The Bronzeville Neighborhood Network, led by Bright Star Community Outreach (BSCO), was formed in 2015 with a coalition of 10 agency partners. BSCO has since completed their “Community Action Plan,” which outlines a strategy to bring committed community stakeholders to the table to address the neighborhood’s most pressing needs and implement change in workforce development.

Between 1910 and 1920 during the Great Migration, Bronzeville became home to African Americans who had fled Jim Crow South in search of industrial jobs and a better life. By 1950, Bronzeville was an epicenter for Black art, literature, music, and business. Many influential African Americans called Bronzeville home, including Ida B. Wells, Nat King Cole, Louis Armstrong, and Gwendolyn Brooks. With the rise of the civil rights movement and the dismantling of segregation in the late 1950s, many African American families left Bronzeville for less crowded neighborhoods with better housing and schools. Bronzeville’s population declined by more than 75% between 1950 and 2000, and much of the community’s economic base was lost. Today, neighborhood groups and businesses are working to reinvest in this dynamic community.

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- Food
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Building Neighborhood Systems Stronger and More Equitably in Bronzeville

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COMMUNITY VISION
Increase access to services and opportunities that reduce violence and increase healthy living for both youth and adults in the Bronzeville community.
JOIN US! Together, we can build neighborhoods like Bronzeville stronger and more equitably. Direct your United Way gift to "Neighborhood Networks" to be a part of this critical strategy. Learn more at LIVEUNITEDchicago.org/neighborhood-networks