



WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH

*Dine Out and Support
VEC on April 19th*



Dine out and support VEC on April 19th at Chook Charcoal Chicken at Stanley Marketplace! Chook believes in sustainability and sourcing locally, and has been partnering with VEC since it opened at the Stanley in December. With a varied menu of rotisserie chicken and delicious sides, you can feed even your picky eaters! A portion of all sales on April 19th from the Stanley location only will support VEC's programs.

Chook is at 2501 N. Dallas Suite 106 in the Stanley Marketplace (next to Annette). Enter promo code "VEC20" online at www.chookchicken.com or mention VEC in person or when you call to place an order at 303.282.8399 x3. Dine-in, takeaway, or delivery.

TENANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Featuring: PROJECT OUR TOWN



"Everybody has something to give," says Abby Goldsmith, Vice President of PROJECT OUR TOWN, an area nonprofit that works to address hunger, poverty, and other issues across the metro area. Goldsmith's organization connects volunteers to organizations. "Our goal is making it easy and fun and meaningful for people to volunteer. I've always been interested in helping others and it's been very rewarding to help create an organization that offers so many different options," says Goldsmith. PROJECT OUR TOWN provides opportunities for those who wish to explore volunteering in

different capacities and for a variety of different organizations.

PROJECT OUR TOWN started by organizing large volunteer weekends that brought hundreds of people together for service projects. COVID required a change of plans, which included creating in-home volunteer opportunities such as their Bean Soup Project, which they launched in December 2020. Volunteers can assemble bags of bean soup from home. VEC has been receiving monthly deliveries of 750 1-lb. bags since January. **That's 2,250 pounds of soup mix or 18,000 servings!** To learn more about PROJECT OUR TOWN go to: projectourtown.org or contact info@projectourtown.org.

VEC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

2021 Summer Camp



Register Today



June 7-11 ~ Farm and Sports Camp

[Register Here](#)

Are you ready to get outside? Join us for a week of outdoor fun at our Village farm. Campers will join VEC staff outside Stanley Marketplace each morning to learn about growing food, environmental STEM, and our local ecology. Campers will also compete and play sports with their friends and learn teamwork, communication, and leadership through soccer, field games, basketball, and more!

June 14-18 ~ Village BIPOC Theater Camp

[Register Here](#)

Tap into your creativity, and learn more about BIPOC theater, or projects created and written by Black, Indigenous, and People Of Color. Campers will join VEC staff on-site in our theater space and out in the community to discover new and different voices, near and far. Guest speakers will teach campers about their experience in local professional theater and facilitate workshops throughout the week. Camp will culminate in a showcase for families to attend and watch.

Village Summer Camp - 2021

Camp Details

Cost: \$250 a week

Schedule: M-F 9am - 2pm

Ages: 7- 14/ Grades 5th-8th

Lunch and snacks provided. Please bring a water bottle to refill.

July 12-16 ~ Woodshop and STEM Camp

[Register Here](#)

Do you like to build things and then take them apart? Join VEC staff and guest teachers for a week of getting your hands moving and learning about the physical world around us. Campers will learn woodworking and STEM concepts, tool terminology, and safety, explore engineering, archery, robotics, and more! Projects will be done in groups and independently, and campers will be able to take some projects home.

July 19-23 ~ Farm and Sports Camp:

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2021 Village Summer Camps (Scholarships Available)

For more information email: austin@villageexchangecenter.org

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear VEC friends and Family,

It is hard to find words to express our deepest and sincere sorrow for the victims in Atlanta and those in Boulder, CO, so close to home. As a community center founded on celebrating human life and dignity, this hatred pains us to our core. In the midst of this pain, we continue to serve our community and know more than ever the importance and critical need for our work. Last month we had our second vaccine clinic, hit 31 countries of origin served with our Village Pantry, provided 50 grants of \$1500 through our Low Wage COVID Positive Relief Fund, launched our Natural Leaders cohort, and held our first two theater and film performances for youth with Neighborhood Music and Theater. We are here to stay and stand in solidarity with the AAPI community and the families and friends of the victims of all this senseless violence and hate.



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