

Equity Commonwealth Community Engagement

Chicago Ideas is a unique, nonprofit platform designed to inspire action through entertaining and accessible events, grassroots initiatives and thought-provoking content by fostering connectivity that crosses industry and social boundaries to spark ideas into action. Its mission is to be the world's leading catalyst for inspiring, connecting, and empowering curious people in order to make the world a better place. The Chicago Ideas flagship event is its annual fall Ideas Festival that brings together over 30,000 participants at over 200 events with over 250 speakers in one week. Equity Commonwealth is a corporate member of Chicago Ideas, supporting Chicago Ideas in its mission and providing our employees an opportunity to attend Chicago Ideas Week Talks, Labs and Conversations.



CHICAGO IDEAS
THE IDEAS PLATFORM FOR EVERYONE

CHICAGO CARES

Development School for Youth is a program of the All Stars Project, which is a national nonprofit organization that uses a performance-based approach to help tens of thousands of inner-city youth and their families create the opportunity for success in their lives. Equity Commonwealth has hosted summer interns from the DSY program in our corporate office where we provide skill and interpersonal development opportunities in an effort to help prepare them to enter the workforce, pursue educational opportunities and face life challenges. As part of the program, selected EQC employees attend DSY supervisor development to help bridge the cultural gaps between inner-city youth and corporate America.



**MY BLOCK
MY HOOD
MY CITY™**
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SEO Career is the nation's premier pre-professional development and internship program providing minority undergrads with coaching, training, and access to internships across multiple lines of business. SEO Career connects talented undergraduates with internship opportunities at its partner companies. Equity Commonwealth has sponsored summer interns, providing them with a variety of work experiences at our corporate office, focusing on real estate asset management, finance and transactions.

Chicago Cares' mission is to mobilize volunteers to build a stronger, more unified Chicago. It plans 200 volunteer projects open to the public every month, hundreds of corporate volunteer programs every year, and annual events like a citywide Serve-a-thon, the city's largest volunteer day. Equity Commonwealth has participated in Chicago Cares' annual Serve-a-thon and partnered with Chicago Cares to provide meaningful community service projects throughout the Chicagoland area. EQC employees have worked together to transform the interior and exterior spaces of under-served elementary schools by painting classrooms, revitalizing sports fields, building murals and enhancing landscaping.

My Block, My Hood, My City provides underprivileged youth in Chicago with an awareness of the world and opportunities beyond their neighborhood by taking them on "explorations" around the city – providing them with new experiences and exposing them to possibilities beyond their own communities. MBMHMC's mission is to help teenagers overcome the poverty and isolation they face, boosting educational attainment and opening them to opportunities that make a difference in their lives. EQC has participated with MBMHMC by hosting an exploration at our corporate office focused on real estate basics with an emphasis on the office sector. The exploration included an opportunity for the students to learn about real estate, tour our building and its amenities, and make a presentation to the EQC team as if they were potential tenants.

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