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This past Friday, April 27th, Janis Kanter (Chair of the Hyde Park Arts Center), Lisa Kornick (Owner of MK Restaurant), and State Representative Kim DuBuclet hosted a cocktail reception on behalf of local nonprofit startup, Benevolent (www.Benevolent.net).

The reception took place at the home of Lisa and Tom Kornick and featured a presentation by Benevolent Founder & CEO Megan Kashner and a discussion of today's rapidly-evolving philanthropic landscape.

Guests included:

Victoria Lautman – Radio personality and author
Jaimi Goodfriend – Benevolent board member, University of Illinois Finance Professor
Janis Kanter and Tom McCormick – Janis: Board Chair, Hyde Park Art Center, Tom: Owner, McCormick Gallery Chicago
Sonya Malunda – Asst. VP of Community Affairs, University of Chicago
Charles Lampley, M.D. - OB/Gyne, Access Health Centers
Michelle Olson - Director of the Office of Office of Civic Engagement, University of Chicago; Principal, Mission Point Consulting
Erika Dudley - Director of the Odyssey Program, University of Chicago, Community Education for the Civic Knowledge Project
Pat Mosen, Ph.D. – President, Options for Youth
Jinja Davis Birkenbuehl - President and Creative Director, BirkDesign
Paul and Wendy Thompson - Paul: Director of Business Development, Exeter Group
Kim and Alex DuBuclet - Kim: Illinois State Representative; Alex: Owner, the Exeter Group
Mike Mitchell - Managing Director, the Exeter Group
Lisa Kornick - Owner, MK restaurant

About Benevolent

[Benevolent.net](http://www.Benevolent.net) is a groundbreaking nonprofit organization that connects people who face hurdles along their paths to stability with people who want to help. Unlike traditional giving, Benevolent provides a platform for direct personal connection between individuals, coupled with the security of a trusted validation process, possible only through Benevolent's model of partnerships with local nonprofits.

This startup was conceived of and launched by Chicago-area leader Megan Kashner. The mission of Benevolent is to bring dignity and self-determination to both sides of the giving equation, illuminating the realities of life on the edge of sustainability.

Benevolent's stats to date:

23 needs fully funded by **213** contributors, with **\$11,070** donated.

For more information about Benevolent.net, to schedule an interview with founder and CEO Megan Kashner, or to schedule an interview with a Benevolent recipient, please contact Paul J. Crossey: [872.216.3401](tel:872.216.3401) / paul@benevolent.net.

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Join us for an evening of cocktails, food and conversation
as we explore the changing landscape of philanthropy.

Meet Megan Kashner, Founder and CEO of Benevolent,
the hottest new microgiving platform.

6pm – 8pm

4819 South Greenwood Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60615

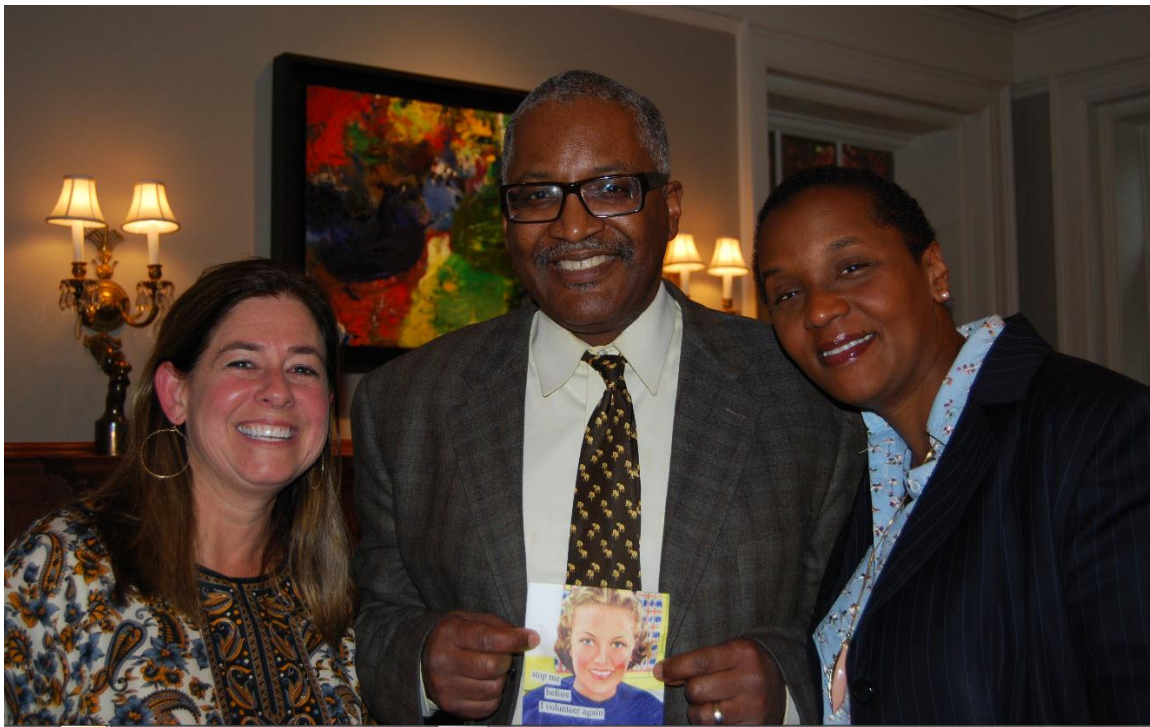
RSVP requested by April 20, 2012

Hosted by

Janis Kanter, Lisa Kornick & Kim DuBuclet



Above: Erika Dudley, Megan Kashner and Charles Lampley



Above: Janis Kanter, Charles Lampley and Sonya Malunda



Above: Julie Simpson and Jinja Davis Birkenbueul



Above: Megan Kashner presenting to guests



Above: Michelle Olson and Jaimi Goodfriend



Above: Victoria Lautman and Megan Kashner



Above: Kim DuBuclet, Janis Kanter and Lisa Kornick