

Connections

By connecting with communities outside our own neighborhoods, we can learn how to work together and teach each other. The following organizations provide a range of services and opportunities to get involved:

Leo Catholic High School

- <https://leohighschool.org/>

GPAC

- <https://gpacillinois.com/>

Moms Demand

- <https://momsdemandaction.org/resources/community/chicago/>

By the Hand Club

- <https://bythehand.org/>

My Block My Hood My City

- <https://www.formyblock.org/>

Cook Co Land Bank

- <http://www.cookcountylandbank.org/about/board-of-directors-staff/>

Chicago CRED

- <https://www.chicagocred.org/>

After School Matters

- <https://www.afterschoolmatters.org/>

Phil Andrew: Learn More, Do More

Phil Andrew, First Friday's February 2020 speaker, discussed the development and revitalization of programs designed to help reduce the violence-causing cycle of despair, racism and poverty in Chicago. Listed below is a sampling of these programs to check out:

Phil Andrew's First Friday Podcast (recorded Feb 7, 2020)

- [HTTPS://www.firstfridayclubchicago.org/podcasts/2020/philip-j-andrew](https://www.firstfridayclubchicago.org/podcasts/2020/philip-j-andrew)

The Archdiocese Violence Prevention Website and Domestic Violence Awareness Program

- ***overview and links for communities, schools and parishes***
- ***<https://www.archchicago.org/offices-and-ministries/violence-prevention>***

Firebird Community Arts

- ***Firebird Community Arts works to empower violence effected youth through the healing practice of glassblowing, ceramics and cognitive behavioral therapy provided by University of Chicago experts. Please consider booking family, corporate and team building everts in which our program participants teach glassblowing and connect with your organization.***
- ***<https://www.firebirdcommunityarts.org/>***

Kolbe House

- ***Kolbe House Jail Ministry has volunteer opportunities in faith-based accompaniment in Cook County jail and juvenile detention center, mentoring men and women during their re-entry period after release, family ministry, and indirect service. Summer opportunities available. For more information contact Emily Cortina at ecortina@kolbehouseministry***
- ***<https://pvm.archchicago.org/human-dignity-solidarity/kolbe-house-jail-ministry> and submit a volunteer interest form.***