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# DEKALB COUNTY PROPERTY TAX WORKSHOP PROPOSAL



### **GRANDMAMA'S HOUSE**

Charnette Trimble, Founder & E.D. March 6, 2022 (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 all 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

**2022 PROJECT:** Age in Place with Dignity Community Workshops for Seniors by Seniors In 2022, Grandmama's House seeks to build on our existing programming by hosting monthly virtual workshops in DeKalb County 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.

#### **2022 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 three monthly property tax workshops beginning in May and ending July 2022.



#### **PROJECT BUDGET:**

	Per Workshop	Total Project Costs (3 Workshops)
Equipment, Online Support, and Technology (Host up to 500 participants)	\$500	\$1,500
Program Instruction	\$2,000	\$6,000
Program Administration	\$1,200	\$3,600
Social Media Advertising	400	\$1,200
Research and Data Analysis	\$500	\$1,500
Postcards & USPS Every Door Direct Mail	\$1,500	\$4,500
Overhead and Administrative		\$1,700
TOTAL	\$6,100	\$20,000 for 3 months

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 2022 project and raise enough capital runway to fund our work from 2023-2024. 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.



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# LEARN HOW TO FILE A DEKALB COUNTY PROPERTY TAX APPEAL

Free Virtual Workshop Agenda

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project is approved.	c. About Us	
	d. Property Fraud Alert	
DeKalb County	e. Learn How to File a DeKalb County	
GEORGIA	Property Tax Appeal Overview	
	The DeKalb County Appeals Process: Stacy E.	
	Reynolds, Senior Citizens Law Project, Staff	
	Attorney, Atlanta Legal Aid	
	a. Understanding Your Tax Assessment	
	b. The Appraisal Process	
	c. How to File an Appeal	
	What is a Homestead Exemption? DeKalb	
	County Tax Commissioner's Office	
	Dekalb County Senior Services: Representative	
	Questions & Answers: All Panelists	
	Post-Workshop Survey & FREE Legal Clinic	
	Invitation	
	DeKalb County Wheel of Fortune Prize	
	Drawing: \$25 VISA Gift Card	
	Adjournment	



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GEORGIA	f. Learn How to Lower Your DeKalb	
	County Property Taxes Overview	
	Homestead Exemptions & Protecting Your	
	Home from Heirs Property: Stacy E. Reynolds,	
	Senior Citizens Law Project, Staff Attorney,	
	Atlanta Legal Aid	
	Protecting Your Estate for the Future? Nik	
	Erramilli, Lead Real Estate Attorney of Erramilli	
	Law Group	
	Dekalb County Senior Services: Representative	
	Questions & Answers: All Panelists	
	Post-Workshop Survey & FREE Legal Clinic	
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