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One Summer Chicago 2017 Announces \$1 Million Charitable Gift from Barack and Michelle Obama

*Citywide campaign promotes safer communities
and positive employment opportunities for youth*

CHICAGO, May 3, 2017 – Former President Barack Obama and former First Lady Michelle Obama announced a \$1 million donation to support [One Summer Chicago](#), Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s youth employment program to keep kids safe, engaged, and learning new skills during the summer months.

Under the Mayor Emanuel’s leadership, Chicago has steadily increased its investment every year in mentoring and other youth programs to address some of the most urgent needs facing the city: keeping youth safe, improving school outcomes and reducing crime. In the past six years alone, One Summer Chicago has more than doubled to meet the overwhelming demand for these programs, serving more than 130,000 youth to date with valuable job training and work experiences.

"The Obamas' contributions to the city of Chicago are already immeasurable and their legacy here is just beginning," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "Their generous gift to One Summer Chicago will change countless lives and help more young men and women connect to a successful future. Chicagoans could not be more proud of the example the Obamas' have set, are inspired by this big-hearted gift, and look forward their continued and enduring impact on their hometown."

One Summer Chicago 2017, a McCormick Foundation Fund, is the charitable fundraising arm in partnership between the City of Chicago and the [Robert R. McCormick Foundation](#). Mayor Rahm Emmanuel’s One Summer Chicago brings together government institutions, community-based organizations and companies to offer over 31,000 employment, internship and other opportunities to young adults ages 14-24. The program aims to build stronger, safer communities, keeping some of the city’s most at-risk youth engaged and active, learning new skills during the summer months.

“We are so honored that the Obamas stepped forward with a substantial gift to help One Summer Chicago bring summer opportunities to Chicago’s young people, keeping them on a pathway to high school graduation and career success,” said David Hiller, President and CEO of the McCormick Foundation. “We hope their gift inspires thousands of other to support this effort.”

To donate, visit www.onesummerchicago.org/donate or send a check/money order to “One Summer Chicago 2017,” 23912 Network Place, Chicago, Illinois 60673-1245.

Youth interested in summer opportunities with One Summer Chicago can visit www.onesummerchicago.org.

About the Robert R. McCormick Foundation

The Robert R. McCormick Foundation’s mission is fostering communities of educated, informed, and engaged citizens. Through philanthropic grant-making and Cantigny Park, the Foundation works to make life better in Chicagoland. The McCormick Foundation, among the nation's largest foundations with more than \$1.5 billion in assets, was established in 1955 upon the death of Col. Robert R. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. Find out more at www.mccormickfoundation.org.