FBRK IMPACT HOUSE
Opening March 2020
200 W. Madison Street - Chicago

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

About FBRK Impact House
FBRK Impact House is Chicago’s first innovation-focused philanthropy center dedicated to serving and supporting grant makers, family foundations, and impact investors. FBRK Impact House is a division of FBRK, LLC, based in Chicago, IL. For more information visit www.theFBRK.com.

Why is Forefront partnering with FBRK Impact House?
As Illinois’ association for nonprofits and foundations, Forefront is committed to making sure our Members have access to networks, resources, the latest thinking, and partners that can help scale their impact. FBRK Impact House is the physical manifestation of that connectivity, bringing foundations that often operate in silos into an environment where they can share ideas and programming, partner, and collaborate. That’s why we’re so excited about the opportunities FBRK Impact House presents.

What is FBRK and who is Israel Idonije?
FBRK Impact House is the first innovation-focused philanthropy center in the United States dedicated to serving and supporting grantmakers, family foundations and impact investors.

Israel Idonije is the founder of FBRK and FBRK Impact House. He is a successful entrepreneur, philanthropist and former Chicago Bear (2004-2013). In addition to launching FBRK Impact House in 2020, Idonije will launch FBRK in 2021, a membership-based work club that will serve a larger community across multiple industries including: impact, business, technology, lifestyle, arts, sports, and entertainment.

Where is FBRK Impact House located?
200 W. Madison Street Chicago, IL 60606. We will be steps away from the CTA “EL” stop Washington & Wells on the Brown, Green, Pink, and Purple lines, Metra commuter train stations, Ogilvie Transportation Center and Union Station, numerous bus lines, and several public parking garages.

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Who are the partners involved with FBRK Impact House?
Fellow tenants include: The Field Foundation of Illinois, Woods Fund, United States Artists, A Better Chicago, Pillars Fund, Children First Fund, The Knight Family Foundation, and the Chicago Public Library Foundation

- Construction: Leopardo
- Architect: BOX Studio
- Restaurant: The Fifty/50 Restaurant Group
- Tenant Advisors: Larry Serota, Cece Conway and Holly Bailey of Transwestern

How many foundations will be located at FBRK Impact House?
Currently, 7 foundations have plans to move into FBRK Impact House, but that number may grow quickly as FBRK Impact House acquires more space in the building.

When will Forefront be moving into FBRK Impact House?
Spring 2020.

As a Forefront Member, will I be able to use the facilities of FBRK Impact House? If so, when?
Starting in Spring 2020, Forefront will house its Library, workshops, and convenings in FBRK Impact House. As a Forefront Member, you will have access to those spaces and the facilities therein. You will not have access to FBRK Impact House facilities outside Forefront’s offerings, though there will be a public space on our first floor you may use regardless of Membership to Forefront or FBRK.

Forefront Grantmaker Members are encouraged to apply for Access Membership at FBRK Impact House, where they can enjoy all the benefits and amenities offered.

Does this affect my Forefront Membership in any way?
No, though your Forefront Membership does provide you with a reduced Access Membership rate to FBRK Impact House (for a limited time). For more information, please email communications@myforefront.org.

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Does my Forefront Membership provide me with Membership to FBRK?
Your Forefront Membership will provide you with the opportunity to apply for a reduced Access Membership rate (for a limited time). For more information, please email communications@myforefront.org.

Is it possible for my organization to also co-locate in FBRK Impact House?
Grantmakers may submit their interest in office space by filling out the membership application form on www.theFBRK.com and selecting the “Access Member + Office” option. Access Members can utilize and work from the work lounge, conference rooms, and meeting spaces currently available but do not have permanent space inside FBRK Impact House.

Currently, there are discussions with organizations to join us as Office Members when a fourth floor of FBRK Impact House opens. If you are interested in joining us, we encourage you to add your name to FBRK’s list. No date has been announced for when the fourth floor would open.

Will this change our Forefront dues moving forward?
No. For more information, please email communications@myforefront.org.

Will this move change the hours and location of the Forefront Library? Will I still get access to all my previous Library services?
The Forefront Library will also move to FBRK Impact House at 200 W. Madison. All Library services for Members will remain. Public access to the Library will be by appointment.

Will the move to FBRK Impact House affect Forefront’s work outside of Chicagoland?
This will be a model for what a shared space for social impact organizations can be. We will learn a great deal that can be applied to other parts of the state. This move also will help Forefront further solidify its services to the social impact sector throughout Illinois.

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Are there other FBRK Impact Houses?
As of now Chicago is the first FBRK Impact House with a vision to expand to more cities across the country.

Are there other FBRK locations?
In 2021 Idonije will launch FBRK, a membership-based work club that will serve an even larger community in impact, business, lifestyle, arts, sports, and entertainment. It will be located at 2222 S. Michigan Ave in the heart of the South Loop. FBRK Impact House Access Members will also have access to FBRK in the South Loop. Non-grantmaking impact organizations will be qualified to apply for Access Membership at the FBRK South Loop location only.

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