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StreetWise is distributed weekly to readers and visitors living in Chicago and surrounding suburbs. Our readers are made up of men and women passionate about making an impact on the homeless situation in Chicago, but also who are interested in the variety of journalistic stories and entertaining articles throughout the magazine.

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### STREETWISE MISSION

To empower the entrepreneurial spirit through the dignity of self-employment by providing Chicagoans facing homelessness with a combination of supportive services, workforce development resources and immediate access to gainful employment.

### WHAT STREETWISE IS

StreetWise, Inc. is a dynamic and innovative employment agency that empowers people to work and provides access to the resources they need to bring dignity and self-sufficiency to their lives. The StreetWise model offers immediate access to employment through the Magazine Vendor Program. For those seeking traditional employment, the StreetWise Transitional Employment Program offers intensive job readiness and placement opportunities. These programs are strengthened by the Supportive Services program that provides direct assistance, referral and advocacy around housing, income stability, food and clothing, linkages to medical or mental health services, substance abuse or domestic violence services, as well as referrals for legal services.

*learn more, locate a vendor, and make a donation at*

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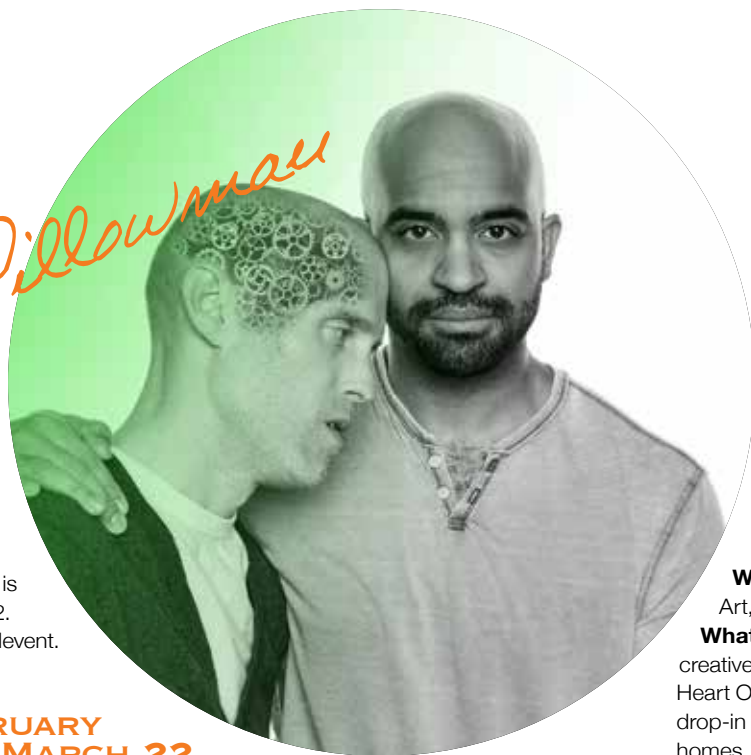
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# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

-compiled by Rachel Koertner



*The Pillowman*



*I have been wanting to see "Harriet"*



## FEBRUARY 27

### Material Poems

**When:** 6 - 8 p.m.

**Where:** Poetry Foundation, 61 W. Superior St.

**What:** This is a drop-in creative writing and art-making workshop in which participants will investigate how poems "materialize" through interaction with the physical world in the works of Jen Bervin, Cecilia Vicuña, and others. During the hands-on portion of the workshop, participants will practice using uncommon materials to craft original poems. Poetryfoundation.org. FREE.

### Re-envisioning Masculinity

**When:** 7 p.m.

**Where:** Women & Children First, 5233 N. Clark St.

**What:** This is a public workshop where Dr. Ada Cheng will host dialogue examining toxic masculinity. There will be mini-presentations, critical dialogues and video clips. Cheng is a professor-turned-storyteller, performing artist, and storytelling show producer. Womenandchildrenfirst.com. FREE.

## FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 1

### Irish Film Festival

**When:** Various

**Where:** Various

**What:** The Chicago Irish Film Festival (CIFF) is dedicated to presenting the works of Irish filmmakers of all genres. Single movie tickets are \$12, but a three-film pass is \$30, and a five-

film pass is \$48. Ciff2.sites.goevent.com.

## FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 22

### 'Day of Absence'

**When:** Fri 8 p.m.; Sat 3 & 8 p.m.; Sun 3 p.m.

**Where:** Richard Christiansen Theatre, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.

**What:** Congo Square Theatre commemorates its 20th anniversary season with a rare production of this satirical classic by Douglas Turner Ward. This play recounts the emergencies that happen when a Southern town is faced with the sudden disappearance of all its black and brown citizens. The reimaged production is directed by Congo Square ensemble member Anthony Irons. \$35 at congosquaretheatre.org.

## FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 29

### 'The Pillowman'

**When:** Thurs - Sat 7:30 p.m.; Sun 2:30 p.m.

**Where:** The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee Ave.

**What:** Martin McDonagh's "The Pillowman," directed by Laura Alcalá Baker, is about a writer who realizes his tales are unexpectedly coming true, and finds himself before two investigators who want more than answers. "The Pillowman" doesn't shy away in this dark and twisted story. Tickets start at \$40 at thegifttheatre.org.

## FEBRUARY 28

### Citizenship Seminar and Immigrant Resources Fair

**When:** 9:30 a.m.

**Where:** Harold Washington Library, 400 S. State St.

**What:** Join the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for an immigrant community conference and benefits fair. Participants will learn more about the naturalization process and have an opportunity to speak with USCIS representatives and service providers. The event also offers mock interviews and eligibility screenings for citizenship. chipublib.com. FREE.

### Film Screening: 'Harriet'

**When:** 2 p.m.

**Where:** Harold Washington Library, 400 S. State St.

**What:** The library will be showing the true story of Harriet Tubman and her quest to lead hundreds of slaves to freedom on the Underground Railroad. This 2019 movie stars Cynthia Erivo, Leslie Odom Jr. and Joe Alwyn. chipublib.com. FREE.

## FEBRUARY 28

### Called to Create Public Art Workshop

**When:** 6 - 8 p.m.

**Where:** UIC School of Art, 929 W. Harrison St.  
**What:** Come experience the creative workshops that One Heart One Soul facilitates inside drop-in centers, transitional homes, and shelters. Create your own artwork and learn how you can help support youth experiencing homelessness in Chicago. FREE. www.artandarthistory.uic.edu.

### Leap Into Art: Gallery Walk and Silent Auction

**When:** 6 - 10 p.m.

**Where:** Mason Hall, 941 W. Lawrence Ave.

**What:** This gala will feature Chicago's South Side world-renowned artist Gerald Griffin. Auction items will include paintings, photographs, stained glass, and more. \$50, proceeds benefit The Peoples Church of Chicago. More info at prestonbradley.org.

### Tickled Pink for Bright Pink

**When:** 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.

**Where:** Rockwell on the River, 3057 N. Rockwell St.

**What:** This event will feature chef stations from Chicago's top restaurants, live music, dancing, an open bar, a silent auction and more. Proceeds benefit Bright Pink, the only national non-profit organization focusing on the prevention and early detection of breast and ovarian cancer. \$115 tickets, but the price will be higher the day of. More info at tickledpinkchicago.com.

## FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 1

### Chicago Golf Show

**When:** Fri 12 - 7 p.m.; Sat 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Where:** Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Rd., Rosemont

**What:** See and swing the year's newest golf equipment, take 1-on-1 full swing and putting lessons from Illinois PGA teaching professionals, get up close and personal with top PGA pros and golf celebrities, receive special show offers on golf apparel and equipment, and more. Tickets are \$6 for Friday and \$11 for Saturday and Sunday at chicagogolfshow.com.

## FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 2

### C2E2 (Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo)

**When:** Fri & Sat 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Where:** McCormick Place, 2301 S. King Drive

**What:** This is the largest comic, cosplay and pop culture convention in Chicago. There will be celebrities (Mark Ruffalo (Avengers), George Takei (Star Trek), Stephen Amell (Arrow) and many more), plus unique exhibitors, comic artists and literary authors. C2E2 is



*C2E2!!!!*

also home to the C2E2 Crown Championships of Cosplay - the final stop in a global competition series. If ordered online in advance, tickets are \$35 on Friday, \$45 on Saturday, and \$40 on Sunday, but there is a 3-day pass for \$95. The price will be higher the day of. More info at c2e2.com.

## FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 15

### Jewish Film Festival

**When:** Various

**Where:** Various

**What:** The 7th annual JCC Chicago Jewish Film Festival will have 52 films and over 90 screenings of all genres, for all generations. These films will inform, inspire and ignite emotion. They honor Jewish filmmakers, writers, actors and those committed to repairing the world through artistic expression. \$13 at jccfilmfest.jccchicago.org.

## FEBRUARY 29

### Chicago Conscious Closet Club: Mending Edition

**When:** 3 - 6 p.m.

**Where:** Mata Traders, 5112 N. Ravenswood Ave.

**What:** Conscious Closet Club includes a mending circle, a Visible Mending Workshop, a tour of Mata Traders, a brainstorming session, and a happy hour. Everyone is welcome, regardless of their level of mending experience. FREE, but the Visible Mending Workshop is \$15. Chicagofairtrade.org.

## FEBRUARY 29 - MAY 24

### NKAME:

### A Retrospective of Cuban Printmaker Belkis Ayón

**When:** Mon - Fri 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Where:** Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St.

**What:** This retrospective is the first in the U.S. dedicated to the work of Belkis



*You should see Marquis Hill at the Play On concert*

## MARCH 4 - 8

### Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre

**When:** Wed - Fri 7:30 p.m.; Sat 2 & 8 p.m.; Sun 3 p.m.

**Where:** Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive

**What:** This beloved dance company will be returning to its Chicago home of more than 50 years as a visiting resident company. Presenting premieres, new productions, timeless classics, and audience favorites, the dancers are known for their incredible artistry and mastery of modern, ballet, hip-hop, and a variety of dance techniques. Tickets start at \$35 on auditoriumtheatre.org.



*NO ONE dances like Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre!*

## MARCH 1

### Polar Plunge

**When:** 10 a.m.

**Where:** North Avenue Beach, 1600 N. Lake Shore Drive

**What:** Take the challenge to jump in Lake Michigan for Special Olympics Chicago, celebrating its 20th anniversary with the 2020 Polar Plunge. All funds raised will benefit Special Olympics Chicago athletes, covering program costs such as transportation, sports equipment, team uniforms and food. A post-plunge "Melt Down Party" will have music, food, a cash bar and more. Register for you or your team at secure.qgiv.com/event/socpolarplunge2020. Plungers must raise \$200.



