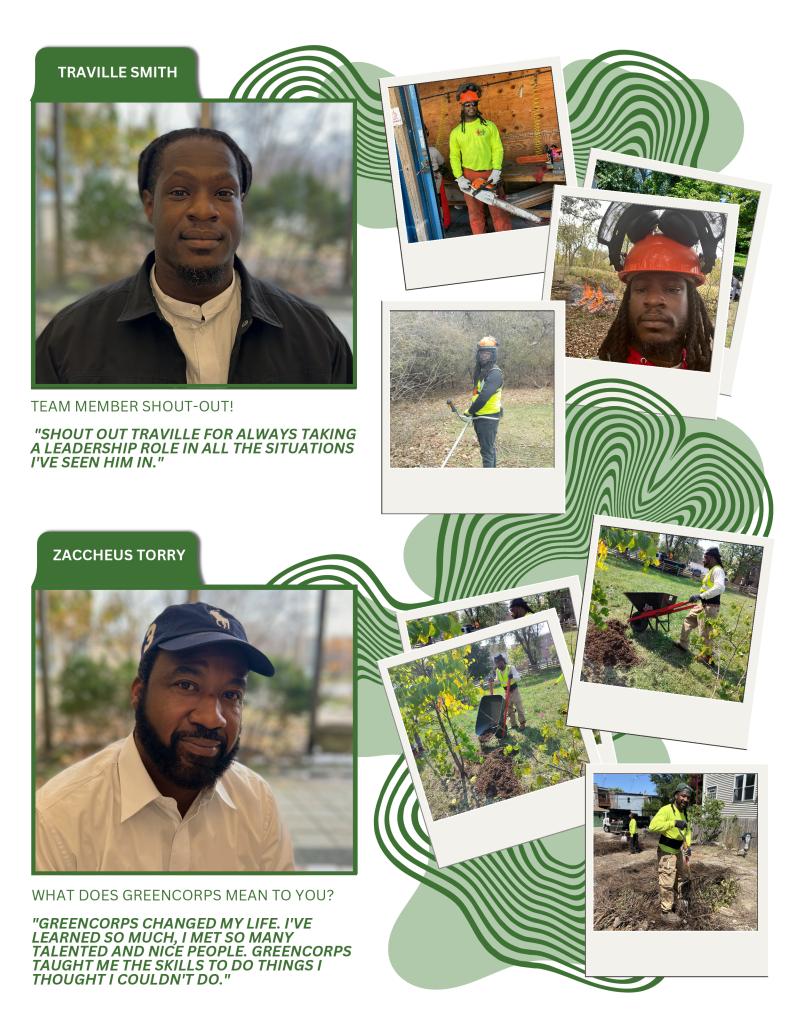








DRIVE TO CONTINUE MY BUSINESS PLAN."









### **2024 ALUMNI CREW**



Daryl Allen



Michael Allen



Salvador Alvarez



Nickolas Anderson



Edgar Florentino



Cortez Hale



Darrion McMullen



Connor Williams

## **2024 SUPERVISORS**



Justin Delaney



Chris Duncan



Nathaniel Dyer



Anthony Griffin



Michael Hendricks



Jessie Hernandez



Revay Jones



Lamar Lewis



Jermaine Taylor



Eddie Washington



## GREENCORPS CHICAGO IS A PROGRAM OF THE CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND WRD ENVIRONMENTAL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH G.E.T. SOLUTIONS AND SIGNATURE STAFF RESOURCES.



