



GRANDMAMA'S HOUSE
Age in Place with Dignity

DeKalb County Property Tax Virtual Workshops Proposal 2023



2023 Age in Place with Dignity Community Workshops for Seniors By Seniors

Grandmama's House
Charnette Trimble, Founder & E.D.
February 11, 2023
(404) 798-6408

"Aging in place is the act of remaining in our homes and communities as we get older, as opposed to moving in with family or entering a nursing home or assisted living facility."



Project Description: DeKalb County Property Tax Workshop | Grandmama's House

Grandmama's House's (GMH Ministries, Inc.) is an organization dedicated to helping low-income seniors remain in their homes so they can age in place with dignity. Seniors 55 and older are being displaced at an alarming rate across Georgia because they either don't have the money or lack knowledge of resources available to help them maintain their homes. As a result, our communities are facing neighborhood destabilization, generational wealth interruption, and blight.

Grandmama's House uses workshops based on our [Four Pillars of Success](#) to educate seniors about the basics of homeownership and passing on generational wealth. We also connect those seniors to programs and services that will help them overcome difficult challenges such as home disrepair, rising property taxes, and unclear titles. Once they complete the entire process, they become [Empowered Homeowners](#) able to withstand the mounting pressures of gentrification.

Our Four Pillars of Success

1. [Home repair](#) with governmental and/or philanthropic home repair programs
2. [Wealth Preservation](#) through estate planning
3. Support with [homestead exemptions & property tax appeals](#) to lower their property taxes
4. [Senior resources](#) to improve their quality of life by utilizing public benefits

2023 Project: Age in Place with Dignity Community Workshops for Seniors by Seniors

In 2023, Grandmama's House seeks to build on our existing programming by hosting monthly virtual workshops in DeKalb County Super District 6 neighborhoods focused on homeownership and generational wealth. Topics include wills, healthcare directives, durable power of attorneys, property tax appeals and homestead exemptions. We will partner to receive external assistance from government and philanthropic agencies and pro bono lawyers to assist the seniors.

2023 Project Key Performance Indicators:

- Number of seniors that can receive benefit from tax relief programs
- Number of seniors who renew or establish a will
- Number of seniors that can retain or establish control of their home from multiple interests

Project Timeline and Time Allocation:

Hosting four property tax workshops beginning March 18th and ending December 2, 2023.



Project Budget:

	Per Workshop	Total Project Costs (4 Workshops)
Equipment, Online Support, and Technology (Host up to 500 participants)	\$500	\$2,000
Program Instruction	\$3,000	\$12,000
Program Administration	\$1,200	\$4,800
Social Media Advertising	\$400	\$1,600
Research and Data Analysis	\$500	\$2,000
Office Supplies & Other Expenses	\$175	\$700
Overhead and Administrative		\$1,900
TOTAL	\$5,775	\$25,000 for 4 months

Project Workshops:

Workshop	Date	Time
Learn How to Reduce your Property Taxes with Homestead Exemptions	March 18, 2023	1-3:00 pm
Learn How to File a DeKalb County Property Tax Appeal	June 17, 2023	1-3:30 pm
Heirs' Property Prevention and Estate Planning	September 2, 2023	1-3:30 pm
Learn How to Reduce Your Property Taxes with Homestead Exemptions	December 2, 2023	1-3:00 pm

The investment from DeKalb County will be leveraged to cultivate and bring on additional donors and sponsors over the course of the year. We already have an interest in the same from corporate, government, and philanthropic agencies in Atlanta. With the investment from DeKalb County, we believe we will be able to focus on the 2023 project and raise enough capital runway to fund our work from 2024-2025. We will also be able to expand our partnerships and services for our seniors.

Conclusion: Seniors want to live independently in their homes and communities for as long as they possibly can.



GRANDMAMA'S HOUSE
Age in Place with Dignity

Learn How to Reduce Your Property Taxes with Homestead Exemptions

Free Virtual Workshop Agenda

Saturday, March 18, 2023, 1-3:00 pm

1:00-1:15

Virtual Workshop Begins: Charnette Trimble,
Executive Director of Grandmama's House

- a. Agenda Overview
- b. Zoom Meeting Etiquette
- c. About Us
- d. Prevent Property Fraud
- e. Learn How to Reduce Your Property Taxes
with Homestead Exemptions Overview



