



## Building Lives, Revitalizing Neighborhoods

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# ICDC NEWS



Unity Community Garden is located at 2813 Troy St. Dallas, TX 75210 across from ICDC's South Dallas Training Center. What began as a vacant lot in 2014 has developed into a bountiful garden today. Under the direction of Octavia Logan, Unity Garden has 4 main goals:

- Increase community food security and improve access to healthy food.
- Increase awareness and participation of African/African Americans in the agricultural and environmental movement.
- Protect and improve the quality of our space.



One of the many ways they do this is through Co-Share. In Co-Share, you get a plot of space where you can grow your own food for a membership fee. Along the lines of their goals, Unity Garden provides educational classes on topics such as gardening, healthy eating, environmental stewardship, and microeconomics.

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- Strengthen community involvement in the production of our food supply.

Unity Garden hopes to bring our community together to impact positive change.

Want to get involved? Unity Garden welcomes volunteers every Saturday to work on tasks in the garden as long as the weather permits. Just show up!



ICDC wants to congratulate Corey on becoming a homeowner. Pictured with Corey (third from left) are ICDC staff members Katrina Rhodes, Diane Ragsdale, and Billy Lane. Chase Bank provided mortgage financing for Corey's new home. He was able to accomplish this amazing feat through his hard work and dedication. Thank you for the trust you have given us. We hope you enjoy your new home!

If you would like to become a homeowner like Corey, your chance is here! ICDC is in the pre-development phase for Mill City Townhomes on Spring Avenue. Contact us for more information on how to make one of these townhomes yours. Ask us about our homeownership program!



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Tax season is upon us! The IRS is currently accepting and processing 2022 tax year returns. It is benefits you to file your taxes in a timely manner. This way, you can avoid interest and penalties, losing part or all of your refund, and prevent it from affecting your credit score.

**Tips for a successful 2023 tax season:**

tax return helps you avoid delays or prevent receiving notices from the IRS.

Use [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) as a resource. The IRS website has answers to commonly asked questions and allows you to check on the status of your refund.

Use [IRS Free File](https://www.irs.gov/efile). The IRS Free File program allows taxpayers who made \$73,000 or less in 2022 to file your taxes for free.

Important Dates:

**Jan 23:** IRS begins Tax season

**Jan 27:** Earned Income Tax

Have the right information. Find and organize your 2022 tax records. This includes information such as your social security number, individual taxpayer identification, etc. An accurate

Credit Awareness Day

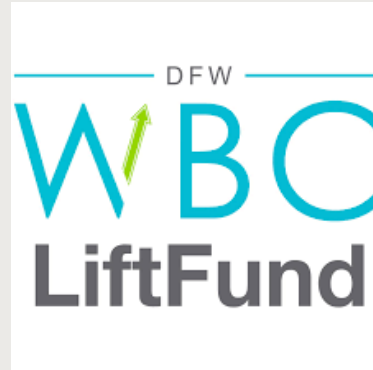
**April 18:** National deadline to file a 2022 tax return

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Do you want to start your own business? Have you already started your business, but want it to grow more? ICDC's Business Incubator program is the place for you. In this program, you'll get business coaching and resources that can take your business to the next level. We offer affordable private office space along with other amenities including a conference room, mail box, high speed internet, and many more.

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The LiftFund Dallas/Forth Worth Women's Business Center is dedicated to supporting business owners through business advising and training services. They help small business owners gain access to money and resources that will help grow their business.

Upcoming Events:

**Jan 26:** Business Resource Hour: Owning your Business in 2023

**Feb 1:** Grow Now! Financial Equity Info Session

**Feb 3:** Financial Friday: The ABCs of LLCs

## Message from ICDC

Greetings Dear Friends and Supporters,

We hope that this first month of the year has provided you the opportunity to clarify and refine your goals for 2023. This has certainly been the case for ICDC. We are in the process of refining our goals and tweaking our processes. As we move forward in 2023, we are excited and honored that you have decided to take this journey with

us through your monthly financial support. Whether you give \$5 a month or \$500 a month, your regular giving throughout the year allows us to plan more effectively and execute more efficiently.

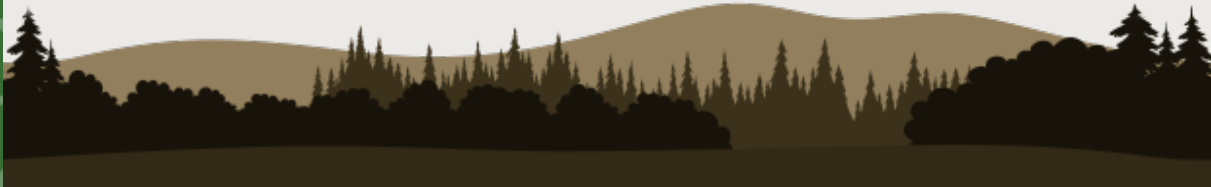
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