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The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation Appoints Frank Fernandez Vice President of Community Development



The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation named Frank Fernandez Vice President of Community Development. Fernandez joins the Blank Foundation after nearly eight years as executive director at Green Doors, a non-profit organization in Austin, TX, focused on connecting vulnerable individuals and families to greater socio-economic opportunity. In his new post, Fernandez will lead a Foundation team that is joining with the City of Atlanta and other private investors to help the residents of Vine City, English Avenue and Castleberry Hill improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. [Read more.](#)

Invest Atlanta is Now Accepting Applications for the Westside TAD Community Improvement Fund



Invest Atlanta invites developers and community organizations seeking to develop projects within the Westside Tax Allocation District Neighborhood Area to complete this Round 1 Application for funding. Invest Atlanta created the \$15 million Westside TAD Community Improvement Fund to invest in catalytic capital projects that will result in job creation and quality of life enhancement for residents of Vine City, English Avenue and Castleberry Hill. Created to leverage the ongoing economic benefits spurred by the construction of the [new Atlanta Falcons' Stadium project](#), the fund will invest in transformational capital projects that result in lasting impact over a generation and spur private investment and redevelopment of the neighborhoods in the Westside TAD. The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation has created its own fund, the Westside Neighborhood Prosperity Fund, which will invest an additional \$15 million in projects and programming in areas such as human services, education and youth development. [Click here for the RFP.](#)

Register Now for the 2014 Advocacy Champions Training



On February 12, the [Atlanta Community Food Bank](#) will host the 2014 Advocacy Champions training. The half-day [Advocacy Champion training program](#) will bring participants up to date on the status of local and federal food policy. Participants will brainstorm advocacy strategies, build relationships and coalitions and practice effective advocacy. The Food Bank is seeking Advocacy Champions who can talk passionately about their community and communicate with decision makers about issues. [Click here for RSVP.](#)

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