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*"Bet on the Future"*

# CHICAGO NIGHTS



**Chicago Nights** is an exclusive evening hosted by the **What's Your Forté Foundation** where guests will Bet (high) on our Future. Join us for a night of philanthropic wagers, exciting casino games, a curated cuisine, silent auction, live music and more!

Your support partners with us to deliver essential programs to the South and West sides of Chicago. This advances our core mission of promoting equitable economic development for youth and families. Through your generosity, we can truly accelerate our impact of fostering comprehensive growth in the economic, social, physical, and spiritual aspects of the lives of our community.

Our approach is multifaceted, harnessing the expertise of community leaders, mentorship, and customized programming to foster sustainable transformation. This empowers the realization of each individual's unique "Forté"



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# OUR SIGNATURE PROGRAMS



## **The Matt Forté Career Camp**

The mutual link between the camps (football and career) are the unparalleled opportunities it gives young people and families. Matt and other industry CEO's provide a roadmap for successfully navigating a host of issues like applying to college, internships, and running a business. Inclusive and immersive, the program provides space for one-on-one time to unload, but also allows participants to gain a new perspective on life.

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## **Reach for Life**

This 40-week program is broken up into 4 life-changing journeys – “Believing,” “Growing,” “Living,” and “Changing.” Each journey is comprised of 10 lessons and additionally provides coping skills for facing life's challenges while also becoming a change agent. Communities today face unbelievable external obstacles and do not have sustained solutions. This is one of our answers to these root causes of inequity that provides real change from the inside out.



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## Community Justice Fellows Program

This program engages youth 14-20 years old in research, development, and other related activities focused on their experience with gun violence. Through storytelling, this program specifically focuses on the narrative from black and brown communities. The partnership's goals include capturing videos centering on community, personal experience, and the current climate of gun violence.

The Fellows' body of work explores their trauma, but more importantly, seeks to underscore tangential impacts, challenges to progress, inroads, and forecast innovative solutions. With guidance and training provided by CJAF and Black With No Chaser social media consultants, the fellowship culminates in a deliverable that transforms the conversation around gun violence and its messenger.



## Summer Experience

This initiative engages youth with personal growth opportunities and a chance to enhance their future development. The What's Your Forté Foundation along with coalition partners (Ada S. McKinley, Youth Guidance (Becoming A Man - BAM), and Salem Baptist church), sought a solution to the 3 week gap in education and recreation each summer for young people. During this time, Chicago endures some of the most turbulent and violent acts perpetrated by youth who lack structure. We provide up to 300 attendees ages 12-18 with evening activities to enjoy their summer break by fusing educational sessions alongside physical and entrepreneurial opportunities. A sampling of these 5-10pm sessions is below:

- Dinner
- Forté Field Trips
- Vibe with VIP's
- VR Experiences
- Next Steps Facilitation



## Finding Your Forté

This weekly series aims to combat community violence and empower Chicago's youth to make positive choices. Our goal is to educate and inspire teenagers, boys and girls alike, by hearing from influential speakers and learning athletic skills with Matt Forté. Every Saturday all year round, they can participate in sports activities like flag football, basketball, baseball, and soccer. For youth who aren't sports inclined, the speaker series can be an independent program. Mentoring is an accoutrement to the program through our Reach4Life curriculum and through our volunteers. This app and coaching tool along with our mentors, directly guides and counsel's students to deal with challenges while also providing them with a roadmap for success.



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# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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Champagne Toast with Matt and Danielle	X				
Opportunity to Name a Specialty Cocktail at the Event	X				
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Logo/Name on Poker Chip Pouches	X	X			
Logo/Name on Cocktail Napkins	Reception	Bar	Dessert		
Verbal Recognition during the Event	X	X	X	X	
Logo/Name on Signage at Gaming Tables	3	2	1		
Logo/Name highlighted in Social Media Post (900 Subscribers)	Logo	Logo	Logo	Name	Name
Logo/Name included in Event Slideshow	Logo	Logo	Logo	Logo	Name
Logo/Name included in E-Communication	Logo	Logo	Logo	Logo	Name
Listing on Event Website with link to your Company's Page (if applicable)	Logo	Logo	Logo	Logo	Name
Name/Company listed in Partnerships/Annual Donor Listing on the "What's Your Forté" website and in our Impact Report	X	X	X	X	X
Complimentary Tickets	6	4	3	2	1



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# YES! I'M "ALL IN" FOR CHICAGO'S FUTURE

## Sponsorship level

- ☐ High Roller \$10,000
- ☐ Blackjack \$5,000
- ☐ Kingpin \$3,500
- ☐ Double Down \$2,500
- ☐ Joker's Wild \$1,500

Sponsorship commitments and additional inquiries can be directed to **Jamia Jowers, Executive Director (309-472-8514)**. Logos and/or completed forms must be emailed to **[jamia@wyfortefoundation.org](mailto:jamia@wyfortefoundation.org)**. For inclusion on the event materials, commitments and logos (a JPEG file) must be received by **April 1, 2025**.

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