

Hagar Civilization Training Missionary, Inc.

Site: 584 Griffin Street, NW

Friday, March 3, 2017

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Program:

Guest Registration

Moment of Reflection

Welcome & Program Overview--**Akilah Ali**, VP Hagar

Invited Guest Speakers

Liset Robinson, Founder, Sustainable Design Collaborative of Atlanta

Dr. Eloisa Klementich, President and CEO, Invest Atlanta

Honorable Kasim Reed, Mayor City of Atlanta

Ivory Lee Young, Atlanta City Council 3rd District

"Able" Mabel Thomas, State Representative 56th District

Makeda Johnson, Founder & President, Sisters Action Team

Closing Remarks - **Erik Levine**, President, Hagar

Photos & Ribbon Cutting

Facility Tour



HAGAR HOUSE



Join us for the Ribbon Cutting!

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Atlanta, GA 30318

TURNING THE CORNER IN THE COMMUNITY!

Hagar Civilization Training Missionary, Inc., a nonprofit economic, community, and housing development organization, employs a diverse group of local contractors that hire area male and female laborers and craftspersons, including the skills of a Master Plumber who is a Lebanese senior citizen, and a Mexican Master Carpenter that has worked on HCTM projects for nearly 20 years. Harry Beasley, the Prime Contractor, mentored and trained one young man, from the community, nick-named Dooby, who found stability working on the construction team as a laborer. In addition to Dooby's life becoming stable, he learned life and professional skills essential to maintaining employment, and he acquired valuable training across various trades.

Hagar CTM is committed to Economic and Affordable Housing Development through Employment & Resident Retention!

Hagar CTM often serves as a refuge for residents seeking a safe haven from violence, homelessness, hunger, and other social and health related issues. The Westside Resource Center and Computer Lab, located in one of Hagar CTM's commercial properties at 907 MLK, Jr., Drive, provides referral, and other life-sustaining services.



George Snipes, a senior citizen and lifetime resident of Vine City/English Avenue community, moved from Griffin Street so that this development could take place. Snipes said, "I never thought I'd see the day that Griffin Street would ever have buildings this beautiful for older people." His sister lived in the building back in the early eighties and he is so **excited** to be one of its new residents. As he was walking away, he said, "I'm sure it has gotten quieter around this corner, there is not as much bad stuff going on. It's nice."



Naseer Muhammad, selected to rent on of the units, is a 61 year old senior citizen. He said, "I'm blown away by the majesty of the building." He went on to say, "It looks like a Golden Egg sitting in a carton of Eggs." "The building dignifies the neighborhood and I am **proud** of Hagar's vision for our community." Mr. Muhammad thinks the area residents value the building and are **proud** of it in the neighborhood. It could very well stop some of the violence.



Andre Duncan, is another senior moving into the newly renovated property. Mr. Duncan's family moved to Vine City/English avenue community back in the early '60s. He attended Oliver Street and English Avenue schools. Mr. Duncan, retired from General Motors on a fixed pension, is extremely **happy** to be able to remain in the community and live in this 'awesome' building at an affordable rent. He was smiling when he said, "It (the building) looks good and is bettering the neighborhood."



Shelby Parks, a new senior citizen, is a long-term resident of the Vine City/English Avenue community. Nearly five years ago, Ms. Parks reached out to Hagar CTM for assistance and support after experiencing serious physical and emotional domestic abuse. A member of Life Covenant Baptist Church, and a graduate of Archer High School, Ms. Parks is **elated** to return to the Hagar House.