

Three years ago today



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Today marks **three years since we officially broke ground on the Obama Presidential Center** on Chicago's South Side!

Throughout the planning and building process, we've worked hand-in-hand with community members from the neighborhoods surrounding our home in Jackson Park to create a space that reflects their needs and offers them a place to learn, grow, and connect.

There's no one better to share about the Center than these members of our South Side community, which is why we're excited to share a few of their stories. [Take a look:](#)

Melanie Moore



“I’m super excited about having the garden there and learning about vegetables and fruits, and just seeing the Obamas continue their efforts around healthy eating.”

[Learn more about Melanie](#)

Patrician Haywood



“One thing I was very excited about is that a majority of the Center is free... I know a lot of families are struggling, so to be able to take your children somewhere where you don’t have to worry about the cost, that was very exciting.”

[Learn more about Patrician](#)

Willa Marie Fox Burton



“It’s a great community, and what this Center is going to do for it is going to make it even greater.”

[Learn more about Willa Marie](#)

We can't wait to welcome these community members and visitors from around the world—including YOU—to the Center when our doors open.

Stay tuned for more as we continue to bring the Obama Presidential Center to life!

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