



Thursday, May 8
6 pm – 9 pm

Creating One Chicago

2025
SPRING BENEFIT

Chicago Cultural Center

78 East Washington Street
Chicago, Illinois

HONORING

Alumni
Leadership Council
Led by Dawn Harris

Greg Mutz
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Community Leadership Award



Alumni Leadership Council

Led by Dawn Harris

The Alumni Leadership Council (ALC) is a dynamic network of All Stars Project (ASP) alumni dedicated to fostering mentorship, professional growth, and community engagement. Co-founded in 2023 by DSY alum and Chicago Board Member Dawn Harris (Loan Operations Officer, CIBC), the ALC brings together alumni from as far back as 2009 to strengthen connections and create lasting change. In 2024, 17 alumni were officially inducted into the ALC, with plans to expand membership further.

Through workshops, networking events, and career mentorship, ALC members support the next generation of ASP participants by sharing their professional journeys, connecting students with internships, and leveraging their networks to expand ASP's outreach on Chicago's South and West Sides. Under Dawn Harris's leadership, the ALC has hosted alumni mixers that celebrate the transformative impact of ASP and the power of community. By giving back the ALC continues to grow as a vital force in shaping the future of ASP while fostering lifelong friendships and professional connections among its members.

Co-Honoring

Greg Mutz

Chairman and CEO, AMLI Residential



Gregory T. Mutz is the Chairman and CEO of AMLI Residential Partners, LLC, a leading real estate firm he co-founded in 1980. With a career spanning law, investment banking, and real estate, Mutz has established himself as a leader in the industry. Under his leadership, AMLI has grown into a premier developer, builder, and manager of luxury apartment communities across nine major U.S. markets. In 2006, AMLI was acquired by PRIME Property Fund, a testament to its success.

Prior to AMLI, Mutz worked in investment banking at White, Weld & Co., Inc. and practiced law at Mayer Brown. He earned a B.A. from DePauw University in 1967 and a J.D.

from the University in 1967 and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1973. A U.S. Army veteran, he served as an infantry lieutenant in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969.

Deeply committed to youth development, Mutz has been an active champion of the All Stars Project since 2013, serving as a workshop leader, development coach, and advocate for the organization. In recognition of his dedication, he was honored as an ASP business champion at the 2014 Benefit Luncheon and the 2015 National Gala. He has also hosted interns and mentors in his home, fostering collaboration and networking among industry leaders. Beyond his professional and philanthropic work, Mutz is an avid athlete who enjoys biking, running, and competing in triathlons.

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All Stars Project of Chicago

Working in neighborhoods that have been hit the hardest by violence – the South and West Sides – the **All Stars Project of Chicago** has touched the lives of over 40,000 young people since 2007. The business and philanthropic communities have stepped up with All Stars to address the city's tough issues and are expanding the All Stars Talent Show Network and the Development School for Youth at record speed. Off the success of our growth in Chicago, All Stars launched an expansion campaign and successfully established a new Hub for Afterschool Development in downtown Chicago in March 2023.



Message from David Cherry

“The All Stars Project of Chicago is a partnership between our city's most generous philanthropists and our city's most engaged young people. Chicago's philanthropists, many of whom are part of our city's dynamic business community, invest in us by offering their time, resources and businesses to support the development of our youth. Our young people, and their families, trust us to deliver the highest quality and most innovative programs in youth development.

Chicago's philanthropists, young people (including a growing number of alumni) and the staff of the All Stars Project are committed to creating **ONE Chicago** – a better and brighter city of big shoulders with an even bigger heart that works for everyone. With your support, our best days are ahead of us.”

- **David Cherry**, Founder
All Stars Project of Chicago





Our Mission

All Stars Project is a leading national nonprofit organization that creates programs where underserved youth learn to perform on stage - and in life! Our afterschool development offerings reach nearly 10,000 youth and their families every year in **New York City, Newark, Jersey City, Chicago, Dallas, the San Francisco Bay Area**, and now everywhere virtually - all completely free of charge. Our programs are proven to grow confidence, personal responsibility, and vocational competence. And they bring our young people together with caring adults from all walks of life, creating opportunities for both to grow and develop together.



Our Programs

All Stars Talent Show Network

Our All Stars Talent Show Network (ASTNS) involves young people, ages 5-25, in producing and performing in hip-hop talent shows and performance workshops in their neighborhoods. Young people at all levels of talent are included and everyone who auditions makes the show. And youth without a "traditional" performance talent are invited to participate as ticket takers, ushers, sound and light engineers, and more. They are cheered on by audiences of family, neighbors, volunteers and donors.

