

## **PIMI Subcommittee on Community Affairs Vision and Guiding Principles for Engagement**

As one of the nation's leading universities and healthcare providers, and as a major employer and purchaser of goods, the University of Chicago strongly affects local and regional economies and the quality of life in our diverse neighboring communities. With this influence comes responsibility. This document outlines the shared set of values and principles that guide the University's interactions with these communities.

### Value Statement

The University strives to be an 'engaged University' inviting and strengthening partnerships that support strong communities.

### Guiding Principles:

1. The University's excellence in education, scholarship, research, and its commitment to institutional citizenship form the bases for community engagement strategies and initiatives.
2. The University will strive for mutually beneficial outcomes in our work with community partners and is committed to on-going reflection and evaluation of the engagement process and University-sponsored programs.
3. The University's community involvement is concentrated primarily in nearby, south side Chicago neighborhoods but the experiences and expertise in community development, urban education, and urban healthcare are shared to help address these challenges faced by many city, states and nations both here and abroad.
4. All appropriate areas of the institution periodically review their involvement with the community and strive to honor the University's commitment to community engagement.
5. The University strives to be transparent, broadly consultative, and welcomes broad participation in the decisions and activities that are relevant to community life.
6. All community members can expect from the University's administration, faculty, staff, and students behavior based on personal integrity, open communication, respect for diversity, and an appreciation for partnership.