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West Garfield Park Advisory Board

Neighborhood Recovery Initiative
22 N. Kildare, Chicago, IL 60624

July 8, 2011

The Honorable Governor Pat Quinn

Dear Governor Pat Quinn,

We are writing to invite you to attend the West Garfield Park/Neighborhood Recovery Initiative (NRI) launch *"Summer of Peace"* Festival presented by the West Garfield Park Advisory Board. The WGP Advisory Board is a collaborative and a part of the Governor's Neighborhood Recovery Initiative. We are excited about your vision for Reducing the Violence in the Chicagoland Area and implementing the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative. Through the Mentoring Plus Jobs component we have already witness successful outcomes:

- Our youth have selected as the best in the Chicagoland Area
- Improved presentation skills
- Displayed more confidence since implementation of the project.

We are celebrating the best cluster of programs and services to ever come to youth and families in West Garfield Park. A Summer of Peace Celebration to be held Saturday, July 23, 2011 from 11 – 2pm. We would be honored to have you attend and address the people of West Garfield Park and speak about the importance of The Governor's Neighborhood Recovery Initiative and the programs that are now being provided in the West Garfield Park Area and throughout Chicago.

Please call us with any questions or comments you may have about this event at 773-887-4361 or wgp@chicagoareaproject.org. I will call your office next week to follow up and provide you with more information.

Thank you again for your support. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Marshall E. Hatch
Chairman West Garfield Park Advisory Council/NRI

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