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APCC Expands to Chicago's South Side

*Community Center will bring counseling and other core programming to
Chicago's Bronzeville Community and surrounding areas*

Chicago, IL (November 1, 2018) The Albany Park Community Center (APCC) announced it will expand its services to Chicago's South Side, according to APCC CEO Monica Woodson. The expansion of our North Side footprint provides APCC with the opportunity to identify partnership opportunities that address unmet needs on Chicago's South Side. The new location, **APCC-South**, will serve communities including Bronzeville, Woodlawn, Englewood, Hyde Park, Bridgeport, Pilsen, Fuller Park, Washington Park and more.

APCC-South, based in the Bronzeville neighborhood, will provide a multitude of services to fulfill unmet needs in the community, including counseling services to students at CPS schools in the area and resources to research jobs at no cost in the newly designed computer lab and access job training programs. Additionally, a Community Youth Employment Program, funded by the IL Department of Human Services grant, will provide youth (16-24) with educational enhancement opportunities, full and part-time job placements, and case management services to include life skills, counseling and work readiness for both in-school and out-of-school youth.

"Throughout our 43 years of existence, we have always kept our eyes on the needs of the communities we serve. The expansion makes sense. While we are committed to the Albany Park community, we are increasingly serving individuals from neighborhoods outside our backyard, including Chicago's South Side," said Monica Woodson. "This new location will allow us to complement services already in place. We are

looking forward to this new journey for APCC, and we're touched by the warm welcome we've received from local community leaders and organizations," she added.

According to Woodson, the first priority is to host a series of community listening sessions in the coming months. The sessions with local agency and school leaders will help APCC learn more about what they have identified as unmet needs and what partnership opportunities exist.

"Chicago Child Care Society is excited to partner with Albany Park Community Center as both agencies share a commitment to high quality services focused on helping Chicagoans achieve their fullest potential," said Dara T. Munson, MPA, CEO, CCCS. "We welcome APCC's expertise to south side communities as they expand their geographic reach. A non-profit agency cannot truly achieve its mission without leveraging the knowledge, skills and expertise gained through strategic partnerships and alliances. CCCS celebrates such a relationship with APCC."

ABOUT THE APCC

The Albany Park Community Center, Inc. (APCC), is a nonprofit, community-based organization located in the Albany Park neighborhood on Chicago's North Side and in Bronzeville on Chicago's South Side. APCC was incorporated on September 24, 1975 and is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The APCC educates and supports members of the community as they determine their own path by providing diverse programs and services for individuals, families, groups, and businesses. APCC is the largest social service agency exclusively serving Albany Park. For more information, visit www.apccchgo.org or on Facebook @albanyparkcommunitycenter and Twitter @apccchgo.