



FBRK IMPACT HOUSE

Opening March 2020

200 W. Madison Street - Chicago

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

OVERVIEW OF 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 too 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.

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.

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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MEMBERSHIP, PROGRAMMING, AND EVENTS

How will Forefront's programming and events be affected by the move?

Forefront will close its current offices on March 27, 2020. All workshops that occur prior to March 27 will take place in our current location. We will reopen Monday, March 30 on the second floor of FBRK Impact House. All workshops after March 30, beginning with Effective Utilization of Nonprofit Consultants on March 31, will take place in the new space unless otherwise noted.

How do I attend a Forefront program at FBRK Impact House?

Until the first floor of the FBRK Impact House is completed in late 2020, guests will enter through the main lobby of 200 W. Madison. Reception will check your name against the list of program registrants, then guide you to the elevator to access the Forefront offices. **All event attendees must bring an ID to access the Forefront offices.**

I've attended Forefront events without registering beforehand. Can I still do this?

Guests will have to be pre-registered with the main desk at 200 W. Madison in order to enter the Forefront offices within FBRK Impact House. You will not be allowed into the space if you have not registered previously online.

Does this move affect my Forefront Membership in any way?

Our move to FBRK will have no impact on Membership dues, parameters, or benefits. For more information about Forefront Membership, visit <https://myforefront.org/connect/>, or email communications@myforefront.org.

Does my Forefront Membership provide me with Membership to FBRK?

Forefront and FBRK Memberships are separate. For more information about FBRK Membership, visit <https://www.theFBRK.com/>.

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CO-LOCATION IN FBRK IMPACT HOUSE

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.

THE FOREFRONT LIBRARY

Will this move change the location of the Forefront Library? The Forefront Library will also move to FBRK Impact House at 200 W. Madison.

When will the Forefront Library close to prepare for the move?

The current Forefront Library will close its doors for one month to prepare for relocation. The final day of public access at our current location will be February 14, 2020. We will re-open April 6, 2020 on the second floor of FBRK Impact House.

Will I still get access to all my previous Library services? All Library services for Members will remain.

Will the Library function the same way as before? The new Forefront Library will be open to the public on a by-appointment basis.

What does "by-appointment" mean? The Forefront Library will still be open to everyone. To visit our new location after April 6, 2020, click the "Schedule an Appointment" button on the Library website, <http://library.myforefront.org>, and select a time. This new system will allow for more flexible hours and will grant Librarians time to curate relevant resources for each appointment.

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Will I be able to work at my own pace? Yes. The appointment scheduling form will be updated to allow visitors to select options of self-paced research as well as guided research time with Library staff.

Is all of Forefront closing for the month? No, only the Library space will be closing in preparation for the move. Workshops, meetings, and other appointments will continue normally.

Is there any way to reach the Library during the closure? Librarians will be checking email during the closure and answering calls.

How can I access Foundation Directory Online or the Library's other subscription databases? Forefront members can continue to make research requests by emailing Member411@myforefront.org. For Foundation Directory Online and other nonprofit resources, check to see if there is another Candid Funding Information Network partner near you.

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