

**ALLEGANY FRANCISCAN MINISTRIES**  
**PARTNERS with LINCOLN PARK YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**  
**to DEVELOP THE ROOT**  
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The Lincoln Park Council for the Common Good invited applications for a Building On Our Momentum (BOOM!) project. This opportunity sought to identify and fund a creative, different or innovative idea to address one or more of the three Common Good Initiative community priorities. The Council was inspired to create BOOM! to engage the Lincoln Park community to create their own solutions to achieve community goals.

More than 20 community members or organizations submitted their great ideas; five applicants were invited to submit full proposals for their BOOM! idea. After an intensive review process, the Council is pleased to announce the Lincoln Park Young Professionals' (LPYP) proposal *The Root* has been selected for further consideration. *The Root* concept is based on an open space that engages the community through food, pop-up spaces for small business owners and entertainment.

Allegany Franciscan Ministries, through the Common Good Initiative, will provide initial funding to further develop the concept. Pending the successful outcome of feasibility and planning efforts, ultimately, Allegany intends to provide funding to LPYP to implement *The Root*.

"We're eager to be a part of the change happening in our community and are excited to partner with Allegany Franciscan Ministries to bring *The Root* to this exciting new space in Lincoln Park!", said a spokesperson of the LPYP.

The Lincoln Park Council for the Common Good looks forward to partnering with the LPYP and bringing *The Root* to Lincoln Park.

Allegany Franciscan Ministries is rooted in the tradition and vision of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, providing grants and working with community partners in three regions of Florida: Miami-Dade County, Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie Counties, and the Tampa Bay area. The Common Good Initiative was launched in 2014 by Allegany Franciscan Ministries, and is designed to mobilize communities towards better health and wellness through community engagement, a long-term commitment of resources, and increased collaboration of residents and stakeholders. Since awarding its first grant in 1998, Allegany Franciscan Ministries has invested more than \$92 million to over 1,500 organizations serving those most in need. In addition to awarding grants, its staff and volunteers work collaboratively with community partners and other funders to create healthier, safer, and more connected places where everyone thrives. A part of Trinity Health, its mission is to serve together in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within communities served. For more information, please visit Allegany Franciscan Ministries' website at [www.afmfl.org](http://www.afmfl.org).

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