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Kintsugi Village to Break Ground in Detroit's Corktown Neighborhood

Groundbreaking Ceremony Set for March 12 with Mayor Mike Duggan and Local Leaders

Detroit, MI – Kintsugi Village, a groundbreaking community hub dedicated to education, the arts and culinary initiatives, will officially begin construction with a groundbreaking ceremony on **Wednesday, March 12, at 10:30 AM** at **2020 14th Street, Detroit**. This milestone event will bring together city leaders, community advocates and supporters to celebrate the beginning of this transformative project in the heart of Corktown.

The ceremony will be hosted by Channel 4 **News Anchor Rhonda Walker** and will feature remarks from **Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, Councilwoman Gabriela Santiago-Romero, CEO of Sachse Construction Todd Sachse and Cornetta Lane-Smith, Director of Community Development at Michigan Central**. Kintsugi Village co-founders **Paul Spiegelman** and **Hamsa Yaqo** will also speak about the vision behind the project and its impact on the community.

"What Paul and Hamsa are planning here will be an amazing community resource for families in and around Corktown looking for quality educational and cultural experiences," said **Mayor Duggan**. "By repurposing a large vacant building, Kintsugi Village also will be a big part of the revitalization radiating out from Michigan Central and Newlab, and will complement them beautifully."

"Sachse Construction is proud to partner with Kintsugi Village and renovate the former St. Vincent Middle School, breathing new life into this historic building," said **Todd Sachse, CEO of Sachse Construction**. "This project is a key part of the ongoing revitalization of Detroit's Corktown neighborhood. Its prime location, next door to Michigan Central Station and alongside Newlab, positions Kintsugi Village to become a dynamic hub for the community, and we're proud to be part of its transformation."

"We are thrilled to take this next step in bringing Kintsugi Village to life," said **Hamsa Yaqo, Co-Founder of Kintsugi Village**. "This project represents a place of connection, creativity and learning and we are honored to have the support of our partners, neighbors and city leaders."



Kintsugi Village will be a one-of-a-kind space offering an early childhood education center, artist incubator, retreat center, culinary initiatives and a community garden—all in one space. The campus will serve as a gathering place where people of all ages can engage in meaningful experiences that foster personal growth and community enrichment. Additionally, this project will contribute to the economic development of the city by creating jobs, attracting visitors and supporting local businesses.

The event will be attended by partners, supporters and neighbors who have contributed to making this vision a reality.

Media representatives are encouraged to attend. Interviews and photo opportunities will be available.

Event Details:

What: Kintsugi Village Groundbreaking Ceremony

When: Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 10:30 AM

Where: 2020 14th Street, Detroit, MI

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Hamsa Yaqo at hello@kintsugivillage.org or 586-215-9950.

About Kintsugi Village

Kintsugi Village is a dynamic campus where creativity, learning and community come together. Inspired by the Japanese art of Kintsugi, which finds beauty in imperfection, we bring together a diverse ecosystem under one roof—an early childhood education center, a retreat center, an artist incubator, culinary initiatives, and educational programs for all ages. Kintsugi Village is where humans come to create, grow and connect, fostering personal transformation through shared experiences in art, food, education, and well-being. We believe that when we come together, we can build something truly beautiful—one piece at a time.