

## I want to tell you about our visit to Chicago



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Hi there,

This week, Michelle and I [traveled home to Chicago](#) to meet with students on the South and West Sides and see the impact the Obama Foundation is already having on the ground there.

[Take a look.](#)



It's always inspiring to hear directly from young people about the best ways to support them. That's why I sat down with several students to discuss the role that organizations like the Obama Foundation can play in helping them make their dreams a reality.

I also connected with local business leaders to discuss barriers to success, the impact of the Obama Presidential Center on the local economy, and how we can work together to help grow the economy on the South and West Sides.



The last time I visited students at Hyde Park Academy High School, just across the street from where we're building the Obama Presidential Center, one student's first question was, "Where's Michelle?"

So this time, Michelle surprised them to formally kick off the Obama Foundation Futures Series for the 2022-2023 school year. She also met with students from a new counseling program that helps middle and high school girls.



These young people inspire us. Their courage, their resilience, and their belief in a better future shows what's possible when we work together to change things for the better.

[See more of our visit.](#)

Thanks for being a part of this work.

—Barack

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