

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE  
MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
AND  
THE UNITED WAY OF METROPOLITAN ATLANTA**

**I. BACKGROUND**

Morehouse School of Medicine and the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta hereby desire to create an innovative collaboration designed to build a holistic, community-centered education and wellness continuum that serves children and families living on the west side of Atlanta. Together these two organizations will serve as Managing Partners on a proposal for the Promise Neighborhoods planning grant - a federal initiative based on the success of the Harlem Children's Zone initiated by the U.S. Department of Education. Morehouse School of Medicine will serve as the applicant for the grant and fiscal agent for the grant award.

**II. PURPOSE**

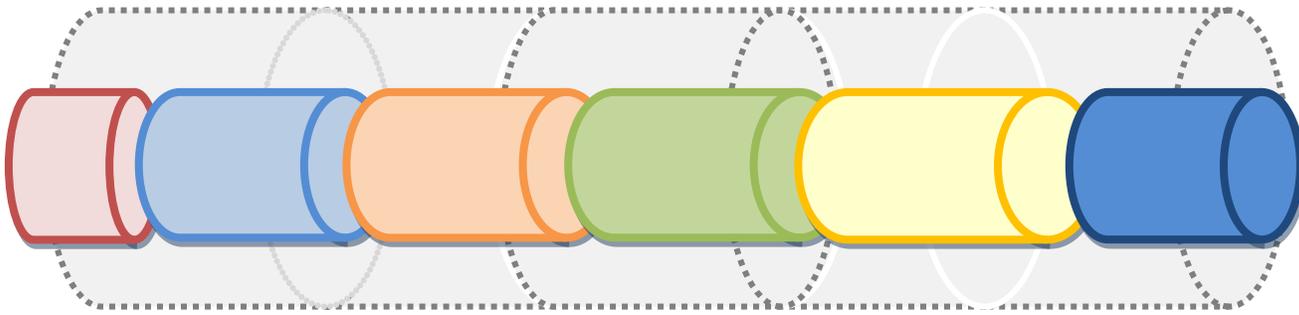
This Memorandum of Understanding is by and between Morehouse School of Medicine (hereinafter referred to as "MSM") and the United Way for Metropolitan Atlanta (hereinafter referred to as "UWMA") for the express purpose of submitting a proposal for the Promise Neighborhoods planning grant. Once awarded the Managing Partners shall work together to plan a coordinated and integrated cradle to career programs for youth within the defined "zone". Partners will cultivate strong local leadership that cuts across all sectors and grassroots support to implement a program that will build a stronger community.

**III. COMMITMENTS**

To the extent of each organization's legal authority to do so and in accordance with the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the parties agree to work collaboratively to develop and implement the following:

- Engage cross-section of stakeholders to agree of a shared vision;
- Facilitate capacity building of community institutions / resources;
- Engage parents, teachers, and other caring adults as stakeholders;
- Model academic enrichment program(s);
- Create "roadmap to success" for The Promise Neighborhood grant;
- Pilot programmatic best practices within the zone as outlined in planning grant;
- Conduct an evaluation of the programs implemented during planning year;
- Make joint decisions regarding funding dissemination of all awarded funds (\$500,000);
- Recruit appropriate stakeholders to serve on the Leadership Council and the Continuum Planning Councils;
- Conduct a comprehensive Needs Assessment and Asset audit as a baseline for planning; and
- Develop a joint workplan that addresses the four core strategies of the planning grant proposal.

**IV. GENERAL DESIGN OF ATLANTA’S PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD**



By 1) ensuring that children have a safe environment, access to quality healthcare, and nurturing adults, and necessary social services children can achieve academic success; 2) creating a well-connected academic pipeline through each stage of the education system; 3) coordinating and integrating services of community organizations ; and 4) realigning community institutions across sectors, children and youth are more likely to stay in school, be engaged through young adulthood, achieve academically and be prepared for college, work and life.

**IV. MOU TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- A. **Term.** The term for this MOU shall become effective upon the signatures of all parties and will remain effective until said parties individually or collectively provides a written cancellation of this agreement at least 60 days in advance.
- B. **Entire Agreement.** This document represents the entire understanding of the parties and supersedes all prior agreements, whether written or oral, with respect to the subject matter hereof. No terms, conditions, warranties, other than those contained herein, shall be binding unless made in writing and signed by both parties.
- C. **Modification.** This MOU shall not be modified or amended except in writing duly executed by the parties. No waiver of any provision of this MOU shall be effective unless the waiver is in writing and duly executed by all parties.
- D. **No Third Parties.** This MOU is solely between the parties hereto. No third party is intended to, nor shall be entitled to, rely upon, enforce, or assert that it is a third party beneficiary of, the provisions of this contract.

**V. PARTIES**

For:  
Morehouse School of Medicine

For:  
The United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta

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John E. Maupin, Jr.  
President, Morehouse School of Medicine

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