1:15-1:30

Special Guest Speaker: Commissioner Ted
Terry, Super District 6

1:30-2:30

**Lower Your Property Taxes with Homestead
Exemptions:** DeKalb County Tax
Commissioner's Office

- a. Homestead Exemptions
- b. E-Host
- c. Special Exemptions

2:30-2:45

Questions & Answers: All Panelists

2:45-2:55

**Post-Workshop Survey & FREE Property Tax
Advice Invitation**

2:55-2:57

Ted's Wheel of Fortune Prize Drawing:
\$25 VISA Gift Card

2:57-3:00

Adjournment



GRANDMAMA'S HOUSE

Age in Place with Dignity

Learn How to File a DeKalb County Property Tax Appeal

Free Virtual Workshop Agenda

Saturday, June 17, 2023, 1-3:30 pm

1:00-1:15

Virtual Workshop Begins: Charnette Trimble,
Executive Director of Grandmama's House

- a. Agenda Overview
- b. Zoom Meeting Etiquette
- c. About Us
- d. Prevent Property Fraud
- e. Learn How to File a DeKalb County
Property Tax Appeal Overview



Co-Host & Attorney On-Standby: Stacy E.
Reynolds, Atlanta Legal Aid Society

1:15-1:30

Special Guest Speaker: Commissioner Ted
Terry, Super District 6

1:30-2:00

**Lower Your Property Taxes with Homestead
Exemptions:** DeKalb County Tax
Commissioner's Office

2:00-3:00

The DeKalb County Appeals Process: Dekalb
County Tax Assessor's Office

- a. Understanding Your Tax Assessment
- b. The Appraisal Process
- c. How to File an Appeal

3:00-3:15

Questions & Answers: All Panelists

3:15-3:25

**Post-Workshop Survey & FREE Legal Clinic
Invitation**

3:25-3:27

Ted's Wheel of Fortune Prize Drawing:
\$25 VISA Gift Card

3:27-3:30

Adjournment



GRANDMAMA'S HOUSE

Age in Place with Dignity

Heirs' Property Prevention and Estate Planning

Free Virtual Workshop Agenda

Saturday, September 2, 2023, 1-3:30 pm

1:00-1:15

Virtual Workshop Begins: Charnette Trimble, Executive Director of Grandmama's House

- a. Agenda Overview
- b. Zoom Meeting Etiquette
- c. About Us
- d. Prevent Property Fraud
- e. You Can't Take It with You!
- f. Heirs' Property Prevention and Estate Planning Overview



1:15-2:00

Homestead Exemptions plus Q & A: DeKalb County Tax Commissioner's Office

- a. Homestead Exemptions
- b. How your property taxes are calculated

2:00-2:30

Protecting Your Home from Heirs Property: Stacy E. Reynolds, Senior Citizens Law Project, Staff Attorney, Atlanta Legal Aid Society

2:30-3:00

How to Use Estate Planning to Create Generational Wealth: Nik Erramilli, Lead Real Estate Attorney of Erramilli Law Group

3:00-3:15

Questions & Answers: All Panelists

3:15-3:25

Post-Workshop Survey & FREE Legal Clinic Invitation

3:25-3:27

Ted's Wheel of Fortune Prize Drawing:
\$25 VISA Gift Card

3:27-3:30

Adjournment



GRANDMAMA'S HOUSE

Age in Place with Dignity

Learn How to Reduce Your Property Taxes With Homestead Exemptions

Free Virtual Workshop Agenda

Saturday, December 2, 2023, 1-3:00 pm

1:00-1:15



Virtual Workshop Begins: Charnette Trimble, Executive Director of Grandmama's House

- a. Agenda Overview
- b. Zoom Meeting Etiquette
- c. About Us
- d. Prevent Property Fraud
- e. Learn How to Reduce Your Property Taxes with Homestead Exemptions Overview

1:15-2:00

Lower Your Property Taxes with Homestead Exemptions plus Q & A: DeKalb County Tax Commissioner's Office

- a. Homestead Exemptions
- b. E-Host
- c. Special Exemptions
- d. Delinquent Property Taxes

2:00-2:30

What happens if I don't pay my property taxes? Stacy E. Reynolds, Senior Citizens Law Project, Staff Attorney, Atlanta Legal Aid Society

2:30-2:45

Questions & Answers: All Panelists

2:45-2:55

Post-Workshop Survey & FREE Legal Clinic Invitation

2:55-2:57

Ted's Wheel of Fortune Prize Drawing:
\$25 VISA Gift Card

2:57-3:00

Adjournment