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Feeding Families. Building Futures.

Huffman Middle School Grocery & Goodr Partnership

The fight against food insecurity in Birmingham is taking a major step forward with the launch of an in-school grocery store at Huffman Middle School. Thanks to \$277,500 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from Councilor Clinton Woods' office, this pilot program—developed in partnership with Goodr and Birmingham City Schools—will provide students and families with free access to fresh produce, pantry staples, and other essentials. Slated to launch Fall 2025, families will be able to register online and shop for groceries at no cost, helping to bridge the food gap for those in need. This initiative builds on the City's broader efforts to expand healthy food access, including grocery store incentives, mobile food programs, and investments in farmers markets.

By transforming schools into community hubs, this program not only feeds students but also fosters a supportive environment that strengthens education and well-being. Studies show similar food access programs improve attendance, reduce absenteeism, and lead to long-term benefits for students and families. With 75% of Birmingham's population living in fooddeserts, this is a critical step toward a healthier, more food-secure future. The Huffman Middle School grocery store is just the beginning—if successful, it could serve as a model for expansion across the city.

Stay tuned for updates as we track the impact of this transformative program!

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Urban Impact Small Business Assistance

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Exciting opportunities await businesses and property owners in Birmingham's District 1!

Urban Impact Inc., in partnership with the D1 Development Grant Initiative, is collaborating to transform vacant and blighted spaces into thriving business locations. This project aims to provide financial assistance and technical support to property owners, fostering economic growth and revitalization in our community.

By reducing blight, promoting business development, and creating opportunities for new and existing entrepreneurs – together – we can enhance the vibrancy of District 1. As we gear up to launch, we encourage local business and property owners to contact us.

Call District 1 at 205-254-2349 or email to learn more.

Green Power Available Now!

Green Power: The Successful Way of A.G. Gaston is now available for purchase – with proceeds benefitting the A.G. Gaston Boys & Girls Club. Featuring a bold new cover designed through a community art competition, this memoir is a must-read for anyone looking to be inspired by one of the most influential Black business leaders in both Birmingham and American history.

Behind the Book: Gaston's legacy as a groundbreaking entrepreneur lives on through Green Power. In discovering the powerful memoir was out of production, Council District 1 partnered with the A.G. Gaston Boys & Girls Club to bring it back—ensuring future generations can learn from Gaston's journey of perseverance, financial literacy, and the pursuit of the American Dream.

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