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COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES (CHASS) CENTER INC. IN SOUTHWEST DETROIT RECEIVES GIFT FROM SCHOSTAK BROTHERS & CO. TO LAUNCH COMMUNITY DOULA PROGRAM AT THE CENTER

DETROIT, MI – Community Health and Social Services (CHASS) Center Inc. in Southwest Detroit announced it received a \$150,000 gift from Schostak Brothers & Co. to launch a community doula program at CHASS Center. The gift provides the funding needed to integrate the CHASS Center Community Based Doula Program as part of its prenatal care services to bolster positive maternal physical and emotional health outcomes in Southwest Detroit. The gift, a part of Schostak’s 100th Anniversary Community Giving Campaign, was announced today at CHASS Center during National Health Center Week (August 7-13).

“We are incredibly grateful for the generous support of Schostak Brothers & Co. in making it possible to bring our doula program back to CHASS Center,” said Felix M. Valbuena, Jr., MD, FAAFP. “With a full-time staff of three doulas, our program will provide support services for up to 60 patients per year. The integration of the doulas into our healthcare team, coupled with the delivery of culturally and linguistically competent maternity care, will result in increased pre and postnatal visit rates and help to decrease pregnancy-related complications in our community.”

The doulas will work closely with medical providers and collaborate with other community health workers, breastfeeding educators, registered dietitians, and behavioral health staff at CHASS Center to provide comprehensive resources for prenatal and postnatal health and wellness support. The program will also support infant health by educating new moms on infant feeding and connect families to CHASS Center as their medical home for preventive screenings and immunizations.

Moms-to-be will be referred to Labor and Delivery at Henry Ford Health Main Campus. CHASS Center is partnered with HFH Obstetrics for support, including Labor and Delivery for approximately 400 women annually. Additionally, the community-based doulas will support coordination of care, including transportation to CHASS Center and HFH Main Campus. The projected start date for the doula program is Fall 2022.

Third generation Schostak Brothers, Bobby Schostak, Partner, Schostak Brothers & Co.; David Schostak, CEO, Schostak Brothers & Co.; and Mark Schostak, Executive Chairman of TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants state:

“We deeply admire CHASS Center’s vision, passion and mission to provide comprehensive, accessible and affordable healthcare services in southwest Detroit. The service and support they provide is critically needed in our present-day circumstances. We are honored to aid CHASS Center in launching their in-house doula program and support their diligent efforts and commitment to the overall wellbeing of our community.”

In June 2022, Schostak Brothers & Company announced that they will mark their 100th anniversary with a community giving campaign to distribute \$1 million across impactful Detroit-based nonprofit organizations. Selected from a range of nonprofit sectors including neighborhoods, workforce development, education, health and entrepreneurship, the goal of the initiative was to select organizations based on their work in Detroit, the city where the company was founded a century ago.

The gift recipients have been chosen through an extensive selection process involving Schostak employees, with the intent to help the charities complete a current project or start a new phase while shining a light on each organization’s efforts to reach other potential donors. Additional funding recipients will be announced throughout Schostak’s anniversary year, in coordination with each organization’s projects and initiatives.

The now fourth generation family based Schostak Brothers & Company has included development, acquisitions and leasing of retail, office, industrial, residential, mixed-use projects both urban and suburban. Schostak’s current activities include joint ventures, build to suit projects, mixed use developments, and a variety of necessity-based retail and open air centers in 17 states. The company also has a strong presence in the food industry, with their TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants (TSFR) portfolio now includes nearly 170 restaurants composed of Applebee’s, Del Tacos, MOD Pizzas, Olga’s Kitchens, and Wendy’s.

National Health Center Week

CHASS Center is marking National Health Center Week, Sunday August 7 through Saturday, August 13, with free family-friendly activities available to the public.

2022 National Health Center Week Calendar of Events:

- **Wednesday, August 10 | 9 AM-3 PM**

Patient Appreciate Day

Photobooth, 10AM - 1PM / CHASS Scavenger Hunt | Blood pressure, Diabetes & A1C education| Bring the family, enjoy activities & prizes! Get the 1st dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and receive a gift card *while supplies last.

- **Thursday, August 11 | 9AM-2PM**

CHASS Mercado

Visit our produce market and enjoy the music, kids’ activities, bingo, giveaways, community resources and more!

- **Saturday, August 13 | 9 AM**

CHASS 5K Run/Walk & Kids Race

Register to participate in the race or just join us for all the fun!

Music | Face painting | Mexican folkloric dancers | Kid’s activities, more!

Health Center Week celebrations are scheduled across the country. More information can be found [here](#).

CHASS Center is part of a nationwide network of health centers that serve more than 30 million people. In Michigan, health centers serve more than 709,000 patients at more than 330 sites throughout the state. CHASS Center accepts patients of all ages and work with the uninsured to insured, including Medicaid and Medicare.

ABOUT SCHOSTAK BROTHERS & COMPANY

Established in 1920, Schostak Brothers & Company Inc., is a fourth-generation commercial real estate company, focused on shopping center development, acquisitions, mixed-use, commercial, and residential development. Currently, the company operates commercial properties in 17 states as a full-service real estate development, management, leasing and consulting company. For more information, visit www.schostak.com.

ABOUT CHASS CENTER

The Community Health and Social Services (CHASS) Center, Inc. is a community-based, not for profit organization formed to develop, promote, and provide comprehensive, accessible and affordable quality primary health care and support services to all, with special emphasis on the underserved African-American and Latino populations. CHASS is committed to the overall well-being of the community.

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