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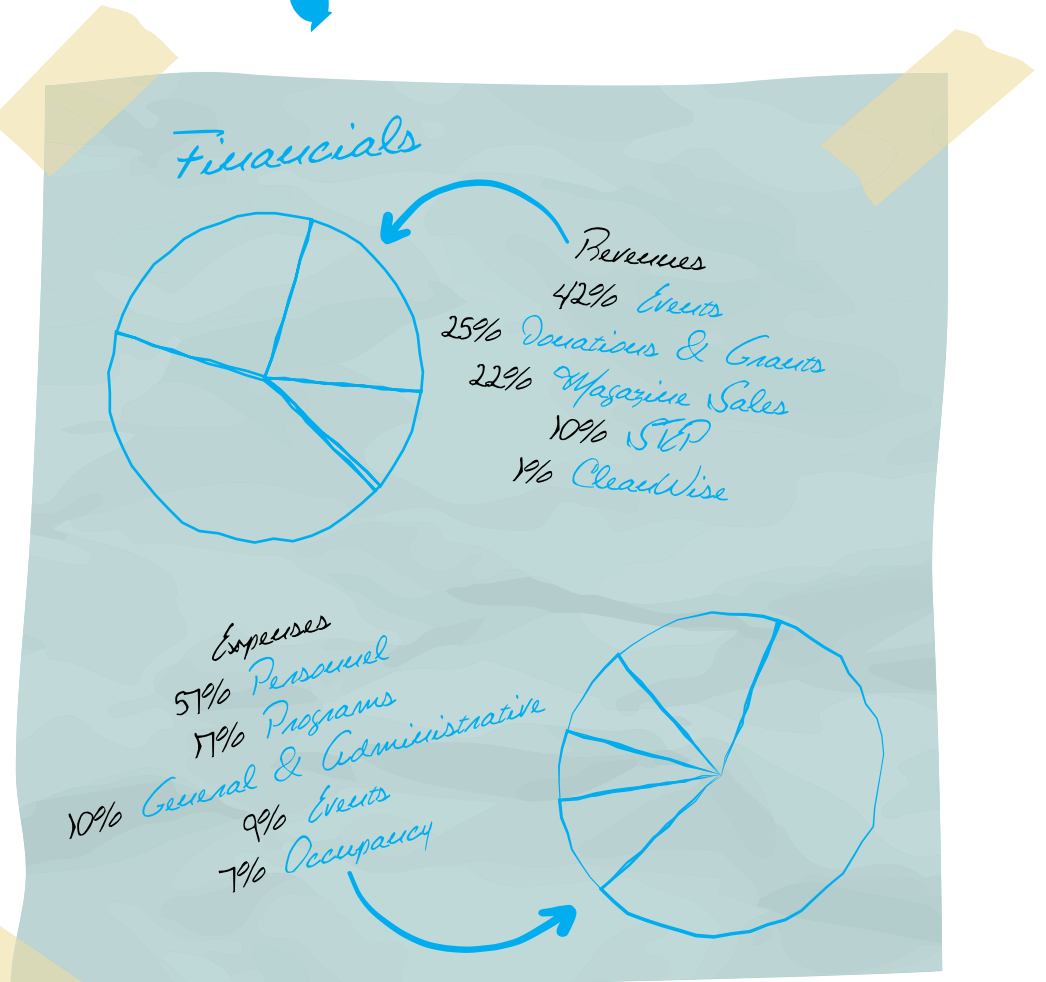
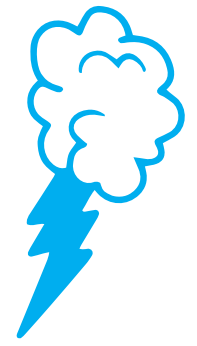
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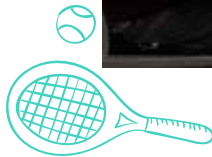
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## SPORTSWISE

"SportsWise" is our street-level view of sports by vendors Russell Adams, Donald Morris, John Hagan and executive assistant Patrick Edward. The foursome discuss sports in the news and things that simply intrigue them and prompt their research. The column is modeled after "The Sportswriters," a show with four guys chatting around a poker table that appeared on radio and then television from the 1970s to the late 1990s. The foursome included boxing promoter and public relations man Ben Bentley, the Daily Southtown's Bill Gleason, Chicago Tribune writer Bill Jauss and Rick Telander, who began with Sports Illustrated and is now with the Chicago Sun-Times.



## CURRENT EVENTS

This group meets once a week to read through the current StreetWise magazine together. When a vendor knows what's inside the issue, it really helps them sell more! These vendors also have the chance to help those in the group who don't find reading as easy as others do. This collaborative group supports each other as they read through each and every article. Plus, vendors who participate get five free magazines, which can be a great way to earn some extra money!