This experience is transformative for all!

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Development School for Youth (DSY)

The DSY is a youth and leadership development program that **introduces young people to the business world and supports their growth through workshops** led by national corporate partners. **Nearly 6,000 young people from across the country** have developed through workshops, built important networks, and participated in summer internships that have changed the trajectory of their lives. In 2024, the Leslie J. Raffel Foundation committed \$2.5 million to support the long-term success of ASP of Chicago's DSY program, now renamed the Leslie J. Raffel Development School for Youth.

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Development Coaching

Development Coaching **connects young people from across the country with caring adults and industry leaders** to build a new type of relationship together. Over an 8-week period, coaches and youth connect through weekly conversations and positively impact each young person's professional and personal development. **Over 1,500 young people and adult coaches have successfully paired together** since the program was founded in 2020, including youth and coaches from all over the country.

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Our Leaders



Christopher H. Street
ASP President and CEO

Nathaniel H. Christian III
ASP National Board Chair

Bridge-Building Programs

ASP has developed bridge-building initiatives focused on addressing the social and racial divides in America. Through our award-winning, police-community relations program Cops & Kids, we have worked with over 5,000 NYPD and Newark Police officers to create empathy and understanding between our youth and officers. In Operation Conversation, we are making an impact in corporate DEI efforts by helping employees develop new skills around appreciation, listening, and exercising their "curiosity muscles." **All our programs are building diverse relationships that engage racism and promote racial healing in every day life through the power of performance.**

**Operation Conversation:
Cops & Kids**

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PLEASE JOIN US

for a buffet dinner at the All Stars Project of Chicago's **Creating One Chicago Benefit**. Guest will be seated at tables. Business/Dress attire.

Sponsorship Levels

I/We wish to reserve the following:

- \$50,000 Platinum Sponsor**
2 tables (18 tickets + 2 youth hosts), full-screen electronic ad at event, premier recognition on ASP social media, partnership highlight on ASP website partnership highlight on ASP website, top-billing post-event email recognition
- \$25,000 Gold Sponsor**
2 tables (18 tickets + 2 youth hosts), full-screen electronic ad at event, prominent recognition on ASP social media and webpage, post-event email recognition
- \$15,000 Silver Sponsor/Premier Table**
1 table (9 tickets + 1 youth host) with select seating, full-screen electronic ad, recognition on webpage
- \$10,000 Table Sponsor**
1 table (9 tickets + 1 youth host) half-screen electronic ad
- \$5,000 Bronze Ticket**
Half table (4 tickets), half-screen electronic ad
- \$1,000 Partnership Ticket**
1 ticket for event, includes name on Thank You screen at end of event
- \$500 Ticket**
1 ticket for event
- Other Gift Amount:**
\$ _____

Full-screen ads (1920px by 1080px) and half-screen ads (960px by 1080px) must be in PNG or JPEG format and received by **Friday, April 25** to ensure inclusion in this year's program.

Payment

ONLINE

Make a sponsorship, purchase your ticket or give a gift at <https://allstars.org/creating-one-chicago-spring-benefit/>

EFT and stock payment options are also available. Please contact [Amy Kaczmarek](#) for details.

[CLICK HERE](#)

CHECK

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ made payable to **All Stars Project, Inc.**
Please mail to our New York office for efficient processing:
All Stars Project, Inc., c/o Kate Henselmans,
200 West 41st Street, Suite 1200, New York, NY 10036

CREDIT CARD

Please bill my: AmEx MasterCard Visa Discover

This is a: Personal Card Corporate Card

In the amount of: \$ _____

Card number: _____ Exp. date: _____

Name on card: _____

Signature: _____

ALL STARS GIFT DESIGNATION

I would like to designate my gift to:

- ASP of Chicago
- ASP of New Jersey
- ASP of the San Francisco Bay Area
- ASP of New York
- ASP of Dallas
- All Stars Project (unrestricted)

BILLING AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Company name/
Sponsor name: _____

Contact name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Thank you for your support and investing in youth development!
For those purchasing tickets/sponsorships and attending in-person, **\$145 per ticket is not tax-deductible to account for goods and services received. All other gifts are 100% tax-deductible.**

Your support will also allow us to offer free tickets to youth, volunteers, and other guests who are just learning about the All Stars Project.

For more information:
please contact Amy Kaczmarek at akaczmarek@allstars.org or at **312-994-3111**.

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