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Annual WEDIfest Fundraiser Empowers Underserved Entrepreneurs and Students in Buffalo and WNY April 19, 2024

April 19, 2024. [Westminster Economic Development Initiative's](#) (WEDI) annual fundraiser will support the organization and its work to create an equitable Buffalo through its programs in economic development and education.

As a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), WEDI is a trusted local leader in helping low-income entrepreneurs gain the skills, knowledge, and network needed to run a successful & sustainable business. Our two small business incubators, the Downtown Bazaar and West Side Bazaar help fledgling business owners test and build retail, restaurant, and professional services concepts.

As an after-school and summer education program for multilingual language learners in grades 1-12, and Saturday Girls' Club at Lafayette HS, WEDI currently has a 95% success rate at increasing literacy in the ENERGY (grades 1-8) program, and pro-social skills with partnerships to benefit the students with area nonprofits including Hasek's Heroes, Buffalo Maritime Center, and Squeaky Wheel.

WHAT: Experience WEDIfest '24 with international cuisine from the chefs at both the Downtown and West Side Bazaars; silent and basket auctions, bar, live music by [Jay/Sharptet](#), valet parking. Thank you to Premier Sponsors **KeyBank** and **The Rich Family Foundation**.

Sample food from [West Side Bazaar](#):

- Bamboo Ridge (Vietnamese)
- Bubble Tea & Smoothie Bar
- Chef BigWayne Jamaican Cuisine
- Egyptian Bites
- Malkia & Co. (Congolese & French)
- Manchester Baking Company
- Phyu Thein Malaysian Restaurant
- William's Kitchen Korean Comfort Food

Sample food from the [Downtown Bazaar](#):

- Abyssinia Ethiopian Cuisine
- Pinoy Boi (Filipino restaurant)
- Nile River Restaurant (S. Sudanese)
- Pattaya Street Food (Burmese & Thai)
- Oralia Traditional Mexican Food

WHERE: West Side Bazaar, 1432 Niagara Street, Buffalo 14213

WHEN: April 19, 2024, 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

TICKETS: Individuals \$100 or 2 tickets for \$190; WEDIfest believer \$150; all tickets include 2 free drinks
Available at WEDIfestbuffalo.org/wedifest