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Austin Green Team Memorializes Five Community Heroes!

(Chicago, Illinois) – On Saturday, May 20, 2017, the Austin Green Team held a memorial service for five Austin community heroes. Each year, the Austin Green Team faithfully hosts this annual event. Despite the cold and sporadic raining showers, the ceremony took place at 10:00 a.m. sharp, in the Memorial Garden on Laramie Ave. and Washington Blvd. The memorial service was widely attended by family members and guests from all over the Austin community area, other Chicago west side communities, including a local pastor. Also in attendance were 29th Ward Alderman, Chris Taliaferro and a representative of Illinois State Representative, Camille Lilly, who is also an Austin Green Team member.

The following Austin community residents, who are now deceased, were recognized at the memorial ceremony, where bricks with their names inscribed on them were placed inside empty reserved spots in the garden: Agnes Robinson, a community leader of the Northwest Austin Coalition (NAC), block club leader and community organizer for many years. Her family members continue to fight on her behalf. Minnie Coleman, an advocate for seniors and block club leader for many years. Hattie Kidd, member of South Austin Coalition Community Council (SACCC), and community worker for many years. Dorothy Daniel, a social worker for many years, liaison for New Homes on Quincy, an advocate for seniors, South Austin Coalition Community Council (SACCC) case worker, and made many trips to Washington, DC. Ruth Webber, Austin Green Team volunteer. She always participated in community projects since the early 70's. Ruth Webber belonged to her block club association.

The Austin Green Team is a volunteer organization that builds, maintains, and supports community gardens and community beautification in the Austin neighborhood. For almost thirty years, the Austin Green Team has also managed two green houses located in the Austin Career & Educational Academy High School, propagating and growing plants that help maintain the community gardens that the Austin Green Team oversees. The purpose of the Austin Green Team is to enhance the quality of life issues by working collaboratively with other community stakeholders in beautifying the Austin Community. The Austin Green Team meets every third Thursday evening, at the City of Chicago 15th District Police Department community room. If you would like to volunteer with the Austin Green Team, please contact Tina Augustus, Vice President, at (773) 931-2145 or via email at tinaaugustus@elevateservices.net.

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