

## in the field with Frank

**Josephine Robinson** (*pictured below, front, right*) is the Partner Coordinator in Chicago for World Vision - a Christian humanitarian organization which aims to combat the crippling effects of poverty on children, families and communities, and to improve child well-being in nearly 100 countries and throughout the United States. Josephine strives to motivate and develop both young people, and the educators, practitioners, community leaders and faith based leaders who work with them and serve their families. She has spent her entire professional life, over 40 years, investing her time and talents in Chicago's young people and families. Driven by her faith, and her unwavering belief in Chicago's communities, she proudly proclaims "What I do is who I am."

Continued Josephine builds bridges between service organizations, churches, educational institutions, and families. This March, Josephine and her team organized World Vision's Community Engagement Day - a networking event which brought together more than 200 of Chicago's educators, faith leaders and non-profit practitioners. This year's event hosted conversations focused on how Art's-Education based organizations can collaborate and share resources. One of the conference's guest speakers was Willa Taylor, a fellow Chicago Afterschool Development Working Group (ADWG)



member, and Director of Education and Community Engagement for the Goodman Theater. Willa and Josephine have been developing their relationship since meeting during a ADWG meeting.

Josephine frequently promotes and attends the meetings and events of other organizations. She understands that this investment is a necessary component of the culture she hopes to help establish in Chicago - one built on partnership, collaboration, and community. "My work is all about elevating the opportunities available, and working with folks to make those connections."