*All the News that is fit to print!*



## WELLNESS WARRIORS

The Wellness Warriors are StreetWise's Health and Wellness group, run by volunteer Sara Gentis. The group meets weekly to learn about healthy diet and nutrition, and the role of nutrition in the prevention and management of chronic health issues such as obesity, high blood pressure and diabetes; personal hygiene and general wellness are also covered. They were the inspiration behind the new *StreetWise To-Go Program*, where volunteer groups donate brown bag lunches with sandwiches, fruit and a drink. They also inspired the *Fresh Time Program* where fresh fruits, vegetables, and whole grains are delivered weekly, thanks to a generous donor.

*So Tasty too!*

## WRITERS' GROUP

StreetWise's Writers' Group is a weekly event, and it welcomes vendors and the random StreetWise visitor—anyone who, simply, has a passion for writing. The group meets for an hour on Friday and anything not finished that day is carried over to the following week. A couple of topics they've discussed and written about: 1) If you could do anything different in regard to work/career, what would you want to do and why? 2) Within the magazine, what are your favorite features—and why?

It's a fun group—each writer has the possibility of being published!—and it's only going to grow.

# ABOUT US

Gender:



72% Male



25% Female



3% Non-binary



## THE MAGAZINE VENDOR PROGRAM

The StreetWise vendors are entrepreneurs. They earn their money! The StreetWise badge has more than their picture or identification number. The badge gives a vendor the right to sell the magazine on public property. But it is so much more than a badge - it is a symbol of pride, human dignity, and making an honest living. The badge distinguishes a vendor from a panhandler. The badge also is a symbol of community as vendors assist, support and advocate for their fellow vendors.



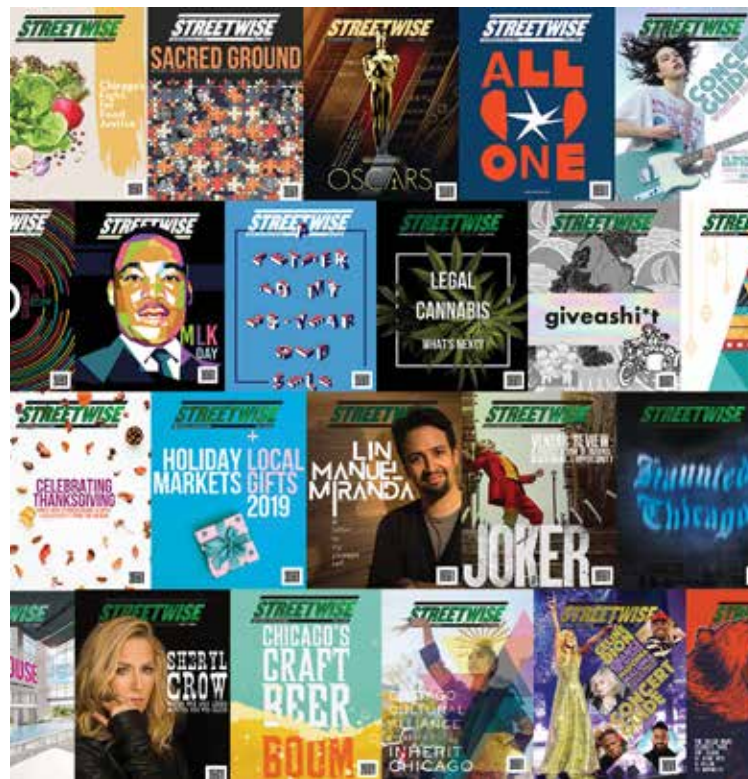
## STREETWISE TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (STEP)

StreetWise's Transitional Employment Program is aimed at assisting hard-to-employ job seekers in gaining sustainable employment in the formal labor market. This program emphasizes communication, problem-solving, workplace behavior and other life skills aimed at eliminating personal barriers to employment. Employment Specialists assist with resumé development, interview skills, job search techniques, and job placement. All participants have access to ongoing support from a job coach to maintain employment with our partners in the hospitality, home healthcare, event security and light manufacturing sectors.

