SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL

Family Matters

IN CELEBRATION

GALA 2024

SATURDAY
June 8, 2024 | 6:30 pm
GOODMAN THEATRE
170 Dearborn St. | Chicago, IL 60601

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ABOUT US

Family Matters (FM) partners with youth, families, and communities to cultivate a way of living in the world that develops strong relationships, meaningful communication, and safe environments for courageous social change. What makes Family Matters unique is our foundational tenets, the Principles of Leadership, which promote positive thinking and language, thoughtful and considered decision-making, and peaceful conflict resolution. By applying the Principles of Leadership, Family Matters creates an atmosphere free of shame, blame, guilt, judgment, and ridicule. Individuals are encouraged to bravely explore the wider world and new experiences, knowing that “mistakes” are opportunities for learning and discoveries in themselves. Our commitment to these cornerstone tenets allows us to provide the highest quality programming as we seek to create an equitable society for all.
WHAT WE DO

Family Matters divides programming into three primary initiatives: **Youth Development**, including our academic year and summer programming; **The Family Matters School**, a specialty Kindergarten-4th grade school designed to support children who thrive outside of a traditional classroom; and **Community Engagement**, our collaborative activities with families and members of the community beyond those involved in daily programming.

HOW WE DO IT

PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

**PROJECT RISE**

*Closing the Employment Gap and Cultivating Leadership:*

Project RISE

Project RISE, the teen job skills training and leadership development program, began when a group of Family Matters teens spoke out about the difficulties that they and their peers had finding after-school jobs. What started as a summer internship curriculum has expanded into a year-round initiative for teens ages 14–18 to build job-readiness skills and to practice those skills while earning a stipend through jobs at local businesses.

**PARTNERS IN LEARNING**

*Closing the Education Gap:*

Partners in Learning One-to-One Tutor/Mentoring

In Partners in Learning (PL), individually matched K-12th grade youth/adult pairs meet weekly for 90-minute, one-to-one tutor/mentoring sessions during the school year, with modified programming over the summer. Partners in Learning is the only tuition-free one-to-one tutoring program in the area.
**Family Matters’ Uniqueness:**

The Principles of Leadership

Family Matters is set apart from other organizations by our foundational tenets, the Principles of Leadership. The Principles provide a universal framework for learning and being that support

- **positive thinking and language:** a method of thinking and being that opens pathways to forward-looking thoughts and actions,
- **responsible decision-making:** the understanding of consequences as opportunities for learning, growth, and affirmation, and
- **peaceful conflict resolution:** an approach to resolving conflicts that fosters harmony and new beginnings and strengthens relationships.

The Principles of Leadership are infused into every element of our organization, from academic support for youth, to teen leadership activities, to the professional development of the staff team and Board of Directors, to community-building and neighborhood goal-setting work. The Principles’ catalytic power to transform and uplift is paramount. A person participating in one of Family Matters’ programs quickly learns that this is a safe space, free of blame and shame. Sincere and open relationships develop between and among members of the Family Matters family, allowing for partnerships with the community and for thoughtful cultural exchange.

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**SUMMER PROGRAMMING**

Summertime Youth Development Programming:

- **Learning Matters** is a project-based summer camp for up to 25 diverse learners to sustain and enhance the academic gains they made during the school year. Older Family Matters youth are hired as Learning Matters interns.
- **Chicagability** is the City of Chicago’s One Summer Chicago youth jobs and learning program.

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**THE FAMILY MATTERS SCHOOL**

Fueling a Love of Learning:
The Family Matters School

Established in 2019, The Family Matters School fuels children’s innate desire to learn by offering an engaging curriculum that is inclusive of diverse learning styles and interests. It is tailored to offer specialized support for children who have survived, or are living with, complex trauma. The Family Matters School children develop the skills for academic achievement as endorsed by the Illinois State Board of Education. The academic calendar aligns with Chicago Public Schools and The School meets daily from 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Bringing the Community Together:
Initiatives are:

- **Respectful Communities** provides a ten-week, 20-hour training course in the Principles of Leadership for small cohorts of adult learners.

- **The Shared Leadership Collective**, convened by **Family Matters**, facilitates ongoing discussions with a coalition of North of Howard-based executive directors to transform our collective work to support members of our community as they take control of their own destiny.

- **Open Door Connections** invites members of the larger community to participate in one-to-one conversations.

- **Alternatives to Suspension** is a project that resulted from the desire of parents and guardians in the community to have a supervised place for youth to go when they are under an at-home suspension, especially in homes where the adults are employed during the day.

- **The Gordy Music Studio** is a state-of-the-art recording studio available for all in the community who seek to share their voices through music, poetry, storytelling, and interviews.

- **Family Connections** includes the **Family Matters Community Knitting Circle**, a multigenerational group of Family Matters participants and community members teaching and learning knitting skills and sharing conversations, as well as pop-up events that include the annual **Justice Ride** community bike ride, block club events, and **Community Glue Repair Clinic** sessions.
## 2024 Annual Gala Packages

### Annual Gala Benefits (Saturday June 8, 2024)

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MISSION & VISION

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WE SEEK TO BUILD AN EQUITABLE SOCIETY FOR ALL.
## SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

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**Family Matters**

**Sponsor’s Name (please print)**

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**Signature**

**Name (please print)**
Thank you!

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