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21st Century S.T.E.M. Foundation selected to take part in *Westside Momentum* Initiative

ATLANTA (March 19, 2015) – The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, in partnership with the Georgia Center for Nonprofits (GCN), has announced that 21st Century S.T.E.M. Foundation has been selected to take part in *Westside Momentum*, a three-year capacity building initiative of the Westside Neighborhood Prosperity Fund designed to increase the impact and sustainability of organizations based in Atlanta’s historic Castleberry Hill, English Avenue and Vine City neighborhoods.

21st Century S.T.E.M. Foundation was selected to take part in what is known as the *Core Group*, alongside five other Westside nonprofits, including Integrity Transformations Community Development Corporation, Phoenix Boys Association, Raising Expectations, West Atlanta Watershed Alliance, and a collaborative team from the English Avenue Neighborhood Association and Vine City Civic Association. The *Core Group* will work through an array of training seminars, personalized business coaching and consulting, and deep leadership training. In addition, annual financial support will be provided to aid in the execution of necessary practices and investments needed for becoming higher impact organizations.

39 additional nonprofits will take part in the *Community Group*, with year-long programs focused on management, leadership and governance training.

“We publically committed to being a catalyst to help transform the Westside neighborhoods. Through our work, we know that nonprofits serving the Westside of Atlanta are a critical piece of the equation,” stated Frank Fernandez, Vice President of Community Development, The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation. “Through *Westside Momentum*, those organizations selected have the opportunity to access resources that have long been needed to increase collective community impact.

Momentum, piloted in 2011, is the first and largest project of its kind in Georgia and was developed by GCN to support the work of nonprofits addressing complex issues in communities across the state.

“When nonprofits are strong, strategic and sustainable, their impact on the issues and causes important to communities is greater. 21st Century S.T.E.M. Foundation is an integral part of the community, and we’re excited to partner with them as they continue working to make the Westside a great place to live, work, and play,” said GCN President and CEO Karen Beavor.

Adrian Shelby, Executive Director of 21st Century S.T.E.M. Foundation stated that “we are so pleased to be selected as a part of the *Core Group* for this initiative. This opportunity will help us continue to grow and become a sustainable organization within the Westside community.”

Learn more about the [Westside Prosperity Fund](#); [Westside Momentum](#) and [21st Century S.T.E.M Foundation](#) online.

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