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MIKE BLOOMBERG VISITS “ARTHOUSE: A SOCIAL KITCHEN” AND MEETS WITH LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS

Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson and Artist Theaster Gates Showcase “ArtHouse: A Social Kitchen,” Created as Part of the Inaugural Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge

GARY, IN – Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson and artist Theaster Gates will host Mike Bloomberg, founder of Bloomberg Philanthropies and Mayor of New York City (2002-2013), at “ArtHouse: A Social Kitchen,” to meet with local entrepreneurs and discuss community building.

The Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge supports cities undertaking temporary public art projects that foster creative collaboration, address civic issues, and support local economies. In 2015, Bloomberg Philanthropies selected the City of Gary as a winner in the inaugural round of the Public Art Challenge.

The City of Gary collaborated with artist Theaster Gates to create “ArtHouse: A Social Kitchen,” transforming an underutilized downtown building into a civic hub that showcases visual and culinary arts. Since opening in November 2016, “ArtHouse” has served as a civic center featuring commissioned works of visual art, offering culinary training and business development workshops, and providing cultural programming that uses food as a medium for community engagement.

WHO **Mike Bloomberg**, Founder, Bloomberg LP and Bloomberg Philanthropies and New York City Mayor 2002-2013
Karen Freeman-Wilson, Mayor of Gary, Indiana
Theaster Gates, Lead Artist of *ArtHouse*

WHAT Speaking program and discussion on community building through the arts

WHEN **October 8, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m. CDT.**

Arrivals and check-in will begin at approximately 10:00 a.m. CDT.

The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. CDT.

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WHERE *ArtHouse: A Social Kitchen*
411 E 5th Ave,
Gary, IN 46402

MEDIA There will be limited opportunity for interviews with Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, artist Theaster Gates, and local entrepreneurs following the program. Photography and videography is welcome throughout.

CONTACT To confirm your attendance, please contact:

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