

WE GROW LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

Although the pandemic has made it more difficult to visit our local partner, we are excited about the We Grow collaborative community and the opportunities we will have in the future. We Grow's Peace Campus, located in Chicago's South Side neighborhood of Englewood, was created by transforming 6 vacant lots and 2 homes into a gathering and healing zone for a community impacted by years of disinvestment and structural racism. We Grow Chicago's programming is designed to grow Englewood from surviving to thriving.



PROGRAMMING SUPPORTED BY SPARK VENTURES:

- "Born to Thrive": Educational support & advocacy for forty of the neighborhood's vulnerable children and teens while schools were closed due to COVID.
- "Kids on the Move" Summer Camp: A safe, joyful, and loving place for thirty children ages 6-12. The program focused on social-emotional & physical well-being by providing opportunities to get outside, learn, explore, get active, and build new friendships.
- Thanks to the generosity of individuals in the Spark community, We Grow has a new computer lab. The lab will not only provide a safe place for students to receive educational support, but it will also be available for teens and adults in the neighborhood who are continuing their education or searching for employment.