

Who We are

an economic development organization dedicated to creating wealth in distressed communities through entrepreneurship, living wage job creation and community development.



WHY WE'RE HERE

The pathway to self-sufficiency and financial independence is through creation of profitable and scalable businesses located within our most vulnerable communities / agriculture education / food security



WHERE WE ARE

North Chicago, Waukegan, Zion, Lake Forest, Great Lakes, and East Garfield Park (Chicago-West Side)



WHO WE SERVE

Low Income distressed communities, Small businesses and Entrepreneurs, K-12 education, agriculture hands-on classes, premium food consumers



HOW WE SERVE

Job creation, nutritious food access & education, innovation & technology (Online Ordering, Delivery, Food Lockers)



PARTNERS

USDA, Abbott, Grand Victoria Foundation, Chicago Region Food System Fund, Chicago Food Policy Action Council, Builders Initiative, Rosalind Franklin Medical School, Waukegan D60

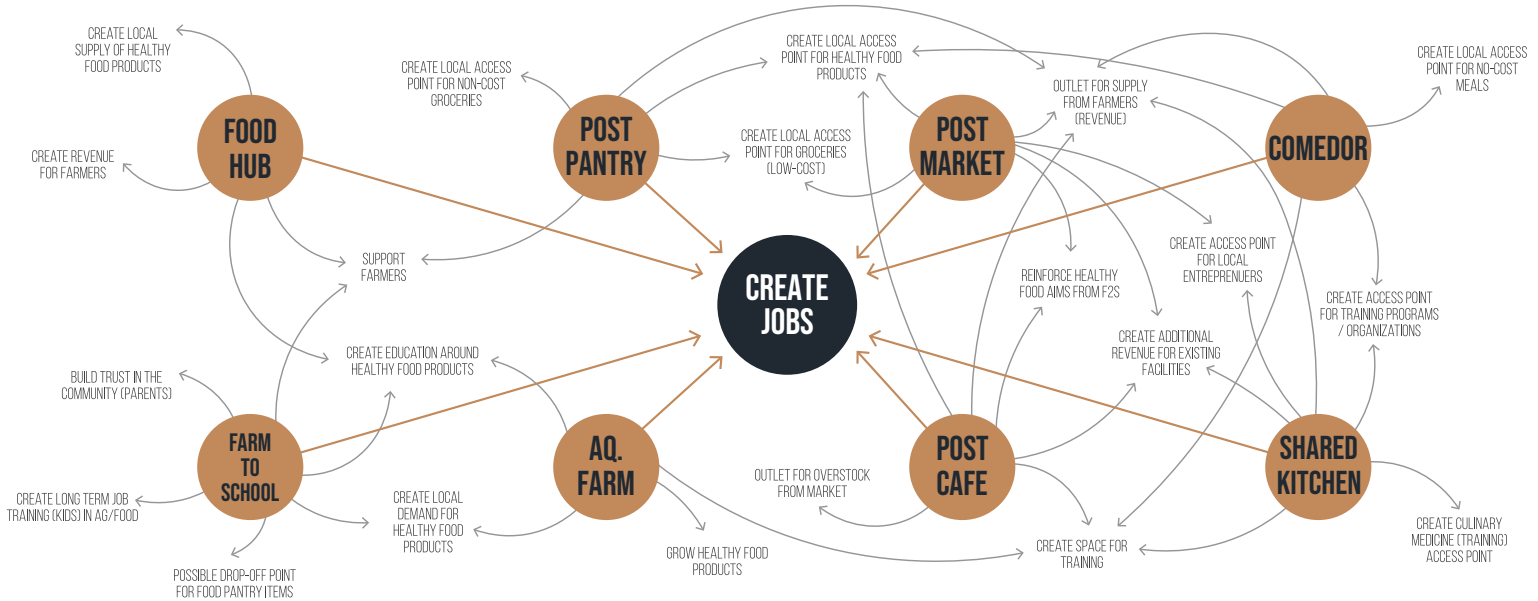


RECENT GROWTH

Post Marketplace Test Kitchen, Garfield Produce, Post Pantry, summer STEM camp



COLLECTIVE IMPACT ECOSYSTEM



How We Serve



TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED FOOD LOCKERS

Individuals who struggle with food insecurity often work odd hours, making it difficult to access resources. Our well-lit Click n Collect smart lockers ensure food is available anytime, extending your reach round the clock.

- Reduce wait times and streamline the collection process
- Discreet collection, supporting those who might prefer anonymity or face stigmatization
- Automate and reduce overheads, mitigating potential food wastage costs



ELECTRIC VEHICLE LOCAL DELIVERY

Transportation is a common barrier for both individuals and small businesses. Electric Vehicles provide safe, local, and environmentally conscious food delivery.

- Convenient option for families that lack reliable personal transportation
- Local delivery of grocery and pantry items
- Reduced environmental footprint



Why We're Here

Transformative solutions to persistent problems require innovative solutions. Adelante Center believes that the pathway out of persistent poverty may be entrepreneurship that leads to living wage jobs. We create the scalable businesses that create living wage jobs in distressed communities.



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