Age  
 5% 18-24  
 12% 25-34  
 11% 35-44  
 23% 45-54  
 39% 55-64  
 10% 65+

## STREETWISE MAGAZINE

StreetWise magazine is among the largest "street papers" in the United States and serves as a model for street papers across North America. The editorial staff works hard to provide intriguing articles about today's important issues as well as entertaining stories to enhance the reader's daily life. By engaging the unemployed and underemployed as vendors, StreetWise is able to personalize the face of Chicago's poor, while providing each person with a viable income opportunity.



13% Veterans

## SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Supportive Services provide additional support and break down barriers to personal stability and employment. Supportive Services provide access to hot meals on-site each day through StreetWise Café, access to a phone, emergency clothing, and hygiene kits. Supportive Services also provide direct support and linkages to an array of social service programs, including housing and shelter placement, public benefits assistance, medical referral, legal assistance, and financial literacy.



Housing  
 49% Homeless  
 41% Housed  
 10% Other

180,000+

Magazines Sold!

50% disabled

Race: 65% African-American • 21% Caucasian • 4% Hispanic • 1% Asian • 9% Other



**RUSSELL ADAMS**

Clark & Lake and Washington & Wells

"StreetWise means a lot to me, it's my way to survive. StreetWise is my job and I take it very seriously."



**A. ALLEN**

Chicago & Franklin

"When I came to StreetWise I was unemployable. Now I can provide for my family, and I am looking at some avenues to run my own business."



**LAWRENCE ANTHONY**

Jackson & Dearborn

"StreetWise can be like a family. It helps my spirit and keeps me going."



**ADDIE M. BELL**

Chicago & Hamilton, Evanston

"I love walking out the front door and telling everybody I am on my way to work."



**FREDRICKA BOWMAN**

Huron & Fairbanks

"StreetWise has given me the opportunity to develop skills and to be employed. Now I hope to share my story."



**KIMBERLY BROWN**

111th & Ellis

"StreetWise is such a blessing to me. I have been able to have a steady job, pay my rent and bills, and keep food on the table. It makes me feel so much peace."



**CAROLYN DUFFY**

Granville & Broadway

"I'm alive each day, and I'm no longer in a shelter. I interact with people and enjoy it."



**LOIS ELLINGTON**

STEP Participant

"It's a joy to come to StreetWise whether you're a vendor or in the STEP program; you always find laughter. It's like a family."



**GERALD FARMER**

Vernon & Park Avenue, Glencoe

"StreetWise keeps me working, and now I have been able to get insurance."



**GWENDOLYN FREEMAN**

Clark & Catalpa

"StreetWise means a chance to change and make something of my life today. Plus, I love all of my StreetWise customers!"



**STEVE GARRON**

Pedway, Macy's Entrance, Under 111 N. State St.

"Because of StreetWise I was able to go back to school and get my security license."

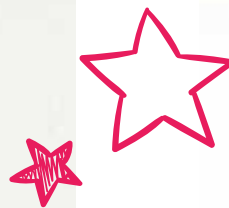


**LEROY GRANT JR.**

Evanston

"Now I'm not on the street with a cup and a sign. StreetWise has helped me get a place, so I'm really happy."

*We ♥ all Our Vendors!*



*The ♥ of Andersonville!*

*Staying underground*





*du the "loop!"*

**JOHN HAGAN JR.**

*Franklin & Adams*

"StreetWise means I have an opportunity to be myself, and to be independent."



**ROOSEVELT HARRIS**

*Broadway & Barry*

"To me, StreetWise means hope. I was able to participate in a sobriety program and even pay rent. It gave me a base to start getting things better."



**LEE A. HOLMES**

*Ashland & Webster and Clark & Deming*

"StreetWise means entry-level entrepreneurship and a way to make money."



**QUINCY HUNTER**

*Division & Paulina*

"StreetWise means just about everything to me. There's so much that StreetWise has done for me and can do for others if they apply themselves."



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**ANJU JAIN**

*STEP Participant*

"Before, I had no job and no money, but because StreetWise helped me, soon I will be able to go back to my country."



**ROBERT JOHNSON**

*Fullerton & Sheffield*

"StreetWise means a lot to me, I have been able to meet a lot of new people and make new friends."



*Spiciness my fams!*

**DJ LADY DAVID**

*Greenleaf & Western*

"StreetWise means not having to panhandle."



**CHRISTOPHER MCCLURGE**

*Sheridan & Broadway*

"Because of StreetWise, I have improved my communication skills. Now I want to care for others that are less fortunate."



*♥*

**DONALD MORRIS**

*Clark & Dickens*

"I want to continue to meet and get to know customers."



*StreetWise vendors are Rock stars!*

**JEFF SIRATO**

*Chicago & State*

"StreetWise means being self-employed and making money."



**LINDSEY SLATOR**

*Wabash & Monroe*

"Since becoming part of StreetWise, I have opened up a lot towards people, and I communicate more. StreetWise brought that out of me."



**DEAN SMITH**

*Wicker Park Area*

"StreetWise has given me a better quality of life. I like the message that StreetWise gives. It's a message of hope, a chance to break the homeless stigma."





**DON SMITH**

*Dearborn & Maple*

"StreetWise means not having to ask anybody for anything and being independent – anyone can do it."



**JAMES TATE**

*CTA Brown Line Damen Stop*

"When I get done selling StreetWise I'm so grateful I now have a place to go."



**DORIAN WILLIAMS**

*STEP Participant*

"StreetWise helps you get money in your pocket and that's wonderful. It helps you improve yourself."

*Awesome Coat  
Dorian!*



# GAMES

*Finally! Something to do in Math class lol!*

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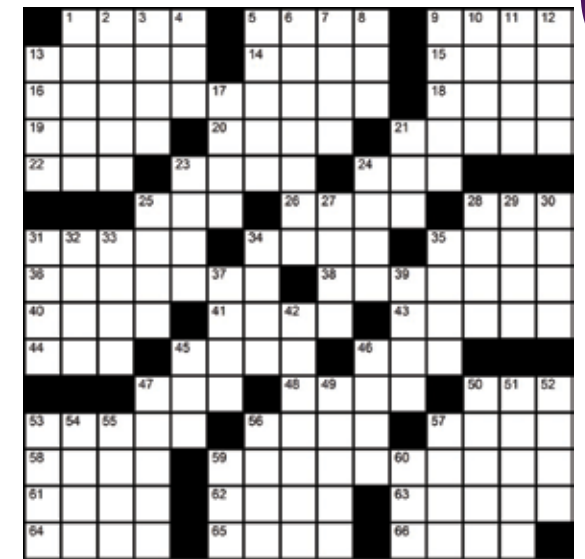
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- 28 Brews
- 29 Buffoon
- 30 Night fliers
- 31 Enumerate
- 32 Model
- 33 Wistful word
- 34 Take to the hills
- 35 Kill a fly
- 37 Retired
- 39 Booty
- 42 Try
- 45 Blubber
- 46 Attache \_\_\_\_\_
- 47 Fragrant storage material
- 49 Aspirations
- 50 Garden-variety
- 51 Broadcast
- 52 Colleen
- 53 Has debts
- 54 Pigeon's home
- 55 Sound quality
- 56 Destroy
- 57 Beige
- 59 Lingerie item
- 60 Brit. fliers

### Down

## LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

1	5	9	2	3	8	4	7	6
7	4	3	5	6	9	8	2	1
2	6	8	7	4	1	3	9	5
4	7	1	8	5	2	6	3	9
9	2	5	6	1	3	7	8	4
3	8	6	9	7	4	1	5	2
8	3	2	4	9	6	5	1	7
6	9	7	1	8	5	2	4	3
5	1	4	3	2	7	9	6	8

CARY	SACS	IRK
ARIES	MOCHA	DAN
DEGAS	ASTER	EGO
SEWN	AGHAST	
RET	ETA	TEA
REV	FLAMBE	MOB
ELICIT	AIR	PROW
SONAR	OTT	TENSE
TACT	AWE	ERRAND
DEN	BLURRY	TIS
AGO	RAN	SEA
STUPOR	DEEP	
TAN	UTICA	FARGO
ELI	DECOR	TREAD
PET	ADES	EDGE

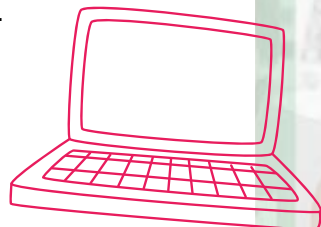
FIND YOUR NEAREST STREETWISE VENDOR AT [WWW.STREETWISE.ORG](http://WWW.STREETWISE.ORG)

## NOT PICTURED

StreetWise serves **250+** vendors and StreetWise Transitional Employment Program (STEP) participants every year!

StreetWise serves **50+** individuals each and every day to have a meal, use the phone, use computers, and build community!

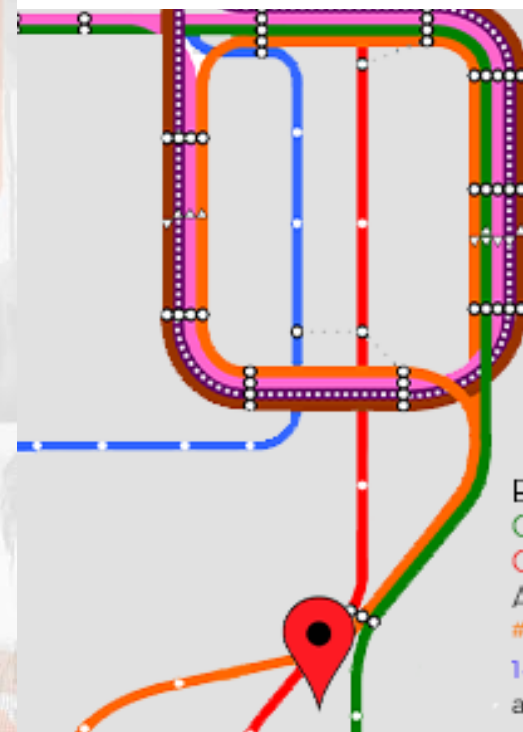
The StreetWise Café provides access for all individuals to have hot meals each day, as well as access to a phone, emergency clothing, and hygiene kits. It provides a computer resource center for job searching, email, communications access, computer training, and research. Over 15,000 meals were served at the StreetWise Café in 2017 alone.



StoryWise started in 2019 in collaboration with Groundswell Educational Films, Columbia College, and Chicago employers. StreetWise participants in the program learn digital storytelling, media arts collaboration and public engagement. Participants learn to engage with the audience and tell their stories. Along the way, they discover untapped talents and skill sets. By sharing these stories with the community, we hope to build connections between people that help individuals improve their opportunity for income. LISTEN, LEARN, SHARE.

[www.StoryWiseChicago.org](http://www.StoryWiseChicago.org)

*Check it Out!*



# STREETWISE IS MOVING!

## APRIL 2020

2001 S. STATE ST.

Easily Accessible from:  
CTA Green Line (Cermak-McCormick Place)  
CTA Red Line (Cermak-Chinatown)  
As well as CTA Buses #29 State Street, #62 Archer, #3 King Drive, #1 Bronzeville, #4 Cottage Grove, #21 Cermak, #24 Wentworth, 18th Street Metra Station and PACE buses #851 Old Chicago #850 Canterbury, #855 Plainfield

*New digs! Very exciting!*







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